

January 4, 2022

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 January 4, 2022 **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 January 4, 2022 at 8:30 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.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, and Harrison Helmer, Executive Director of BRIDGES, were present to update the Commissioners on their organizations.

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of December 28, 2021.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Zabrocki to approve Seward County claims for the period through December 24, 2021.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH DECEMBER 24, 2021

ADP LLC	SE	\$2,455.65	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$5,573.00
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$526.75	SOUTHEAST DIST ASSESS ASSOC	FE	\$50.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$44.04	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	SE	\$3,490.04
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$29.66	SUPER 8 BLAIR	TR	\$300.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$16,556.62	THAYER COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$33.34
BINSWANGER ENTERPRISES	SE	\$245.00	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	SE	\$1,017.38
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,380.00	TIME WARNER CABLE	UT	\$357.97
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SU	\$29.00	TWIN RIVERS HLTH CR	SE	\$75.00
CONTINENTAL FIRE SPRINKLER	SE	\$1,435.00	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	SE	\$167.99
CULLIGAN	SE	\$179.08	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$619.04
GREGORY C. DAMMAN	SE	\$745.75	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS INC	SE	\$20.00
DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT	SE	\$1.75	VISA	FE	\$361.99
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF OFFICE	SE	\$11.54	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$5,487.50
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$225.41	YORK COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$29.12
EGR BIRKEL & WOLLMER	SE	\$1,121.00	AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$9,604.71
EHLERS ELECTRONICS LLC	SE	\$240.00	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$870.97
KEARNEY HOSPITALITY	TR	\$804.65	DALE JOHNSON ENT, INC	SU	\$18,944.27
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$39.01	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$105.34
GENERAL FIRE & SAFETY EQ	SE	\$1,551.00	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$21,761.86
GREAT PLAINS COMMUN	UT	\$900.79	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC	SE	\$1,500.00
HOLLAND CONSTR	SE	\$660.00	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.60
IHS PHARMACY	SU	\$81.86	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$104.91
INDOFF INC	SU	\$304.97	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$70,738.08
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$16,598.20	BAUDVILLE	SU	\$216.41
LATIMER REPORTING	SE	\$492.85	ATLAS BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	SU	\$1,060.80
LAUBER FUNERAL SERVICE	SE	\$540.00	COAST TO COAST SOLUTIONS	SU	\$1,640.30
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$1,780.59	DELL MARKETING L P	SE	\$950.00

LINCOLN ORTHOPAEDIC	SE	\$70.98	JONES BANK	SE	\$100.00
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$293.62	SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$4,742.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	SE	\$489.00	WATCH GUARD VIDEO	SE	\$500.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,093.75	VIGILNET	SE	\$139.00
NE ASSN OF EMERG MGMT	FE	\$50.00	FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$4,268.40
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	SU	\$31.84	NAT EMERG NUMBER ASSN	FE	\$142.00
ORKIN LLC	SE	\$122.00	ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTING	SE	\$115.00
POLLACK AND BALL LLC	SE	\$598.50	ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,408.00
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$84.50	TRITECH SOFTWARE SYS	SE	\$8,412.25
QUADIANT, INC	SU	\$234.53	SALARIES		\$240,918.66
RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES	SE	\$233.18	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
KEARNEY LODGING LLC	TR	\$156.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$3,424.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SAFELITE FULFILLMENT	SE	\$187.93	DELTA DENTAL		
JON D STRONG	SE	\$100.00	VSP VISION		
SEWARD CO CHAMBER	SE	\$103.00	WADDELL & REED		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$139.12			

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the claims for Premium Pay using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

PREMIUM PAY CLAIMS USING ARPA FUNDS

AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP(SEWARD 2052)		
	FE	\$67.50
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$76.50
SALARIES		\$1,000.00
GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
DELTA DENTAL		
VSP VISION		
WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she participated in a Zoom meeting with UNL representatives; a Zoom meeting with the Four Corners Health District and registered for a Nebraska Revenue Dept. webinar.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he received a phone call from a constituent.

Commissioner Culver reported he also participated in a meeting with UNL, checked roads, and received various correspondences.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he and Commissioner Culver worked on the Public Defender vacancy.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported the County had received a donation from Hughes Brothers in regard to thanking the E911 Department for their services.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3653 in regard to approving the additional pledging of securities from Jones Bank.

RESOLUTION No. 3653 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank desires to pledge the following federal mortgage backed securities:

FHR—CUSIP #3137FDKU5 in the amount of	\$1,000,000.00
FHR—CUSIP #3137H46R6 in the amount of	\$ 976,202.94
FHR—CUSIP #3136BJV28 in the amount of	\$ 975,286.11
TOTAL PLEDGED	\$2,951,489.05

WHEREAS: County deposits need to be fully insured. Therefore, let it be resolved, the above pledging, with a pledge date as on 12/28/2021, by the Jones Bank is approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Schmieding 01/04/2022
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell J. Zabrocki
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners discussed ARPA funds. Commissioner Ahmic said she will be attending a meeting soon in regard to fire depts. receiving Premium Pay.

The Commissioners recessed at 8:58 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:15 a.m.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Director, presented documents for the Commissioners to sign.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the Interlocal agreement for Cooperative Hazard Mitigation Planning Effort.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding **to authorize the Chairman to sign a "25% Match Certification" document for the Cooperative Hazard Mitigation Planning Effort.**
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:21 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to give the Commissioners information about selling some scrap items.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3654 in regard to allowing the Road Dept. to sell scrap metal.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

AUTHORIZING SELLING OF SCRAP METAL)
BY THE SEWARD COUNTY) RESOLUTION NO. 3654
ROAD DEPARTMENT)

WHEREAS, the Seward County Road Department has the ongoing need to dispose of scrap metal.

WHEREAS, Scrap metal will be sold to the highest bidding company on the day that scrap metal is sold.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska, that authorization is hereby given for the Seward County Road Department to sell scrap metal when needed to the highest bidding purchasing company on any given day.

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by: Ahmic 01/04/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:34 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

The 9:45 a.m. item involving the Broadband Task Force was not discussed. It will be on next week's agenda.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:45 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, was present to discuss the recommendation for appointment of the Public Defender. She gave information about the interviews and gave a recommendation of Jonathan Frazier. It is a full-time job; and no private practice is allowed.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to offer the position of Public Defender to Jonathan Frazer.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 11, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Discuss/Action - Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 28, 2021
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 11, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
4. Discuss/Action – Appoint Office Liaisons, Make Committee Appointments, **Appoint County Newspapers, Depositories, Coroner's Physician, Highway Supt., Budget Making Authority and Set Officials' Deputies' Wages**
5. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of January 4, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
7. Commissioners Reports
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 18, 2022

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Update on Seward County Broadband Task Force including Discussion about Projects using ARPA Funds in Seward County

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – 2021/2022 Yearly Weed Control Supt. Reports for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:17 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 11th day of January 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

Bob Dahms, County Treasurer, and Leising were present to give information about the vehicle tax exemption applications.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve the following vehicle tax exemptions as follows:

NAME	YEAR	VEHICLE	VIN #
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH	2005	CARRY-ON TRLR	4YMUL08165M024810
ST JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL	2017	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAZGMFG6H1191727
	2014	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAZGYFG8E1196656
	2011	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAZGYFG5B1131226
MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE	2018	NISSEN ALTIMA	1N4AL3AP8JC271693
	2013	DODGE PICKUP W/SNOW BLADE	3C6LR5ATXDG4586109
	2016	CHEVROLET SILVERADO	1GCHK29U21E314767
	2011	DUMP TRAILER	4ZEDT1427B1079203
	2005	CARRY-ON TRAILER	NA
ST GREGORY THE GREAT SEMINARY	2009	FORD PICKUP	1FTSX21RX9EA51504
	2012	DODGE VAN	2C4RDGB8CR419688
	2005	CHRYSLER VAN	2C4GP54L75R460930
	2001	H & H TRLR	4J6US08151B031100
MILFORD ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH	2007	TURTLE TOP BUS	1GBJG31U461253106
	1995	PACE AMERICAN ENC TRLR	E5105A
ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH	2007	INTERNATIONAL BUS	4DRBUAAP37B348660
	2017	FORD VAN	1FMZK1ZMOHKA98343
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNITY CHURCH	1999	FORD BUS	1FDWE30S8XHB45857
	2000	DODGE RAM VAN	2B5WB35Z8YK159364
SEWARD COUNTY BRIDGES	2006	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GCGG25V961154266
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH	1999	HAULMARK TRLR	16HCB1016XH056503
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY		SEE ATTACHED LISTING	

Concordia University Vehicle Listing - 12/20/2021			
Year	Make	Type	VIN#
1996	Chevy	4WD Pickup	1GCGK24R2T2216459
1999	Chevy	Venture	1GNDX03E7XD230052
2000	Chevy	Van	1GAHG39R2Y1165399
2000	Chevy	Venture Van	1GNDU03EXYD304865
2001	Ford	F550 4 x 4 Truck	1FDAF57S91EB20502
2001	Chevy	Savana Van	1GJGG25R311129965
2005	Kia	Sedona Minivan	KNDUP132456711060
2005	Pontiac	Montana Van	1GMDV23EX5D131311
2008	Ford	F250	1FTNF21508EB67810

2012	Dodge	Grand Caravan	2C4RDGBGOCR224541
2012	Chevy	Express Van	1GAWGRFGOC1126350
2015	Ram	Pickup	3C6LR5BT9FG577807
2013	Chevy	Express Van	1GAWGRFG9D1126655
2013	Chevy	Express Van	1GAWGRFG3D1126750
2017	Ford	Transit 350 XLT	1FBZX2ZG9HKA28589
2018	Ford	Transit 350 Van	1FBZX2ZG8JKA07139
2019	Ford	Transit 350 Van	1FBZX2ZG9KKA18989
2020	Ford	Transit 350 Van	1FBAX2YG7LKA17064
2020	Ford	Transit 350 Van	1FBAX2YG5LKB43908
2012	Chevy	Express Van	1GAWGRFG4C1126741
2012	Chevy	Impala (Blue)	2G1WA5E37C1191926
2013	Chevy	Equinox (Silver)	1GNALDEK1DZ113414
2018	Chevy	Equinox (Gray)	3GNAXJEV6JS5762416
2000	Cargomate	Trailer	4X4TSE218YN024677
2015	Sharp	Trailer	1S9BE0810F1870297
2004	Mac-Lander	Trailer	4UVPF182741005363
2010	Carry-On	Trailer	4YMUL0811AM023056
2015	Club Car	Carry All (Electric)	5J5LC22B4FA556151
2015	Club Car	Carry All (Electric)	5J5LC22B6FA556698

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 8:46 a.m.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 25, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of January 11, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

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 January 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

January 11, 2022
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 January 11, 2022 **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 January 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, John Culver, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

County Clerk Sherry Schweitzer called the meeting to order and 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.

Schweitzer called for nominations for Chairman of the Seward County Board of Commissioners. Vrbka nominated Culver.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Culver as Chairman of the Seward County Board of Commissioners.

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

The County Clerk announced that Culver has been elected as Chairman of the Seward County Board of Commissioners and turned the meeting over to the Chairman.

Chairman Culver called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Seward County Board of Commissioners.

Schmieding nominated Zabrocki.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Zabrocki as Vice-Chairman of the Seward County Board of Commissioners.

Affirmative vote: Ahmic, Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt the following list of office liaisons and appointments to the various Boards of which a Seward County Commissioner is a member.

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

2022 Commissioner Committees

<u>Liaison to County Offices</u>			<u>Commissioner Culver</u>	<u>Commissioner Zabrocki</u>
Aging Director	Vrbka		Blue Valley Community Action Brd	BRIDGES Board Member
Assessor	Culver		Courthouse Closing	City of Seward liaison
Attorney	Ahmic		Crete Nebraska Joint Airport Zoning Board	Courthouse Security
Bldg. & Grounds	Schmieding		E911 Board Member	E911 Board Member
Clerk	Culver		Legislature	Fourth of July Committee
County Court	Culver		Local Emergency Planning (LEPC)	GA & CM Cases/Updates
Dist. Court	Culver		Safety Committee Board Member	Buildings & Grounds Liaison - Alternate
E-911 Center	Culver		Seward/Saline Co. Solid Waste Mngmt Board	Blue Valley Community Action - Alternate
Emergency Manager	Culver		Lower Platte South Liaison - Alternate	Crete Nebraska Joint Airport Zoning Board-Alternate
Extension Office	Schmieding		Planning & Zoning Board Liaison - Alternate	Southeast NE Dev. Dist. Alternate
Human Resources	Vrbka			
Highway Supt.	Vrbka/Culver			
Probation	Zabrocki			
Public Defender	Schmieding		<u>Commissioner Ahmic</u>	<u>Commissioner Schmieding</u>
Sheriff (inc. jail)	Vrbka		Four Corners Health Dept. Planning & Zoning Board Liaison	Agenda Legislature
Surveyor	Culver		Seward County Chamber & Development Part.	Personnel Board Member
Treasurer	Zabrocki		Seward County Housing Authority	Region V Mental Health Board Member
Veterans/Pub Transit	Ahmic		Veterans Service Committee	Seward County Visitors Committee/Tourism
Zoning/Weed	Ahmic		GA & CM Cases/Guideline updates alternate	Southeast NE Dev. District
Board of Comm Chair	Culver		Region V Mental Health Board Alternate	
Vice Chair	Zabrocki		Seward/Saline Co. Solid Waste Management Brd-Alternate	
			Upper Big Blue Liaison - Alternate	
Board of Equal Chair	Culver			
Vice Chair	Zabrocki		<u>Commissioner Vrbka</u>	<u>Entire Board Committees</u>
			Abandoned Cemeteries	Budget Authority & Budget/Finance
			Aging Services Commission Member	Hwy Dept. Equipment & Shops including Bridge & Personnel
			Anti-Fraud Program	Insurance inc. NIRMA
			CASA Board Member	One & Six Year Road Plan
			Fair Board liaison	
			Lower Platte South NRD Liaison	
			Upper Big Blue NRD liaison	

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to appoint Dr. Connie Novak or any other physician **of Memorial Health Care Systems as the Coroner's physician as requested by the Coroner.**
Affirmative vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the following depositories for Seward County funds for 2022 in compliance with State Statutes 77-2311-2316 and 77-2318: The Cattle Bank & Trust Co., Jones Bank & Trust Company, and Union Bank & Trust Company, all of Seward, Farmers & Merchants Bank of Milford, First Bank of Utica, the Short Term Federal Investment Trust (STFIT) and Nebraska Federal Investment Trust both administered by Union Bank & Trust.
Affirmative vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding that acceptable investments are a Certificate of Deposit, a bank Money Market Account, a bank NOW Account, a bank Checking Account, a

bank Investment Trust such as the Short Term Federal Investment Trust (STFIT) and Nebraska Federal Investment Trust. (NFIT)

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to name the Seward County Independent and the Milford Times as the official newspapers for Seward County and countyofsewardne.com as the official Seward County website.

Affirmative vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to appoint Terry Wicht as the Seward County Highway Supt. for 2022 as per State Statute 39-1501 RSS 1943.

Affirmative vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to appoint Sherry Schweitzer as the Seward County Budget Making Authority.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to set the hourly wage for the Deputy of the Assessor, Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and Treasurer for 2022 at \$28.20 per hour and the Deputy of Elections at \$22.91 per hour and in no event shall the annual wage of the deputy be less than \$47,651.50, unless the deputy is not actually engaged in the performance of the official duties of a deputy and to set the wage of the Chief Deputy Attorney at 80% and the Deputy County Attorney and Deputy Public Defender at 75% of his/her respective official and no less than as per State Statute and to set the Special Deputy Attorney for no less than 50% **and up to 75% of the County Attorney's salary based on available funding.**

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of January 4, 2022.

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

Schweitzer mentioned the legislature has been discussing LB 310 in regard to eliminating the Inheritance Tax.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she read through the final rule of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), received a call about an article in the Seward Independent, sent an email to Senator Kolterman about legislative bills, spoke with the Milford Fire Chief and is following up with all fire chiefs and will attend Mutual Aid Fire District meeting.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the meeting for CASA via Zoom.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a 911 meeting, noted the applicant for the 911 Director accepted the offer, gave information about the Public Defender position, emailed senators about LB310, continues to work on sound suppressor systems for the Justice Center, and discussed safe rooms near the West Wing Annex with the Emergency Manager.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will contact Senator Kolterman in the coming week about legislation and will attend the Extension Board meeting this coming week. He researched the applicants for the Public Defender and met with the Director of the SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SENDD).

Commissioner Zabrocki participated in the Four Corners Health District meeting update via Zoom, and a NIRMA Zoom meeting. He also attended the Seward City Council meeting, a 911 meeting, and the State Radio System meeting in York.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., explained a resolution he requests the Commissioners to pass in regard to re-classifying a road.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3655 in regard to changing the classification **from "Minimum Maintenance" to "Local"** of Blue River Road starting at the

SW corner of Section 7, Township 9 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m. and at the NW corner of Section 18, Township 9 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m. then East 800 feet.

RESOLUTION NO. 3655 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the roadway located in Seward County described as follows: Blue River Road starting at SW Corner of Section 7 T9N R2E, and at NW Corner of Section 18 T9N R3E thence east 800 ft;

WHEREAS, this roadway currently have 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 request the Nebraska Department of Transportation change the functional classification and designate said segment of roadway to be **functionally classified as "Local."**

Dated this 11th day of January 2022.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic 01/11/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for December 2021 in the amount of \$3,960.70.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk Fee report for December 2021 in the amount of \$48,578.75.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3656 in regard to allowing Cattle Bank & Trust to pledge additional securities.

RESOLUTION NO. 3656 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Cattle Bank & Trust desires to pledge the following securities:

IMPERIAL NE -	CUSIP# 45289MJS8	\$150,000.00
SO. SIOUX CITY NE -	CUSIP# 840372TN6	\$150,000.00
	TOTAL PLEDGED	\$300,000.00

Whereas: County deposits need to be fully insured. Therefore, let it be resolved, the above pledging, by the Cattle Bank & Trust is approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic 01/11/2022

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP), and Michael Dwiggin of SENDD, were present to discuss the Seward County Broadband Taskforce activities. Jank stated they met and stated the topics of Broadband description, where are PING points of Seward County, and what are minimum expectations of expanding broadband of Seward County. Dwiggin gave information on the definition of broadband, download bandwidths, standards for the future, etc. Jank stated the tax force asks the county to set a standard for broadband bandwidth. Oliver Borchers-Williams of SENDD submitted maps of broadband providers and internet speeds in Seward County. He gave examples of what other counties are doing to increase internet service speeds. Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator, said she has permits for private towers for internet because the applicant cannot get internet for their rural property.

Paulsen was present to discuss her annual report for the Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture. She gave information of her activities.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman sign the 2021/2022 Annual Weed Control Supt. Reports for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:31 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:37 a.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to go into Executive Session for personnel at 10:37 a.m., it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

The Chairman restated the reason for Executive Session was for personnel.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to go out of Executive Session at 10:55 a.m.

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

The Chairman stated personnel was discussed and no decisions were made.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3657 in regard to the Semi-Annual Report of the County Treasurer.

RESOLUTION NO. 3657 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Seward County Treasurer has submitted the Settlement of Accounts (Semi Annual Report), showing beginning balances, collections, disbursements, and ending balances for all of the funds of the County per State law.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that it is noted the report for the period of time covering 07/01/2021 to 12/31/2021 was submitted. This County Board declines comment until audited by the County Auditor.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic 01/11/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3658 in regard to the Tax Sale steps by the County Treasurer.

Resolution # 3658 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

Whereas: The Seward County Board wanted all tax sale steps in one resolution instead of in separate resolutions, and

Whereas: It was approved by the State Auditor's office.

Therefore, the following are the steps to be approved by this board.

- a. Delinquent list to be presented to this Board-**please refer to "c" for what is to be excluded from the delinquent for publication-**
- b. Board directs Treasurer to publish list for three consecutive weeks in February in a paper having general circulation in this county.
- c. The advertising list will exclude bankruptcies, properties to be foreclosed **upon in 2022, and certain classes of IOLL'S.**
- d. A public tax sale will be held the first Monday in March which is 3/7/2022 on all unpaid taxes and specials.
- e. On or before the first Monday of April, the County Treasurer will give the County Clerk a certification as evidence of the regularity of the proceedings. In said certification, taxes sold and those unsold for the want of bidders will be listed. The certification will be signed by the County treasurer. Said certification will be listed as submitted in the minutes of the subsequent County Board meeting.
- f. Submission of the certification will mark the end of the public tax sale and the commencement of the private sale.
- g. The board, then, directs the Treasurer to write the unsold taxes in the name of the County using a date of 4/21/2022.
- h. The Board also directs the County Attorney to foreclose on those taxes **which have been three or more year's delinquent.**
- i. The method of foreclosure is up to the discretion of the County Attorney.
- j. The County Treasurer is directed to take all expired certificates down to the County Attorney no later than the middle of May 2022.
- k. The only other needed resolution will be that of the Board accepting the **Treasurer's** certification.

Let it be resolved, this county Board accepts the above, and directs the offices involved in the tax sale process to follow the above steps.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2022.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Schmieding 01/11/2021

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Ahmic led discussion about the ARPA item on the agenda. She has discussed helping the Fire Dept. With premium pay of ARPA funds. She also stated she has read the final rule of ARPA funds which stated it can be used for retention of workforce such as retention bonus, sign-on bonus, etc. It also added a section that it can pay for county services or infrastructure, but that part of the final rule has to be specific to/as a result of Covid.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 18, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of January 11, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Handicap Access and Parking for Courthouse
7. Discuss/Action – Accept the Weed/Zoning Dept. Fee Report for December 2021 - \$1575.00
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 25, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Culleen Bauer/Seward 4th of July Committee – Request use of the Courthouse Square and restrooms for July 4th Craft Show

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 11:14 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 18th day of January 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

January 18, 2022

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 January 18, 2022 **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 January 18, 2022 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the claims for the period through January 7, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JANUARY 7, 2022					
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,399.11	SEWARD CO SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$254.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$248.96	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,640.74
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$47.56	ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTING	SE	\$8,032.64
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SE	\$126.38	ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$448.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$18,727.75	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	SE	\$4,986.38
BAUDVILLE	SE	\$63.14	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	SE	\$667.80
BLUE360 MEDIA	SU	\$87.75	TIME WARNER CABLE	UT	\$357.97
BRENNAN LAW OFFICES	SE	\$494.30	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,219.63
CEIA USA	SE	\$85.00	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$20.00
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$9,417.98	VISA	FE	\$1,670.90
CLERK OF THE DIST CRT	SE	\$35.00	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	SE	\$198.15
CORDANT HLTH SOL	SE	\$267.65	YORK COUNTY EMA	SE	\$14.40
CORI J STAVA	SE	\$1,445.50	YORK GENERAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$1,218.49
CULLIGAN	SU	\$38.00	3RD MILLENNIUM CLSSRMS	SE	\$60.00
JACK DANIEL	SE	\$84.00	BAUER BUILT INC	EQ	\$6,678.16
DIAMOND DRUGS	SE	\$285.67	KENNETH PANKOKE	SE	\$296.96
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$796.07	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$31.64
ENGINEERED CONTROLS	SE	\$122.78	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$51,656.44
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SE	\$503.27	FRONTIER COOP	SU	\$23,158.56
KEARNEY HOSPITALITY INC	TR	\$1,609.30	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$24,587.13
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$14,996.91	MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$205.00
GALLS LLC	SE	\$75.94	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$428.91
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$211.98	NE ASSN CO ENGNRS & HWY SUPR	FE	\$325.00
GUARDIAN RFID	SE	\$5,484.46	NE PUB POW DIST	UT	\$162.65
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$225.00	NEWMAN SIGNS	SU	\$1,449.02
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$241.29	NEXTLINK AIS	SE	\$74.99
KEARNEY EXPRESS INC	TR	\$229.90	NMC, INC	SU	\$4,328.30
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$544.42	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,360.00
INDOFF INC	SU	\$234.98	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	SE	\$1,354.91

JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SE	\$376.31	ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH	SE	\$3,026.82
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,793.13	ST PJ SUPPLY INC	SU	\$15.98
DAVID KIMBLE	SE	\$275.00	TRUCK CENTER CO	SE	\$270.61
KONICA MINOLTA PRE FIN	SE	\$131.48	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$48.27
RYAN KRENK	SE	\$36.96	VILLAGE OF GOEHNER	UT	\$399.00
LA QUINTA INN & SUITES	TR	\$374.85	MIDWEST ENGINEERING	SE	\$1,947.00
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$28.18	GEHRING CONST	SE	\$44,207.26
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$1,244.28	FOXSTER OPCO. LLC	EQ	\$6,570.00
LINCOLN ORTHO CNTR	SE	\$97.25	MILES PARTNERSHIP	EQ	\$3,000.00
STEPHANIE LUEBBE	SE	\$16.80	SALINA BLUEPRINT	EQ	\$7,895.00
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$322.03	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$200.90
SUE MEDINGER	SE	\$42.56	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$140.99
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$110.50	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$401.10
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$41,320.10	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$234.50
MIDWEST OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$39.99	ABM SUPPLY, LLC	SU	\$17,579.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,840.39	TRITECH SOFTWARE SYS	EQ	\$3,247.30
DAN'S CUSTOM WORKS	SE	\$155.00	AWARDS UNLIMITED	SU	\$168.00
NE ASSN OF CO ASSESSORS	FE	\$60.00	BOBS MOBIL	SE	\$200.00
NE ASSN OF CO CLERKS	FE	\$75.00	COAST TO COAST SOL	SE	\$2,351.53
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$200.00	DELL MARKETING L P	SE	\$950.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	SE	\$8.50	GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SU	\$1,730.00
DALE NIEMANN	SE	\$50.40	GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$605.00
ONESOURCE	SE	\$488.30	IDEMIA IDENTITY	SE	\$5,445.00
OREILLY AUTOM	SU	\$175.22	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$548.39
PAC N SAVE	SU	\$626.06	MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$325.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$65.00	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$726.89
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$560.00	TRANSUNION RISK	FE	\$306.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA	SE	\$81.98	911 CUSTOM	SE	\$310.62
QUILL CORPORATION	SU	\$35.38	J CHAD PROF TRAINING	SE	\$118.00
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$98.49	TOP QUALITY GLOVES	SU	\$3,109.20
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$10,239.25	NEMAHA CO SHERIFF	SE	\$106.78
ZOE RICHERT	SE	\$112.00	ENCARTELE INC	SE	\$3,132.25
SAFELITE FULFILLMENT	SE	\$102.97	SALARIES		\$269,848.01
BRENT SCHLUCKEBIER	SE	\$5.04	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD COUNTY BRIDGES	FE	\$11,500.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$103.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD COUNTY COURT	SE	\$906.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$155,676.13	VSP VISION		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$708.83	WADDELL & REED		
SEWARD CO ROAD FUND	FE	\$500,000.00			

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

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she received a call from a village clerk in regard to funding from County ARPA funds, attended the Seward County Mutual Aid Meeting, the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, and participated in an easement webinar provided by the State Property Tax Dept.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he fielded a call from an engineer representing Bee in regard to County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and a road complaint. He stated he will be attending an NRD meeting in the coming week.

Commissioner Culver reported he participated in interviews for the Public Defender, received emails dealing with the ARPA, worked on legislative issues, attended the Planning and Zoning meeting, will attend Blue Valley Community Action meeting and Safety Committee this coming week.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he also participated in the Public Defender interviews, attended the Extension Office meeting, will attend the Visitors committee meeting later this week.

Commissioner **Zabrocki** reported he attended a meeting with the Veteran's Office/Public Transit dept., met with the County Treasurer, met with the City of Seward representative(s) about the handicapped parking issue around the courthouse and the new subdivision planned for east of Seward.

Culleen Bauer, representing the July 4th Committee, was present to request permission to use the courthouse square and restrooms on the 4th of July 2022.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the 4th of July Committee to use the Courthouse square on the 4th of July 2022 and have the restrooms open 6 am to 6 pm.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the 2nd Quarter Investment Report from the County Treasurer.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3659 in regard to naming the County Treasurer as the Seward County Investment Officer.

Resolution No. 3659 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

Whereas, it is in the best interests of the County to have surplus funds invested. Therefore, let it be resolved the Seward County Treasurer is given the authority to invest County surplus funds within the parameters of State Statutes, and the Seward County Treasurer is the investment officer of Seward County

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic 01/18/2022

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners have discussed installing a driveway on the south side of the courthouse for handicapped parking. Culver had sketched out a suggestion for having the driveway and moving the ballot box and flag box along that driveway. Schmieding made a statement that having access is very important. Zabrocki stated he wondered what the public would say about the change to the public square. Ahmic said she could see opposing views of the issue. Culver said he would like to have a hearing so the public can give their thoughts on the issue.

Mike Oneby, City of Seward engineer, gave some information about city ordinances on the issue. He said since Highway 34 is on the south side and Highway 15 is on the west side, we would have to keep the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation regulations in mind. He said the State has indicated they do not want to give more access points to highways, although they have made exceptions. He said he would be happy to make a sketch to view. He named a few things the Commissioners would need to look into if the project comes to fruition such as traffic patterns, etc.

The Commissioners will think about it and the subject may be put on a future agenda.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, was present to discuss purchasing a printer for identification badges for county and village employees, fire dept. personnel, etc.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to allow the Emergency Management Director to purchase ID printer for his department.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request from the Emergency Manager.

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

Tim Dworak and Mike Oneby of the City of Seward were present to discuss new handicapped parking spaces on the east side of the courthouse. They had submitted a drawing showing two handicapped parking spaces with the total cost being paid by the City of Seward. The plans show the new spaces will not disturb the bricks on the street.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the City of Seward proposal for two American Disability Act (ADA) parking spaces on 5th St. as presented by the City of Seward representatives.

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, led discussion on the recommendation for Public Defender. The recommendation was for Korey Reiman and stated he is requesting a time to finish his current cases. He was present and said he would like to start around the middle of February and explained the cases he would want to finish before starting with Seward County.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to appoint Korey Reiman as the new Seward County Public Defender and allow him to start in February allowing him a transitional time to finish his cases.

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

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, along with Sanchez presented a survey of correctional officers' wages in comparable counties. Hatfield said many counties are raising their wages because the State of Nebraska raised their correctional officer wages. She gave information on the struggle to get people to apply. She also gave information for existing **employees'** wages if the new beginning wage rises.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to raise the starting wage for Correctional Officers at Grade 28 which is \$22.24 - \$30.69 based on the "hard to fill positions" as stated in the Personnel Policy.

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

The next agenda item pertains to new wages for current employees in the Detention Center.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the request of increasing wages \$2.00/hour for all current detention center staff with an additional 2% for staff that have been here more than 1 year and less than 2 years.

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

The Commissioners then discussed having a shift differential for Detention Center employees. Currently, Seward County has no shift differential.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to set the shift differential at \$.75/hour for Detention Center Employees.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to accept the Weed/Zoning Dept. Fee Report for December 2021 in the amount \$1,575.00.

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

The Commissioners discussed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. It was reported they had contacts with representatives with the Village of Beaver Crossing and Bee.

Commissioner Ahmic stated she had gone to many entities/businesses informing them that they have volunteers/employees eligible for Premium Pay through ARPA. Other than the Fire Depts., most did not want to accept the Premium Pay. She suggested a formula for giving Premium Pay to all emergency responders.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 25, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of January 11, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 25, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of January 18, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for February 1, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – **Veteran’s Service Officer Wage Clarification**

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – David Harwood/UNL- Communicate Interest of UNL to Explore and Acquire the Atlas-F Missile Silo 551st SMS Site 11 in Seward County and to re-purpose this Facility into an Ice Drill Testing and Education Facility

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 11:13 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 25th day of January 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

January 25, 2022
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 January 25, 2022 **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 January 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, 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 Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership Personnel & Board Policies meeting, met with a member of the Pleasant Dale Fire Department, researched state funds, and met with two Pleasant Dale Village Board members about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds application.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended an Upper Big Blue Natural Resource District meeting.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, Safety Committee Meeting, met with some officials, attended a Solid Waste Management Committee meeting, and dealt with various correspondence.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Visitors Committee Meeting and received a call about parking downtown around the square.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a BRIDGES meeting, a Fourth of July Committee Meeting, a Seward City Council meeting, and a Four Corners Health Meeting.

Carina Sanchez, Human Resources Director, was present to discuss the wage clarification for the Veterans Service Officer item on the agenda. When she made the offer to the current **Veteran's Service Officer, she made it based on the December 29, 2020 minutes that state "The Veteran's Service Committee recommended Matthew Starkey with a starting wage of \$47,000.00." It was later brought to Sanchez's attention that the Veteran's Service Committee minutes state the Veteran's Service officer would receive an increase of \$2000.00 after six months, based on performance. The Veteran's Service Committee minutes state that he would receive the increase, but the County Board Minutes do not. Additional wages were not budgeted for this fiscal year in the Veteran's Service Officer budget.** Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, cautioned the Board on raising the wage now, since it was not stated in the

Board minutes to do so, and his offer letter did not mention the increase. After discussion, it was decided to wait until the next fiscal year budget to give this increase.

Sanchez stated that the request for approval for up to 40 hours of Bereavement Leave item is being withdrawn from agenda.

Sheriff Vance was present with Sanchez to request an increase in starting wages for Deputy Sheriff positions. Sanchez stated that there are currently two deputy positions open and the county is having a hard time filling them. She worked on a salary study to find comparable positions and salaries. Vance stated that he would like to be able to compete with what other agencies offer as a starting wage in order to be able to hire good applicants. Correctional officers recently received an increase in wages. If the starting wage range for Sheriff's deputies is increased from the current amount of \$21.59-\$29.80/hour to \$27.35-\$37.75/hour, the wage difference will remain the same between deputies and correctional officers.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to increase starting wages for deputy sheriff positions to reflect Wage Grade 35 on **the county's** existing salary wage range plan, which is \$27.35-\$27.75/hour.

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

Next, Vance stated that they would like to raise **current Sheriff's Department** employees' wages as well. There are currently three deputies who are still within their probationary period. He asked to give these employees a 2% raise to ensure that they will be earning more than the new starting wage. He would like to give deputies an increase of \$2.00/hour, and sergeants, captains and office staff an increase of \$3.50/hour. Vance noted that he has money within his budgets to pay for the increases. Two command staff and two deputy positions are paid out of drug funds.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve **the Sheriff's request** to raise wages for his staff by 2% for employees still within their probationary period, \$2.00 per hour for deputies and \$3.50 per hour for all other staff, including office staff.

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

Sanchez stated that **since the Sheriff's Office is a** 24-hour department, they would like to offer a \$0.75/hour shift differential, which is the same as what is given to correctional officers, for overnight shift employees. Vance stated that there are six overnight shift employees.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve shift differential pay of \$0.75/hour for overnight shift employees of the Sheriff's Dept.

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

Carrie Sermeno, District Judge Bailiff, was present to discuss an estimate for the purchase and installation of acoustic panels in the district courtroom. She stated that this was discussed during her budget hearing, and she has \$1000.00 in her budget for this. The proposals she presented were from Electronic Contracting Company, which is the company that currently does electronic maintenance in the Justice Center. One proposal included installation and one did not. Culver stated that he prefers to have the company do the installation since they are experienced with the installation. Zabrocki questioned where the extra expense will be paid from, as the proposal to purchase and install is \$8,524.92, which is more than what was allocated during budget discussions. Culver suggested taking it from the Inheritance Fund.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the purchase and installation proposal for \$8,524.92 for acoustic panels for the District Courtroom.

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

Bob Dahms, Treasurer, and Sherry Leising, Deputy Treasurer, were present to submit the list of delinquent real estate taxes and special assessments for advertisement.

DIST RICT	PARCEL	MULTI YEAR	LEGAL	TOTALDUE
5	800075978		SEWARD BADER-JIROVSKY 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 2 LOT 10	\$3,986.60
5	800076729		SEWARD BOYES ADDITION TO SOUTH SEWARD ADDITION BLOCK 1 LOT 5	\$861.82
5	800077148		SEWARD CANNON ADDITION BLOCK 2 LOT 5~	\$2,536.16
5	800079620		SEWARD COLLEGE VIEW ADDITION BLOCK H S 50' LOTS 4-6	\$989.92
5	800083113		SEWARD H M & R ADDITION BLOCK 26 LOT S 3 & 4	\$85.20
5	800083121		SEWARD H M & R ADDITION BLOCK 26 LOT 5	\$413.44
5	800084276		SEWARD H M & R ADDITION BLK 49 LTS 1-2 & #LTS 3 & 10-12	\$618.01
5	800085779		SEWARD H M & R ADDITION BLOCK 84 LOTS 11-12	\$1,714.22
5	800090012		SEWARD MARY R SPEAR'S ADDITION BLOCK 4 LOT 17	\$729.60
5	800094603		SEWARD 21-11-3 #LOT 9 & TL 53 IN SW 1/4 S 1/4 1.13 AC	\$5,412.86
5	800101006		SEWARD BADER-JIROVSKY 5TH ADD BLK 1 ADMIN RPLT OF W 92' LOT 2 LOT "B"	\$2,639.82
5	800105206		SEWARD HROMAS SUBDIVISION BLOCK 2 LOT 1 ADMIN REPLAT OF LOT 4~	\$2,416.82
5	800221257		SEWARD WAKE 4TH ADDITION ADMIN REPLAT LTS 1 & 2 LOT C	\$3,078.16
10	800046900	***	BEAVER CROSSING ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOTS 6-7 & #LOTS 4-5	\$714.72
10	800046919		BEAVER CROSSING ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOTS 8-17	\$558.48
10	800047087		BEAVER CROSSING ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 6 W 37 1/2' TLS 31-32	\$342.98
10	800047281		BEAVER CROSSING MRS ROSS NICHOLS' SUBDIV OF BLOCK 9 O T LOTS 3-4	\$375.52
10	800048296		BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BLOCK 5 LOTS 32-34	\$563.14
10	800048660		BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BLOCK 9 LOT 2	\$170.86
10	800049756		BEAVER CROSSING 2-9-1 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 TAX LOT 170	\$33.32
10	800049985		BEAVER CROSSING 2-9-1 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 TL 205 .285 AC	\$536.68
10	800216083		BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TWNST BLK 10 TRACT III RPLT OF LT 1	\$524.84
10	800219139		BEAVER CROSSING 2-9-1 NW 1/4 TL 144 & #TL 145	\$179.58
14	800050398	***	BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 2 LOTS 8-12	\$816.36
14	800230210		BEE HIVE ADDITION REPLAT OF #TL 30 LOT 3	\$94.33
14	800230235		BEE HIVE ADDITION REPLAT OF #TL 30 LOT 8	\$171.57
15	800051114		BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 N 100' LOT 1	\$47.06
15	800051459		BEE 14-12-3 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 N 1/2 LOT 23 .55 AC	\$639.54
15	800051475		BEE 14-12-3 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 N 1/2 TL 24 .77 AC	\$99.26
23	800052811		CORDOVA DELANEY'S SUBDIVISION 29-9-1 W 220' OF N 166' LOT 3 .84 AC	\$824.42
23	800059905		CORDOVA ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 8 LOT 8 & S 1/2 LOT 9	\$76.42
25	800053230		GARLAND ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 8 LOTS 1-2 & 6-8	\$964.85
25	800053753		GARLAND SOUTH & EAST ADDITION BLOCK 26 LOTS 3-6	\$1,897.90
25	800053869		GARLAND 4-11-4 #SE 1/4 SW 1/4 & 1/2 ADJ VAC NASH ST .63 AC	\$1,242.12
30	800054466		GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 2 LOTS 10-11	\$953.28
30	800054679	***	GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOT 10	\$471.12
30	800054806		GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 6 LOTS 16-17	\$2,056.10
30	800055071		GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 9 N 35' LOT 19, ALL LOTS 20-21 & S 15' LOT 22	\$1,936.66
30	800055136		GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 10 LOT 2	\$628.08
35	800060474		MILFORD ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 7 LOTS 6-7 & N 18' LOT 8	\$787.00
35	800063716		MILFORD LAUNE'S ADDITION BLOCK 1 LOTS 15-16 & W 5' VAC ALLEY	\$1,155.77
35	800063880		MILFORD LAUNE'S ADDITION BLOCK 3 LOT 7	\$859.30
35	800064135		MILFORD LAUNE'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 2 LOT 1 & E 20' LOT 2	\$2,855.30
40	800002725		PLEASANT DALE 35-10-4 #NE 1/4 SE 1/4 10.37 AC	\$1,402.20
40	800056302		PLEASANT DALE BEST'S ADDITION BLOCK 7 LOT 5	\$286.45
40	800056604		PLEASANT DALE BEST'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 3 LOTS 3-4	\$732.22
40	800057139		PLEASANT DALE MERRILL'S 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 2 LOTS 5-6 & E 1/2 LOT 4	\$1,597.18
40	800213831	***	PLEASANT DALE REEDS LANDING SUBDIVISION OUTLOT A	\$22.62
45	800057457		STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 4 LOT 6 & W 1/2 LOT 5	\$656.56
45	800057589	***	STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 6 LOTS 5-7 & W 67' LOTS 8-10	\$226.78
45	800057961		STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 11 LOT 12	\$552.94
45	800058119		STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 LOT 11	\$584.22
45	800058143		STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 W 1/2 LOT 12 OR TLS 16-17	\$483.04
55	800068807		UTICA UTICA ADDITION BLOCK 17 E 1/2 LOT 8	\$572.56
55	800068815		UTICA UTICA ADDITION BLOCK 17 W 1/2 LOT 8	\$673.58
55	800068831		UTICA UTICA ADDITION BLOCK 17 W 1/2 LOT 9 OR TL 24	\$416.18
55	800069641		UTICA WRIGHT'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 29 LOT 6 & W 20' LOT 5	\$710.27
100	800022076		34-9-4 W 1/2 NE 1/4 80 AC	\$1,216.56
100	800022106		34-9-4 E 1/2 SW 1/4 & W 1/2 SE 1/4 160 AC	\$2,862.08
100	800022130		35-9-4 E 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 20 AC	\$2,279.68
100	800228750		35-9-4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 & W 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 60 AC	\$711.29
105	800013913		9-9-2 NE 1/4 EXC TRACT 330' X 264' 158 AC	\$11,610.08
105	800015932		1-9-3 TL 28 S OF RIVER NW 1/4 SW 1/4 2.74 AC	\$184.40
105	800017609		14-9-3 #S 1/2 S 1/2 N 1/2 NE 1/4 & #S 1/2 NE 1/4 98.12 AC	\$4,296.66
105	800055764		GROVER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 LOTS 1-6	\$35.62

105	800055772	GROVER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 LOTS 7-18	\$433.38
105	800055950	GROVER FIRST ADDITION BLOCK 5 LOTS 1-12 & ADJ VAC ALLEY & STREETS	\$58.48
105	800055977	GROVER FIRST ADDITION BLOCK 7 LOTS 1-6	\$35.62
105	800056000	GROVER FIRST ADDITION ALL BLOCK 8 & ADJ VAC ST	\$110.78
115	800004809	23-10-3 TRACT IN SE 1/4 NE 1/4 4.17 AC	\$1,626.84
115	800216105	27-10-3 NELY COR NE 1/4 NE 1/4 10.26 AC	\$386.08
115	800216113	26-10-3 #NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 .14 AC	\$0.90
125	800020189	7-9-4 #SW 1/4 152.16 AC	\$10,967.14
125	800020898	17-9-4 #N 1/2 SE 1/4 & #SE 1/4 SE 1/4 21.76 AC	\$1,638.82
125	800211502	7-9-4 HEYEN ADDITION IN SW 1/4 LOT 1 5.1 AC	\$1,719.83
125	800227535	7-9-4 #W 1/2 W 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 2.49 AC	\$1,161.84
130	800019873	4-9-4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 39.24 AC	\$3,946.28
130	800019881	4-9-4 S 1/2 NW 1/4 & N 1/2 SW 1/4 N & S OF RR PROP 147.77 AC	\$5,935.06
145	800025334	19-12-3 TRACT IN SE 1/4 SE 1/4 4.53 AC	\$3,427.38
145	800026071	31-12-3 #N 1/2 E 1/2 SE 1/4 20 AC	\$1,338.70
145	800028686	32-12-2 #TL 1 & 5 IN NE COR SW 1/4 13.38 AC	\$178.04
145	800040791	32-11-3 SW 1/4 160 AC	\$5,955.56
145	800059204	*** TAMORA DAILEY'S ADDITION & ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 14 LOTS 9-12	\$159.34
145	800059212	TAMORA DAILEY'S ADDITION & ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 14 N 30' LOT 13 OR TL 22	\$4.72
145	800059301	TAMORA MOWRY'S & ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 16 LOTS 1-6 & 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY	\$488.48
145	800108132	TAMORA 29-11-2 E 1/2 OF N120' OF TAX LOT 30 IN SW 1/4	\$623.04
145	800208307	TAMORA DAILEY'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 2 N 120' OF S 254.9'	\$52.14
145	800209044	*** TAMORA DAILEY'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 1 LOTS 9-10	\$76.90
145	800209567	*** TAMORA DAILEY'S ADD & ORIGINAL TOWN BLK 13 LOT 13 & 1/2 ADJ VAC DAILY ST	\$111.14
145	800224272	32-12-2 #N 1/2 W 1/2 W 1/2 NW 1/4 10.01 AC	\$3,189.62
185	800003373	*** 6-10-3 S 496' OF E 451' OF SE 1/4 5.14 AC	\$426.76
205	800042239	9-11-4 #NE 1/4 155.33 AC	\$6,630.98
205	800043219	22-11-4 #SE 1/4 NE 1/4 34.99 AC	\$883.56
205	800211472	12-11-4 #N 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 14.79 AC	\$1,726.11
205	800211588	30-12-4 #N 1/2 NW 1/4 18.42 AC	\$1,423.67
205	800231125	23-11-4 #W 1/2 NW 1/4 70 AC	\$1,752.16
205	800231185	5-11-4 #E 1/2 S 1/2 SW 1/4 21.84 AC	\$260.80
217	800012070	18-9-1 #E 1/2 SE 1/4 20.04 AC	\$1,569.94
221	800229715	27-9-2 #E 1/2 NE 1/4 64.97 AC	\$3,826.38
221	800230020	27-9-2 TRACT IN SE 1/4 NE 1/4 8.27 AC	\$464.48
240	800009711	24-10-1 TRACT IN SW 1/4 SW 1/4 6.1 AC	\$1,360.92
240	800011538	11-9-1 TL 18 E 1/2 W 1/2 W 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 5 AC	\$1,009.78
240	800031261	31-12-1 IRREGULAR TRACT IN E 1/2 SW 1/4 29.32 AC	\$1,687.56
240	800031385	32-12-1 S 1/2 SE 1/4 80 AC	\$3,754.46
240	800031997	5-11-1 N 1/2 NE 1/4 82.51 AC	\$4,840.28
240	800033159	22-11-1 #S 1/2 SW 1/4 & #S 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4 52.93 AC	\$410.25
240	800033981	34-11-1 EIKENHORST ADDITION IN W 1/2 SW 1/4 3.58 AC	\$1,754.36
240	800035720	21-11-2 TRACT 125'X220' SW 1/4 SW 1/4 .63 AC	\$631.28
240	800216199	8-10-1 #S 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 11.28 AC	\$3,362.54
245	800029712	8-12-1 #NW 1/4 NW 1/4 16.16 AC	\$1,418.86
305	800226935	*** 12-12-4 .53 AC TRACT IN NW 1/4 SW 1/4	\$115.14
			\$163,108.74
		SPECIAL	
55	800070283	UTICA WRIGHT 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 38 LOTS 5-6	\$1,110.00
55	800070283	UTICA WRIGHT 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 38 LOTS 5-6	\$4,110.00
55	800070283	UTICA WRIGHT 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 38 LOTS 5-6	\$1,410.00
55	800069169	UTICA WRIGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 23 NE 1/4	\$249.93
	800069169	UTICA WRIGHTS 3RD ADDITION BLOCK 23 NE 1/4	\$352.61
	800068807	UTICA UTICA ADDITION BLOCK 17 E 1/2 LOT 8	\$978.24
	800068831	UTICA ADDITION BLOCK 17 W 1/2 LOT 9 OR TL 24	\$978.24
		TOTAL	\$9,189.02
		BANKRUPTCY	
45	800058348	JORGENSENS ADDITION BLOCK 16 E 60' LOTS 17-20	\$303.22
25	800052986	*** GARLAND ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 2 LOTS 1 1-12	\$2,013.72
		TOTAL	\$2,316.94
		TOTAL	\$174,614.70

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to accept the delinquent real estate and special assessments for advertisement.

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

Motion Carried

Eric Hofer, Building & Grounds Superintendent, presented a proposal for \$24,950.00 for a temperature control upgrade to the HVAC equipment for the Courthouse, with a planned service agreement of \$3500.00. He told the board that the current equipment was installed on the first and second floor in 2002 and has never been updated. With this new equipment, all units from the first and second floor would be tied together with the units on the third floor. The mechanical aspect of the units in the Courthouse is still working, but moving forward with this proposal now would ensure the computer function of the system is up to date before there are mechanical failures with the existing units. Armstead recommended calling and getting a couple more informal bids. Hofer stated that there may be additional mechanical expenses to make everything work with the new computer system as the project moves along, including a new PC for his office. Culver recommended moving forward with this.

Recessed at 10:14 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

David Harwood from UNL and Dennis Duling, head driller for Antarctic Drilling, were present to discuss their interest of UNL to explore and acquire the Atlas-F Missile Silo 551st SMS Site 11 from Seward County and repurpose the facility into an ice drilling testing and education facility. They presented the board with various slides outlining the purpose and objectives of this project. The space would house a drill test facility, education center and museum, as well as possibly a conference center and event facility. UNL and others who drill in polar regions would be able to use this facility. During their presentation, they listed potential benefits to Seward County such as the Road Department being able to move to a more modern facility, tourism to the county, jobs for technicians and some other permanent staff. Commissioner Zabrocki stated that there is an E911 Communications radio tower located there, as well as a shooting range for local law enforcement agencies. Harwood stated that the tower could stay, and Sheriff Vance said that they would be able to move the shooting range to the new task force building location. Jonathan Jank from the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership spoke in favor of the potential project, stating that he was happy to have this opportunity come to the county.

The Commissioners discussed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Commissioner Ahmic reported that she had visited with Candace Meredith, the Deputy Director at NACO, regarding payment to fire departments and emergency and medical responders as a response to public health, rather than premium pay, as volunteers cannot receive premium pay. As stated in her Commissioner Report, she spoke with members of the Pleasant Dale Village Board regarding the ARPA funds as well. Ahmic suggested waiting another week to do anything more with the discussion of fire departments receiving payment as response to public health. She also reported that she has been doing research on various state funding as well.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on February 1, 2022 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 January 25, 2022
5. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through January 21, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for February 8, 2022

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 11:05 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 1st day of February 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

February 1, 2022

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 February 1, 2022 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 February 1, 2022 at 8:30 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.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP), was present to update the Commissioners on activities of his organization.

Harrison Helmer, Executive Director of BRIDGES, updated the Commissioners on activities of his organization.

Those officials present for their monthly meeting with the Board were: Ann Dobesh, Carrie Gottschalk and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the claims through the period of January 21, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JANUARY 21, 2022

ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$260.56	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$432.00
ALPHACARD	SE	\$30.91	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCTNG	SE	\$694.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$69.42	STEINMEYER, ZACH	SE	\$3.41
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$16,877.29	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$4,980.76
ASHI & 24-7 EMS REMIT	FE	\$15.00	TELMATE LLC	SE	\$104.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$5,274.92	THOMSON REUTERS	SE	\$349.58
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$390.00	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$825.81
BLUESTEM NETWORK LLC	UT	\$110.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$891.94
BRENNAN LAW OFFICES	SE	\$1,362.10	VISA	FE	\$1,252.53
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,380.00	WATER ENGINEERING	SE	\$210.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SE	\$29.00	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$11,451.36
CAPITAL CITY TRANSFER SERV	SE	\$326.50	WINNING MIND TRAINING	SE	\$297.00
CONTINENTAL ALARM	SE	\$3,624.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT, INC	SU	\$11,436.02
CONTINUUM	SE	\$3,250.00	KRIHA FLUID POWER CO	SE	\$91.01
E 911	SE	\$60,897.34	MEYER AUTOMOTIVE INC	SE	\$25.80
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$2,711.36	MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$1,253.55
JENNIFER EICKHOFF	SE	\$22.90	NE ASSN CO ENG & HWY SUPT	FE	\$110.00
ENGINEERED CONTROLS	SE	\$6,200.00	NEWMAN SIGNS, INC	SU	\$531.90
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$1,756.48	POMP'S TIRE SERVICE	EQ	\$7,394.00

FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$466.60	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$21,105.09
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,488.85	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.96
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$679.61	WALNUT CREEK REPAIR	SE	\$206.45
INDOFF INC	SU	\$49.94	SCCDP	SE	\$103.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$16,973.09	SPORTS EXPRESS INC	SU	\$490.00
DAVID KIMBLE	SE	\$275.00	DELTA DENTAL OF NEBR	SE	\$29.97
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$8.36	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$33,869.50
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$55.35	VISION SERVICE PLAN INS	FE	\$23.29
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$908.42	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$58.00
MIDWEST CARD & ID SOL	SE	\$9,235.00	HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$81.84
MILLS CO CLERK OF CRT	SE	\$45.66	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$513.75
MOTOROLA	EQ	\$420.48	JONES BANK	SE	\$250.00
KRYSTEL NABER	SE	\$23.87	MID STATES ORGAN CRIME INFO	SE	\$150.00
JENNIFER NANTKES	SE	\$12.87	RAY ALLEN MANUFACTURING	SE	\$29.99
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$93.00	SMITHS DETECTION	SE	\$3,206.00
NE NEBR JUVENILE SERV	SE	\$573.75	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	SE	\$167.99
PEGGY OBORNY	SE	\$30.69	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$257.36
OFFICE DEPOT	SU	\$170.54	QUADIANT, INC	EQ	\$8,338.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	SU	\$70.27	ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$704.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$120.00	SALARIES		\$245,935.40
PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$2,050.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
QUILL CORPORATION	SU	\$18.78	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEW CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$4.91	DELTA DENTAL		
SEW CO ROAD FUND	FE	\$500,000.00	VSP VISION		
SEW CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	SE	\$60.48	WADDELL & REED		
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$127.06			

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the claims for Premium Pay using American Rescue Plan Act funds.

ARPA FUND CLAIMS		
AMERITAS	FE	\$2,450.00
JONES (FICA)	FE	\$2,830.50
SALARIES		\$37,000.00
GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
MID AMERICAN CO		
WISCONSIN		
DELTA DENTAL		
VSP VISION		
WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she received a constituent call that she will be following up on, attended a Quality Growth Meeting thru SCCDP and participated on a Four Corners update.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he checked a specific road for road signs and found there were many signs missing.

Commissioner Culver reported he was the Rotary Club meeting speaker last week, participated in the audit exit interview, and checked roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the SCCDP Banquet the night before.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he received a few calls about wage issues, attended the budget audit exit interview, attended a 911 staff meeting, visited with the new 911 director. He also announced that he is now on the NIRMA Board.

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, explained the Corrective Action Plan Letter that is being considered by the Board. Because Seward County received federal funds in excess of \$750,000.00, a federal audit is being conducted. Due to some offices not

having enough personnel, **there is a finding of "lack of segregation"** of duties and the Commissioners need to respond to that finding.

Moved by Vrbka and Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Corrective Action Plan and Representation Letter for the Seward County Audit for 2020-2021.

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

Ahmic led discussion on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding item on the agenda. She stated that after discussing a plan with representatives of NACO, it qualified to follow the plan for issuing a stipend for public health response for our emergency first responders. Last week she had suggested a proposed plan for disbursing the funds. She stated that a Memorandum of Understanding would need to be drafted for the cities/villages to sign before anything could be distributed. She also suggested visiting the cities/villages at the time of distribution.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to approve stipend payments for public health response to emergency first responders using ARPA funds in the amount of \$89,625.00.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., presented the proposed 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for 2022. He requested the Commissioners authorize him to advertise for the Hearing to be held on March 1, 2022.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Highway Supt. to advertise for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan Hearing to be held on March 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request for the Road Dept.

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

Matt Starkey, **Veteran's Service Officer**, was present to ask the Commissioners' consideration for **a contract for the Veteran's Service office**.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Nebraska Dept. **of Veteran's Affairs Vetraspec** User Memorandum of Understanding of 2022-2023.

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

The Commissioners recessed 9:34 a.m.

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

Chairman Culver led discussion on the agenda item to request for Correction/**Clarification/Adjustment on the Sheriff's Office** Wage Increases of January 25, 2022. He said that he has now realized that **a motion made at last week's meeting about the "hard to fill"** Deputy Sheriff positions included the Operation Managers and Assistant Operation Manager receiving a \$3.50 raise in wages may not have been correct. He felt that they should have received a raise, but not as much as the motion stated. Mike Vance stated the Operations Manager is on the same grade as the deputies. The recommendation to the Board when the current wage plan was made, was to put the Operations Manager job position on the same grade as a starting Deputy Sheriff. He suggested keeping them on the same grade now, even after the raise. Commissioner Schmieding said that he also misunderstood it last week and would like to correct it. Zabrocki said he recognizes that if a raise was given **to the clerical staff of the Sheriff's** office, raises would need to be given across the board to other county offices. He said the real reason for increasing wages was because the starting wage of the Deputy Sheriff was a "difficult to fill **position**" and according to the personnel policy, **it doesn't** mean *all* positions in the **Sheriff's Office** should be considered. Chelsea Smith, Operations Manager, handed out information on job comparisons for her position. Ahmic stated she did not feel the comparison from Lancaster County match was a true match since it was the Operations Manager job description in the County **Attorney's**

Office. Chelsea stated the work she does matched the work of that job description, **even though it wasn't in the Sheriff's Office.**

Marilyn Hladky, County Assessor, commented that she agreed with Commissioner Zabrocki. Bob Dahms, County Treasurer, gave information about the **"difficult to fill"** portion of the personnel policy. Vance said that the Sheriff Deputy job position is a **"difficult to fill"** position and that the Operations Manager is on the same grade, so he believes it should also be raised. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, said according to the personnel policy, there needs to be an actual designation for **"difficult to fill" positions.** Schmieding commented that he feels the same as Zabrocki. Smith stated that last week it was approved to increase wages for the Sheriff's office staff and they were thankful.

Carina Sanchez gave information about the current grades of **the Sheriff's job** descriptions.

Vance said he will honor whatever decision the Board makes.

Moved by Zabrocki to rescind the pay increases that were approved in the January 25, 2022 meeting motion for the Sheriff office administrative/clerical staff.
Zabrocki withdrew his motion.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to amend the action of the previous board motion on January 25, 2022, specifically the portion of the act that allowed wage increases for the Operation Managers and the Operations Assistant.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Vrbka

Voting No: Culver

Motion Carried

Sanchez gave information about the Road Dept. job descriptions for Motor Grader and Heavy Equipment Operator that is on the agenda. They, too, **have been "difficult to fill"** positions. She stated the vacancies first started in March of 2021. She stated they have been having interviews and even offering jobs during the interview but have not been successful in hiring anybody. **Because of prior conversations involving "difficult to fill" positions, it was decided that appropriate agenda items be** listed on the agenda in order to discuss them.

The agenda item request to consider raising all wages of the Road Dept. was not discussed.

The item on the agenda requesting a minimum of two hours Call Out guarantee for road Dept. employees was considered.

Ahmic asked if other counties pay for being on call and Sanchez replied two other counties do.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to give a minimum of two hours call out guarantee for Road Dept. Employees.

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

Motion Carried

Ann Dobesh of the Extension Office was present to ask for an adjustment to wage for the County Funded/County Employed Extension Assistant. She explained that there are two Extension Assistants in Seward County. One is employed by UNL but is reimbursed by the County. There is also a part time Extension Assistant that is county funded and county employed. The University of Nebraska increased wages for their employee, which is a first-year employee. The County's employee is a 5-year employee. She requested the wages for both employees be the same.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to fund the county funded/county employed Extension Assistant to be in line with the UNL employed Extension/Assistant effective January 1, 2022.

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

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on February 8, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 1, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on February 8, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 1, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for February 15, 2022

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:48 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 8th day of February 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

February 8, 2022

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 February 8, 2022 **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 February 8, 2022 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 Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of February 1, 2022
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, was introduced by Commissioner Zabrocki and gave information about his background in his 911 career.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked with the HR Department involving the county webpage. She also stated she attended the Milford City Council meeting, was able to finalize the Premium Pay project in regard to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), participated in a NACO webinar regarding ARPA, called the fire depts and village boards in regard to ARPA funding, received a call from Pleasant Dale about the **County's ARPA** application, and plan to watch a legislative hearing this coming week.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he has been following a problem with the Upper Big Blue NRD and a Seward County landowner.

Commissioner Culver reported he received various correspondences, went out to Kearney for a NACO workshop for Board Chairmans where he presented information to the attendees. He also met with the two Extension Officials about an interlocal with UNL.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will have an Extension Board meeting soon, met with two Extension Officials in regard to an Interlocal that the County has with UNL for Extension Office services. He will go to the Downtown Revitalization Committee meeting in the coming weeks. He also went through his district and visited with several constituents.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he participated in the Four Corners Health District update, went to a Seward City Council meeting, worked with the Public Service Commission in regard to the E911 2019-2020 audit, attended the NIRMA round table webinar via Zoom, met with Greg Butcher, Seward County Administrator, about county and city salaries, worked on 911 activities with the new Director, and noted the handicapped parking places around the east side of the courthouse are being installed.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, led discussion about the West Wing tornado shelter quotes. Culver suggested putting one shelter on the east side of the parking lot. They discussed the quotes Petersen provided. Zabrocki wondered if engineering for the installation was needed since **Seward County doesn't want drainage problems**. After discussion, it was decided that sealed bids would need to be received due to the cost of the shelters.

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, led discussion on two agenda items to declare two positions in **the Road Dept. as "Difficult to Fill"**. She gave information on the time frame when the positions have been vacant and unable to attract applicants. Culver read the portion of the policy which refers to this issue.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to declare the Motor Grader Operator position as a **"Difficult to Fill" position as stated in the Difficult to Fill policy**.

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

Sanchez gave information on a wage survey she conducted with surrounding counties on the starting wage they offer for this position. She suggested raising the starting wage \$2.00 per hour. It was noted that present motor graders would be less than the proposed starting wage.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to increase the starting wage for the Motor Grader position to \$18.63 per hour and will be on grade 21.

During discussion time on the motion, Sanchez also stated there are current employees which are below the new starting wage and bringing them up to the \$18.63 will cost around \$7,600.00. Terry Wicht said he would have the funds in his budget to raise them.

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

The Commissioners then considered the Heavy Equipment Operator position item on the agenda.

Sanchez stated there are currently four vacancies for the Heavy Equipment Operator position and gave information about trying to obtain applicants. Zabrocki asked if the provisions of the **"Difficult to fill"** policy have been found to be appropriate; to which Sanchez answered yes.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to declare the Heavy Equipment Operator position as a **"Difficult to Fill" position as stated in the Difficult to Fill policy**.

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

Sanchez gave information from a wage survey and said that \$18.63 would be appropriate and on grade 21. There are currently two employees in the Heavy Duty Equipment Operator positions who are making more than \$18.63. Sanchez suggested raising those wages due to their longevity. Zabrocki asked about the cost of raising wages. The impact of the Road Dept. budget would be around \$5,000, depending on when a new employee would start.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to increase the Heavy Equipment Operator position to \$18.63 per hour and on grade 21.

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

Sanchez led discussion on the 5th item of the agenda. She stated that like the jail and sheriff office positions that were changed in weeks earlier, there are employees in the Motor Grader and Heavy Equipment Operator job descriptions that will be earning less than the starting wage just approved. Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., stated he would like to increase the wages of all Road Dept. employees because it has been difficult to *retain* employees. He said his employees are covering the positions that have been vacant and doing the work that is not necessary in their job description. Culver stated he feels that these extra positions that Wicht is wanting to raise need to be considered at budget time. Zabrocki said there needs to be some separation between the motor grader operator job description and the heavy equipment

operator job description, but also said that issue needs to be considered at budget time to which Ahmic agreed.

Sanchez was asked to bring back information in two weeks on the current employees that are Motor Grader and Heavy Equipment Operators.

Zabrocki led discussion on the last agenda item about clarifying the specifics of a motion made on February 1, 2022.

He stated that nothing will change by passing a clarifying motion now. Although discussion and context of the February 1, 2022 motion to amend action taken on January 25, 2022 was clear that the effect of the amendment would be to disallow the raises for the positions of Operation Managers and Operations Assistant, the motion **itself wasn't clear regarding** the effect of the amendment. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, stated that it was realized after the meeting that the motion made on February 1, 2022 to amend a motion made on January 25, 2021 did not describe the specifics of what was being amended.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to amend action previously taken on January 25, 2022 to disallow the raises **for the positions of Sheriff's Office Operations Manager** and Operations Assistant that were approved on January 25, 2022.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Vrbka

Voting no: Culver

Motion Carried

It was stated that wages approved on January 25, 2022, will be paid to the Operation Managers and the Operation Assistant for the week of January 25, 2022 to February 1, 2022.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for January 2022 in the amount of \$43,213.09.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Sheriff's Fee and Mileage Report for November 2021 in the amount of \$1,347.00 and \$584.23 respectively.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic **to accept the Sheriff's Fee and Mileage Report** for December 2021 in the amount of \$1,139.00 and \$484.60 respectively.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for January 2022 in the amount of \$4,210.95.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign the "2 CFR Part 200 Single Audit Certification" form.

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

Motion Carried

During the agenda item involving ARPA, Ahmic reported she closed out the premium pay project as mentioned in her Commissioners Report and less than expected was spent. She participated in the NACO webinar about ARPA funding and learned that we can take the \$10,000,000 revenue loss portion of ARPA rules and then funds can be spent on things such as the tornado shelter at the West Wing, heating system expenses, etc. So far, the villages have asked for funds for water/sewer projects, Premium Pay to employees was given and we agreed to pay emergency responders a small portion of ARPA funds. The Commissioners discussed other projects that ARPA funds could be used for. Ahmic got information on meeting dates/times for fire departments and villages and the Commissioners decided who would go to the various meetings.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on February 15, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 8, 2022
4. Discuss /Action – Claims for the period through February 4, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Accept Zoning Dept. Fee Report for January 2022 - \$1,950.00
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for February 22, 2022

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Request to Rezone a tract of land in the SW ¼ of Section 20 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m. in H Precinct from A-1 District to TA-1 District

Discuss/Action – Res. - Rezone a tract of land in the SW ¼ of Section 20 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m. in H Precinct from A-1 District to TA-1 District

Public Hearing/Findings of Fact – Request for a Conditional Use Permit and Development Permit to operate and construct a tower in the SE ¼ of Section 20 Township 9 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. - Conditional Use Permit and Development Permit to operate and construct a tower in the SE ¼ of Section 20 Township 9 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 10:44 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, 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 15th day of February 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

February 15, 2022

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

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The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on February 15, 2022 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve claims through the period of February 4, 2022 except Claim No. 22020255 in the amount of \$10,000.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH FEBRUARY 4, 2022					
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,508.95	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$157,855.85
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	FE	\$4,408.79	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,086.61
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$91.63	SEW CO SHERIFF UNCLL FEES	FE	\$160.00
AKRS EQUIPMENT	SE	\$423.12	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$66.19
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$23.81	SOCIETY FOR HR MGMT	FE	\$219.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$21.28	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,382.72
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$17,338.74	SPORTS EXPRESS INC	SU	\$134.30
ARAMARK UNIFORM	SE	\$57.24	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTNG	SE	\$25.28
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$3,740.62	ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$448.00
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$390.00	STERICYCLE, INC	SE	\$49.41
BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$27.53	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$5,191.99
BOX BUTTE CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SU	\$1,001.22
CASS CO CLERK DIST CRT	SE	\$118.00	THOMSON REUTERS	SE	\$714.55
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$10,181.97	TIME WARNER CABLE	UT	\$357.97
CLERK OF THE DIST CRT	SE	\$684.00	TWIN RIVERS HLTH CARE	SE	\$25.00
CONNER PSYCH SERV	SE	\$770.00	UNIVERSITY OF NE LINCOLN	SE	\$3,195.30
CULLIGAN	SU	\$21.50	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,698.64
DES MOINES STAMP	SU	\$198.00	VISA	FE	\$54.79
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$2,609.33	WATER ENGINEERING	SE	\$210.00
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$380.78	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	FE	\$225.54
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$35.00	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$6,638.08
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$20.00	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$1,612.50
HAGERTY, SHAWN	SE	\$75.00	YORK COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$6.50
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$258.00	KENNETH PANKOKE	SE	\$418.69
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	EQ	\$42,765.86	CHEMSEARCH	SE	\$468.85
HOBSON AUTO & TIRE	SE	\$83.49	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$2,220.93
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$328.76	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$104.28
INDOFF INC	SU	\$375.81	HYDRAULIC EQUIP SERV	SE	\$96.13
J S WURM & ASSOC	SE	\$125.00	MATHESON TRI-GAS	SE	\$384.16
JEO CONSULTING GRP	SE	\$4,153.69	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$175.00

JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SE	\$99.60	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SE	\$2,091.14
JONES BANK	SE	\$399.58	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES	SE	\$1,192.50
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$17,464.35	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$186.27
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$131.48	NEXLINK AIS	SE	\$74.99
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$19.85	NMC, INC	FE	\$8,944.28
LANGUAGELINC INTERP SERV	SE	\$21.00	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$132.38
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$982.75	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$8,201.91
LOWER PLATTE WEED MGT AREA	FE	\$200.00	ROSE EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$3,180.96
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$674.94	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$25,951.00
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$110.50	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$48.77
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$42,187.10	SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$340.00
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$49.39	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$11,467.50
MIDWEST CARD & ID SOL	EQ	\$139.58	AGING PARTNERS	SE	\$135.97
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$208.50	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$217.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$35.23	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$370.10
NEBR STATE BAR ASSOC	FE	\$40.00	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$177.10
NEBR STATE FIRE MARSHAL	SE	\$360.00	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$122.75
NE WEED CONTROL ASSN	FE	\$120.00	RELENTLESS LLC	SE	\$1,950.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$17.00	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$1,789.86
ONESOURCE	SU	\$171.00	MIDWEST OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$39.99
OTOE CO SHERIFF	SE	\$59.82	NE SUPREME COURT	SE	\$692.10
WILLIAM OUREN	SE	\$150.00	OFFICENET	SU	\$108.96
PAC N SAVE	SU	\$72.14	POSITIVE CONCEPTS	SE	\$394.94
PACIFIC TRAINING GRP	SE	\$750.00	RAY ALLEN MFG	SU	\$49.99
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$205.00	TRANSUNION RISK	SE	\$661.60
PEREZ INTERPRETING	SE	\$400.00	WATCH GUARD VIDEO	SE	\$15,225.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$196.89	CEDARS	SE	\$520.00
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$722.00	ENCARTELE INC	SE	\$2,306.62
POTTAWATTAMIE CLRK CRT	SE	\$44.66	SALARIES		\$252,870.99
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$62.97	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
QUADIENT LEASING	SE	\$81.98	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
QUADIENT, INC	EQ	\$954.53	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$148.12	DELTA DENTAL		
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	VSP VISION		
SEW CO ASSESSOR REAPRSL FND	FE	\$20,000.00	WADDELL & REED		
SEWARD COUNTY COURT	SE	\$1,185.00			

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she watched a hearing of the Legislature in regard to Conservation Easements, met with the Zoning Administrator, attended the Public Defender swearing-in ceremony and the Beaver Crossing Fire meeting.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Staplehurst Fire Dept. meeting and will attend the Goehner Fire Dept. meeting next week.

Commissioner Culver reported he met with the Vice Chair of Seward/Saline Solid Waste organization in regard to the organization financials at the Cattle Bank, received various emails and visited with the Highway Supt.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he went to the Extension Board meeting, attended the Region V meeting, and will attend the Downtown Renovation meeting later in the week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Zoom meeting with the Southeast NE 911 Board and an active shooter meeting via Zoom, attended the new Public Defenders swearing-in ceremony, worked with the new 911 Director, and received calls from several employees.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3660 in regard to allowing Cattle Bank and Trust to pledge additional securities for the County Treasurer.

RESOLUTION No. 3660 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Cattle Bank & Trust desires to pledge the following securities:

SARPY COUNTY SID 243-CUSIP 80379AED0	\$165,361.35
FNMA POOL AL6487 -CUSIP 3138EPF58	\$208,458.50
TOTAL PLEDGED	\$373,819.85

WHEREAS: County deposits need to fully insured. Therefore, let it be resolved, the above pledging, by the Cattle Bank & Trust is approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic 02/15/2022
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell J. Zabrocki,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3661 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities for the County Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 3661 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Seward County Clerk request to release the following pledged securities to Jones Bank and Trust:

Wood River NE General Obligation Unltd Fixed Bonds
Federal BQ/ST Tax Exempt Book-Entr
Cusip # 978599DN5 in the amount of \$250,000.00

WHEREAS, after said release, the Seward County Clerk will continue to have sufficient pledged securities to cover the deposits in the Seward County Imprest Fund which exceed FDIC Coverage.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: That the Seward County Board of Commissioners approves the release of said above-described pledged securities.

Dated this 15th day of February 2022.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Zabrocki 02/15/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Zoning Dept. Fee Report for the month of January 2022 in the amount of \$1,950.00.

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

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to ask permission to place money **in the Detention Center's Sinking Fund**. **She stated that she had submitted a claim for training which was refunded.** Usually, when this happens, the money is given to the County Treasurer to be put in the fund from which it was paid and not in a sinking fund. The Commissioners decided not to change policy and put the refund in the General Fund, from which it was paid.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:21 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Allocation Agreement with the City of Milford in the amount of \$845,025.00

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

During disbursement of ARPA funds discussion, Commissioner Ahmic reported she and Commissioner Vrbka went to two Fire Dept. meetings this past week to give information about the Emergency Responder in Response to Public Health payments for which the County is utilizing ARPA funding. Ahmic stated that the County Attorney suggested paying those emergency responders who qualify directly instead of paying the villages, who would have to disperse the funds to emergency responders. The Commissioners are going to the fire dept meetings to get necessary forms completed. They will be meeting with Cordova and Goehner next week. They reported they were well received by those departments they have already visited.

Ahmic stated an ARPA use for funds is Revenue Loss Replacement. The entity receiving ARPA funds is allowed to replace an amount up to \$10,000,000. The Commissioners will wait until they know how much the various villages need to complete their projects to determine how much the County can claim under this provision.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:41 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. for an application to re-zone a tract of land in the SW ¼ of Section 20, Township 11 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, said the application for re-zone came before the Planning Commission on January 17, 2022. The application was denied due to several reasons such as the land being in the water conservation district.

Dennis and Sharon Radford gave information about their application and handed out a map of the area in which he is requesting re-zoning.

Dave Wegman testified in opposition of the application.

Dave Wagner spoke in opposition of said application.

Jenn McCracken spoke in opposition to said application.

Erma Naber spoke in opposition to said application.

Deb Jacobson spoke in opposition to said application

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to close the public hearing at 10:24 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Becky Paulsen re-read the specific findings of the Planning Commission.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3662 denying the re-zone application to re-zone a tract of land in the SW ¼ of Section 20, Township 11 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3662 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Owner Dennis Radford has applied for a Zoning District change for a quarter section of land from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to TA-1 Transitional Agriculture, and

WHEREAS the land is described as a tract in the Southwest ¼ of, Precinct H. Section 20, Township 11N, Range 4E, of the 6th Principal Meridian, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, the owner of record is Dennis Radford, and

WHEREAS Notice of Public Hearing by the Seward County Planning Commission was published in the Seward County Independent, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Zoning District change on January 17th, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission had a recommendation to Deny with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against, and 2 absent and not voting.

WHEREAS The Seward County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the Zoning Change on February 15th, 2022, and

WHEREAS Notice of Public Hearing by the Seward County Board of Commissioners was published in the Seward County Independent and

WHEREAS No one appeared to oppose said amendment

Individuals appeared to oppose said amendment

No one appeared to support said amendment

Individuals appeared to support said amendment

Individuals appeared without commitment, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby adopt Resolution _____ to approve_____, deny the Zoning District Change from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to TA-1 Transitional Agriculture.

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Zabrocki 02/15/2022

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

During discussion time of the motion, Ahmic said she sincerely saw the issue the **Radford's have** but said water conservation is important to Seward County.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to open the public hearing at 10:30 a.m. for a Conditional Use Permit and a Development Permit to operate and construct a tower in the SE ¼ of Section 20, Township 9 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Paulsen gave information of the Planning Commission's decision at their hearing on January 17, 2022 with a vote to recommend approval of the permits requested.

Information from Next Link representative, Dave Stava was provided.

Raegan Hain questioned the information given and said she was opposed to this application.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to close the public hearing at 10:43 a.m.

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

The Commissioners completed the Findings of Facts document.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF
CONDITIONAL USE/DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

REQUEST BY APPLICANT:
AMG TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT GROUP (dba) NEXTLINK

THIS MATTER came before the Board of Commissioners on the request of the Applicant for a CONDITIONAL USE/DEVELOPMENT PERMIT. Public Hearing was held on the 15th day of February 2022. Notice of said hearing was publicized on the 1st day of February 2022.

THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS recommends to
 X Approve the Conditional Use Permit
 Deny the Conditional Use Permit

With a Roll Call Vote of: 4 For 1 Against 0 Absent Not Voting

Upon Review of all necessary facts, the Seward County Board of Commissioners makes the following findings that the application is for the Installation and Use of **a Telecommunications Tower, and therefore subject to Seward County's** Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Matrix of the Seward County Zoning Regulations, which states:

Article 8: Section 8.01 Radio, Television and Wireless Communication towers.
8.01.01 Intent. To regulate towers, telecommunications facilities, and antennas in the county in conformance with the Communications Act without prohibiting or tending to prohibit any person from providing wireless service. Promote and encourage shared use.

Upon Review of all the necessary facts, the Seward County Board of Commissioners makes the following findings that:

1. Y The use, in all other respects, conforms to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located.
2. Y The use has adequate water, sewer, and drainage facilities.
3. Y The use is in harmony with the character of the area and the most appropriate use of the land.
4. Y The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, moral, comfort, or general welfare of the county.
5. Y The use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood. No evidence of property value diminishing.
6. Y The use will not impede the normal and orderly development of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district.
7. Y The use has adequate utilities, access roads, and drainage facilities.
8. Y That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets.
9. Y The use does not include noise, which is objectionable due to volume, frequency, or beat unless muffled or otherwise controlled.

10. Y The use does not involve any pollution of the air by fly-ash, dust, vapors or other substance which is harmful to health, animals, vegetation or other property or which can cause soiling, discomfort, or irritation.

11. Y The use does not involve any malodorous gas or matter, which is discernible on any adjoining lot or property

12. Y The use does not involve any direct or reflected glare, which is visible from any adjoining property or from any public street, road, or highway.

13. Y The use does not involve any activity substantially increasing the movement of traffic on public streets unless procedures are instituted to limit traffic hazards and congestion.

14. Y The use does not involve any activity substantially increasing the burden on any public utilities or facilities unless provisions are made for any necessary adjustments.

Specific Findings of fact Y Allowable in TA-1 District. Currently Zoned TA-1

This Conditional Use Permit is applicable to the Tower Only.

Every item, dish or antenna mounted on this tower, or boxes mounted on the ground requires a Separate Development Permit Each.

A Conditional Use Permit may be granted for a Telecommunication Tower in the designated zoning district: The following special conditions have been considered:

1. Y The effects on the adjacent property, traffic.
2. Y The public necessity and advantage.
3. Y The immediate and long-term effect on the environment and the public.
4. Y The concern for public safety.
5. Y The application includes documents to indicate conformance to all applicable governmental regulations and standards.
6. Y The application includes any affidavits or permits from the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, FAA and FCC in the event an approval is required by these agencies.
7. Y A decommission plan

FURTHER recommend specific conditions that are necessary or desirable to address the most appropriate use of the land, the conservation and stabilization of the value of property, the provision of adequate open space for light and air, concentration of populations, congestion of public streets, and the promotion of the general health, safety, welfare, convenience, and comfort of the public

Ken Schmieding, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Darrell J. Zabrocki

DATED THIS 15th day of February, 2022

John K. Culver, Board Chair

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3663 in regard to approving a Conditional Use Permit and a Development Permit to operate and construct a tower in the SE ¼ of Section 20, Township 9 North, Range 4 East of the 6th

RESOLUTION NO 3663 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, AMG Technology Investment Group (d.b.a. NEXTLINK) has applied for a Permitted Conditional Use Permit/ Development Permit to construct a 120' highspeed internet service tower, and

WHEREAS the property is described as part of the Southeast ¼ of, Section 20, Township 9N, Range 4E, in the 6th Principal Meridian of Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the application at a regular meeting January 17, 2022, and

WHEREAS notice of the public hearing was published in the Seward County Independent, the Milford Times, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended to approve the Permitted Conditional Use/Development Permit, with a vote of 7 In Favor, 0 Against, and 2 Absent and not voting, and

WHEREAS the Seward County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to consider the application at a regular meeting February 15, 2022, and

WHEREAS notice of the public hearing was published in the Seward County Independent, the Milford Times, and

WHEREAS ___ No one appeared to oppose said Permitted Conditional Use
X Individuals appeared to oppose said Permitted Conditional Use
___ No one appeared to support said Permitted Conditional Use
X Individuals appeared to support said Permitted Conditional Use,
___ Individuals appeared without commitment, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve X or ___ deny the Permitted Conditional Use Permit/Development Permit for AMG Technology Investment Group (d.b.a. NEXTLINK) to construct and operate a highspeed internet service tower in part of the Southeast ¼ of, Section 20, Township 9N, Range 4E in the 6th Principal Meridian of Seward County, Nebraska.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Zabrocki 02/15/2022
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Nays: Misty Ahmic
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver
Voting No: Ahmic

Motion Carried

In regard to funds being given to employees that are also First Responders. At the end of the meeting, Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, stated there are various county employees who are also First Responders. She stated that if these people went on calls during the day, they already got premium pay. Ahmic responded that she has talked with those employees and they did NOT respond to emergency calls while on county time. Armstead said she will put language in a resolution for the Board to pass.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on February 22, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 8, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on February 22, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 15, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for March 1, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Melissa Grantski - Request to close 462nd Road between Pioneers and A Street Road on Friday June 3, 2022 from Noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the Annual Big Blue Mile Shootout

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 11:01 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 22nd day of February 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

February 22, 2022
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 February 22, 2022 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 February 22, 2022 at 8:30 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 Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve Tax List Corrections 354-20R, 355-21R, 356-21R, 357-21R and 358-21R.

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 9, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 22, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 8:47 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 9th day or March 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

February 22, 2022

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 February 22, 2022 **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 February 22, 2022 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 Vrbka to approve the minutes of February 15, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

During Public/Officials/Boards time on the agenda, Terry Wicht and Sherry Schweitzer updated the Board on activities of their offices.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she received a call from Village of Cordova, went to the Cordova Fire Dept. meeting, attended the SCCDP Board meeting, attended the SCCDP/Planning Commission meeting, went to a Planning Commission meeting and will be attending a Four Corners meeting.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Goehner Fire Dept. meeting and Ag Society meeting.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Planning & Zoning meeting and dealt with various correspondences.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he met with Clark Kolterman about the Visitors Committee and went to the Seward Downtown Revitalization Committee meeting. He will go to the Seward Rotary meeting this week where Senator Fischer will be in attendance.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, 4th of July Committee meeting, noted there will be a new exhibit for the National Guard Museum, and went to the NIRMA office.

Jerry Zieg, a member of the Beaver Crossing Village Board, was present to answer any **questions about the Village's application for** American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. They are asking for funds for a Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request from Beaver Crossing for \$363,349.54 of Seward County ARPA Funds.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:28 a.m.

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

Melissa Grantski was present to request to close 462nd Road between Pioneers and A Street Road on Friday, June 3, 2022 from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the Annual Big Blue Mile Shootout.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to close 462nd Road between Pioneers and A Street Road on Friday, June 3, 2022 from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the Annual Big Blue Mile Shootout contingent on receiving proof of insurance for the event.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on the ARPA funds, stating that Pleasant Dale, Utica and Seward Fire Depts will be visited soon to collect information for their emergency responders. Feedback from the Fire Depts. have been good.

It was also noted that approximately \$1.248 million of Seward County ARPA funds are unobligated to date. It was mentioned that so far, Seward County has given funds to the following entities: Milford, Seward, Cordova and Beaver Crossing. Funds have also been given for a telehealth/telecounseling area for Veterans, Premium Pay for county employees and emergency responders and various equipment purchases in regard to the pandemic.

Commissioners Recessed at 9:41 a.m.

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

Bob Dahms, County Treasurer, and Sherry Leising, Deputy Treasurer, were present to discuss a property listing error. Real estate was listed twice in 2020 and they have requested to refund taxes and forgive interest for Parcel # 800231125.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic that due to a property listing error, to approve the forgiveness of interest for Parcel # 800231125 and refund of taxes for Parcel # 800043308 for the 2020 Tax Year.

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

The Board recessed at 9:54 a.m.

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, and Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, presented information to the Commissioners about requesting a shift differential for E911. He stated the extra pay for the 2nd and 3rd shifts is in line with what the Commissioners approved for the Sheriff and Detention Center.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve a shift differential pay of \$0.75 for the 2nd and 3rd shifts for E911 effective immediately.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present with Sanchez to discuss the current pay for Motor Grader Operators and Heavy Equipment Operators. Starting pay for these two positions were increased two weeks ago, and this week the *current* operator wages are being considered.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to increase wages 2% for Motor Grader Operators employed less than one year and increase wages \$2.00 for Motor Grader Operators employed more than a year, except employee #10200 who will get \$2.08 effective immediately.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to approve a \$2.00 wage increase for a current Heavy Equipment Operator, Employee #1921, effective immediately.

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

The next discussion was to request increases for all other current road dept. positions, excluding Administrative Positions.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve an increase of \$2.00 for all other current road dept. positions excluding the Administrative Position effective immediately.

During discussion time, Bob Dahms stated he feels the raises should wait until budget time.

Wicht stated his other positions do the same thing as the heavy equipment operators and motor grader operators and some of them are hardly above the wage the Commissioners approved two weeks ago. He said he is trying to retain employees.

Schmieding stated he feels that these employees should have their wages increased. Zabrocki stated he is in favor of the increase.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to amend the previous motion to exclude the Highway Supt. and Assistant Highway Supt. from being included in the wage increases.

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

Affirmative Vote on the motion as amended.

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

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to ask the Commissioners about funds for the County Appreciation Party.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve funds for the County Appreciation Event in the amount of \$45 per employee and allow the committee to organize.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:25 a.m.

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

Sheriff Vance and Chelsea Smith, Operations Manager for **the Sheriff's Office**, were present to request permission for the **Sheriff's Office to go outside of** the Nebraska Bid Process to purchase Out-of-State Vehicle for Year 2022 and purchase two vehicles out of state. Vance stated he has two cars that are over 140,000 miles and said if these cars are replaced, they will be put up for auction.

Moved by **Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to let the Sheriff's Office go outside of** the Nebraska Bid Process to purchase Out-of-State Vehicles for Year 2022 and purchase two vehicles out of state.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 1, 2022 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 February 22, 2022
5. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through February 18, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for March 9, 2022

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Proposed 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for Seward County

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:37 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 1st day of March 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

March 1, 2022

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 March 1, 2022 **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 March 1, 2022 at 8:30 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.

Those officials present for their monthly meeting with the Commissioners were Maria Hatfield, Gary Petersen and Sherry Schweitzer.

Harrison Helmer, Executive Director of BRIDGES, and Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, updated the Commissioners about their respective organization.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022.

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

Hatfield provided information on invoices she presented for payment and requested both be paid out of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to approve \$567.79 for mitigation supplies and \$690.00 for training for the Detention Center.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve claims for the period through February 18, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH FEBRUARY 22, 2022

ADP LLC	SE	\$3,875.70	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$4,759.75
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$34.38	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,696.90
AGING PARTNERS	SE	\$40,461.00	BLUE VALLEY DOOR CO	SE	\$500.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SE	\$173.38	CENTRAL SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$3,849.34
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$18,107.76	DALE JOHNSON ENT, INC	SU	\$11,503.99
BLUE RIVER TRANSMISSIONS	SE	\$82.40	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$92.49
BLUESTEM NETWORK LLC	UT	\$110.00	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SU	\$4.31
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SU	\$29.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES INC	SE	\$35.00
COMEDY PRODUCTIONS	SE	\$400.00	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$2,160.00
E 911	FE	\$30,448.67	REED ELECTRIC	SE	\$296.01
JENNIFER EICKHOFF	SE	\$6.44	SHAFFER COMMUNICATIONS	SE	\$438.50
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX	SE	\$139.96	NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSOC	FE	\$450.00
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$11,938.55	SE NEB TOURISM COUNCIL	FE	\$500.00
GENERAL FIRE & SAFETY EQ	SE	\$946.96	UTICA MUSEUM	FE	\$244.22
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,488.85	GWORKS	SE	\$11,593.32

HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$400.50	DELTA DENTAL OF NEBR	FE	\$29.97
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$246.93	VISION SERVICE PLAN INS	FE	\$23.29
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,264.54	MILFORD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$1,625.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$1,249.72	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$128.73
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$502.15	SEWARD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$1,625.00
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$2,037.85	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$92.80
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$42,627.15	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$1,500.00
MIDWEST GANG INVESTIG	SE	\$300.00	AMTEC LESS LETHAL SYS	SE	\$5,424.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$1,071.75	AMERICAN SECUR CABINETS	SU	\$2,013.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,268.29	BG&S TRANSMISSIONS	SE	\$4,790.00
JENNIFER NANTKES	SE	\$12.87	GALLS LLC	SE	\$166.99
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$190.00	GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SE	\$532.04
NE CRIMINAL DEF ATTY ASSO	SE	\$200.00	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$691.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$93.00	HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$1,430.24
NE SUPREME COURT	SE	\$42.10	JONES BANK	FE	\$50.00
NE NEB JUVENILE SERV	SE	\$3,577.50	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$2,810.35
OFFICE DEPOT	SU	\$11.29	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$12,962.28
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$25.64	PACIFIC TRAINING GRP	SE	\$300.00
PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$175.00	SECURITY EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$4,951.95
POLK CO CLERK OF COURT	SE	\$43.00	UPS	SE	\$11.22
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$6,634.00	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	SE	\$167.99
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$155,544.16	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$302.89
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$30.99	VIGILNET	SE	\$20.85
SEWARD CO SINKING FUND	FE	\$1,200.00	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICATE	SE	\$150.00
SEWARD COUNTY TREASURER	FE	\$25.00	AMERICAN JAIL ASSOCIATION	FE	\$690.00
SID DILLON	SE	\$108.45	ANCHOR PROMOTIONS	SU	\$567.79
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$1,411.94	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$390.37
ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCTNG	SE	\$716.00	GEOCOMM INC	SE	\$3,554.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	SE	\$5,505.44	SALARIES		\$264,149.87
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	SE	\$349.58	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	SE	\$10,878.53	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
UNIV OF NEBRASKA LINCOLN	SE	\$880.88	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
VERIZON CONNECT NWF	UT	\$834.69	DELTA DENTAL		
VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	SE	\$1,011.97	VSP VISION		
VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS INC	SE	\$20.00	WADDELL & REED		
VISA	FE	\$5,445.32			

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the SCCDP community update, attended the Pleasant Dale Fire Dept. meeting, a Four Corners Health District meeting, and attended a Four Corners Health District webinar.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he met with the Utica Fire Dept. and have been checking on road issues.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the 911 Board and Pleasant Dale Fire Dept. meetings, dealt with various emails and checked on some roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Downtown Redevelopment meeting and received calls about that. He will go to the Seward Fire Dept. meeting in the coming week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he also attended the 911 Board meeting, the Four Corners Health District board meeting and received calls about a road issue.

During the ARPA discussion on the agenda, Ahmic suggested reaching out to the villages that have shown an interest in applying for County ARPA funds.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:12 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:15 a.m.

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Director, brought three resolutions for short form plats to the Board for their consideration.

The first short form plat is for the Hentzen Addition in K Precinct in the SW ¼ of Section 1 Township 10 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

Paulsen gave information about the application and the Planning Commission’s recommendation.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3664 in regard to approving Hentzen Addition in K Precinct in the SW ¼ of Section 1 Township 10 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3664 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Neal, and Beth Hentzen own 160.0 acres of land and have applied for a Short Form Plat to subdivide land under 10.0 acres. and described as a tract of land in the Southwest 1/4 of, Section 1, Township 10N, Range 2E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, the subdivision shall be called the HENTZEN ADDITION SHORT FORM PLAT, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on February 21st, 2022, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission recommended to APPROVE the HENTZEN ADDITION SHORT FORM PLAT, with a vote of 8 For, 0 against, and 1 Absent and Not Voting, and

WHEREAS X No one appeared to oppose the subdivision

- Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision
- X No one appeared to support the subdivision
- Individuals appeared to support the subdivision
- Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve or Deny the HENTZEN ADDITION SHORT FORM PLAT with Resolution NO: 3664.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Schmieding 03/01/2022

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The next short form plat was for T & K Luebbe Subdivision in E Precinct in the NW ¼ of Section 19 Township 11 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

Paulsen gave information about the application and the Planning Commission’s recommendation.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3665 in regard to approving the T & K Luebbe Subdivision in E Precinct in the NW ¼ of Section 19 Township 11 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3665 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Jon and Billie Jo Schulz own 72.06 acres of land and have applied for a Short Form Plat to subdivide land under 10.0 acres. and described as a tract of land in the Southeast 1/4 of, Section 26, Township 10N, Range 1E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the subdivision shall be called the JON SCHULZ SUBDIVISION SHORT FORM PLAT, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on February 21st, 2022, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission recommended to APPROVE the JON SCHULZ SUBDIVISION SHORT FORM PLAT, with a vote of 8 For, 0 against, and 1 Absent and Not Voting, and

WHEREAS X No one appeared to oppose the subdivision

- Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision
- X No one appeared to support the subdivision
- Individuals appeared to support the subdivision
- Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve or Deny the JON SCHULZ SUBDIVISION SHORT FORM PLAT with Resolution NO: 3665.

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by: Ahmic 03/01/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The last short form plat for the Commissioners consideration is for the Jon Schulz Subdivision in L Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 26 Township 10 Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

Paulsen gave information about the application and the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3666 in regard to approving the Jon Schulz Subdivision short form plat in L Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 26 Township 10 Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION No. 3666 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Jon and Billie Jo Schulz own 72.06 acres of land and have applied for a Short Form Plat to subdivide land under 10.0 acres. and described as a tract of land in the Southeast 1/4 of, Section 26, Township 10N, Range 1E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the subdivision shall be called the JON SCHULZ SUBDIVISION SHORT FORM PLAT, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on February 21st, 2022, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission recommended to APPROVE the JON SCHULZ SUBDIVISION SHORT FORM PLAT, with a vote of 8 For, 0 against, and 1 Absent and Not Voting, and

WHEREAS X No one appeared to oppose the subdivision

- Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision
- X No one appeared to support the subdivision
- Individuals appeared to support the subdivision
- Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve or Deny the JON SCHULZ SUBDIVISION SHORT FORM PLAT with Resolution No: 3666.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic 03/01/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:27 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Sheriff Mike Vance and Blake Swicord **of the Sheriff's Office were** present to explain the need for a Petty Cash Fund for Criminal Investigations.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3667 in regard to approving a Petty Cash account **for the Sheriff's Office in the** amount of \$10,000.00 for criminal investigations.

RESOLUTION 3667 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD

WHEREAS, **the Seward County Sheriff's Office desires to establish a** petty cash fund in order to have funds in cash format for drug enforcement purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Seward County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes a petty cash fund for drug enforcement purposes. The Fund shall be called the Criminal Drug Investigation Fund. The amount of the Fund to be established shall be in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$10,000.00). Said Petty Cash Fund is to be maintained **by the Seward County Sheriff's Office** in accordance with proper accounting practices.

Drug enforcement purposes shall include, but not be limited to, the **following when used or expended by the Seward Sheriff's Office or its** agents in Seward County in discharging their responsibilities concerning traffic in controlled substances and in suppressing the abuse of controlled substances: (a) Salaries for informants and any expenses of all agents and informants; (b) Flash money for drug purchases; and (c) Money for drug purchases.

When it becomes necessary to replenish such fund, the claim therefor shall be accompanied by an accounting of transactions of the fund as the State Auditor may require. In no event shall such information compromise a pending investigation. Said claims submitted to the Board to reimburse the fund shall be kept confidential pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05 (5)*. The Fund shall be audited by the Auditor of Public Accounts. The dollar amount of the fund shall be stated in the fiscal policy of the county board budget message.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2022.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic 03/01/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:40 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Tammy Sladek, Cordova Village Board member, was present to discuss the application for Seward County ARPA funds for water filtration systems for the individual households in the village. Sladek said the individual filtration systems in each house was more financially feasible rather than putting a larger system on their water tower. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, stated she did not feel that this project would be **eligible for ARPA Funds since it is not "infrastructure" as defined in the ARPA rules.**

The Commissioners recessed at 9:50 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for Seward County.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., gave information on the main projects in process for the 1 Year Program.

Larry Ahrens spoke about Branched Oak Road near Staplehurst. He stated the road was at one time on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan, but years ago it had been taken off. He said it is hard surfaced but not concrete. Wicht stated that it can be put back on the Road Plan. Since it is hard surfaced, the work would be contracted out to be repaired/upgraded. Wicht stated the equipment the County owned for that type of work was old and inoperable. Clelland Tonniges and Tim Hegeholz also spoke in favor of paving it. Russ Daehling, former Highway Supt., also spoke about the previous paving program. It was suggested the hard surfaced portion of Branched Oak Road west of Staplehurst be extended one mile and added to the plan. Those also speaking on keeping the road upgraded were Kirk Hain, John Heath and Jason Butzke. It was also mentioned a culvert needs to be repaired on the road.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to close the public hearing at 10:23 a.m.

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

A resolution adopting the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan **will be considered at next week's** meeting.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 8, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 22, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 8, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 1, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Authorize County Clerk to Advertise for Abandoned Cemetery Mowing
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for March 15, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res. – 1 & 6 Year Plan for Seward County

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open bids for West Wing Tornado Shelter

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 10:30 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Vrbka, 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 8th day of March 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

March 8, 2022
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 March 8, 2022 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 March 8, 2022 at 8:30 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 Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 22, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 8, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 8:37 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 22nd day of March 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

March 8, 2022
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 March 8, 2022 **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 March 8, 2022 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of March 1, 2022.

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

Gary Petersen and Sherry Schweitzer updated the Commissioners on activities of their offices.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Milford Chamber of Commerce meeting, the Milford City Council meeting, the Garland Fire Dept. meeting, followed up on a constituent issue and worked on county addressing issues.

Commissioner Vrbka congratulated Zabrocki for being named to the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association Board (NIRMA). He stated he will attend an NRD meeting on Thursday, attended the County Tax Sale, and mentioned a legislative bill that if passed, will increase problems in our Detention Center.

Commissioner Culver reported he received information about a road issue, attended the Bee Village Board meeting, and will go to the NRD meeting.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Seward Fire Dept. meeting, received calls and will attend the Extension Board meeting this week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he completed the onboarding with the new 911 Director and went to the Seward Fire Dept and Tamora Fire Dept. meetings. He also checked roads within Seward County and attended the Seward City Council meeting.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to discuss the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. He mentioned that after the hearing last week, three projects have been added onto the plan.

Greg Butcher, Seward City Administrator, was present and spoke about the growth of Seward to the east and stated he would like to be communicating with the County on upgrading roads in that area. There is presently a new development planned on the east side of Seward. He

suggested having a meeting with a both city and county planning commissions and Commissioners/Council.

Raegan Hain, a member of the public, also spoke about repairing a culvert and adding a road near Utica on 462nd Road to the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Wicht indicated the culvert will be replaced on the portion of road she is talking about and that it will be returned to black top.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3668 in regard to the adoption of the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for Seward County including the three additional road projects as mentioned previously.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3668
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat 39-2119 require annual development and filing with the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards (NBCS) a One- and Six-Year Plan of highway, road, and street improvements based on a priority of needs and calculated to contribute to the orderly development of an integrated statewide system of highway, roads, and streets.

WHEREAS, a One- and Six-Year Plan was prepared and proposed to the governing body.

WHEREAS, an advanced notice was published in the local newspaper, stating that a public hearing will be held on the proposed One- and Six-Year Plan, was held in the County Commissioner's Room in the Seward County Courthouse, Seward, Nebraska, on Tuesday, March 1st, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

WHEREAS, an advanced notice was posted at the following places where it was likely to attract attention: Seward Post Office, Seward County Courthouse, Seward Memorial Library and the Seward City Hall.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on the proposed One- and Six-Year Plan, as stated in the advance notices, on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

WHEREAS, the One- and Six- Year Plan as approved by resolution of the governing body on March 8, 2022 at 9:15 a.m.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska, that the aforementioned approved One- and Six-Year Plan is hereby adopted for submittal to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards (NBCS).

Adopted this 8th day of March 2022 at Seward, Nebraska.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic 03/08/2022
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell J. Zabrocki,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open bids at 9:30 a.m. for the West Wing Tornado Shelter.

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

Bids were received from Torshel Storm Shelters and Atlas Safe Rooms.

Bids will be awarded in the near future.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for abandoned cemetery mowing.

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

Marci Fehlhafer, Executive Director of CASA, was present to update the Commissioners on activities of her organization. She thanked the Commissioners for using Seward County American **Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the purchase of an "Owl" for Zoom meetings.**

She asked that she be permitted to place a table just inside the courthouse for an event in April for Child Abuse Prevention Month. She would put a table inside the courthouse and signs on county property.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the request from CASA to place a table inside the Courthouse and two signs to be put on county property in April for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to accept Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for February 2022 in the amount of \$4,548.53.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution 3669 in regard to amending Resolution No. 3665 approving T & K Luebbe Subdivision due to errors on the original resolution.

AMENDED RESOLUTION No. 3669 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Troy J., and Kaylene A. Luebbe own 154.55 acres of land and have applied for a Short Form Plat to subdivide land under 10.0 acres. and described as a tract of land in the Northwest 1/4 of, Section 19, Township 11N, Range 1E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the subdivision shall be called the T&K LUEBBE SUBDIVISION SHORT FORM PLAT, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on February 21st, 2022, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission recommended to APPROVE the T&K LUEBBE SUBDIVISION SHORT FORM PLAT, with a vote of 8 For, 0 against, and 1 Absent and Not Voting, and

WHEREAS X No one appeared to oppose the subdivision

 ___ Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision

X No one appeared to support the subdivision

 ___ Individuals appeared to support the subdivision

 ___ Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve or Deny the T&K LUEBBE SUBDIVISION SHORT FORM PLAT with Resolution NO: 3669 .

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by: Ahmic 03/08/2022

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Sheriff Mike Vance was present to discuss a legislative bill that is presently in the Legislature. LB 921, if passed, will require county jails to house inmates who are charged with certain

offenses instead of being housed at the Nebraska Penitentiary. Vance stated that if this bill passes, it will increase costs and liability for the county. He has a meeting scheduled with our Senator to discuss this and asked if a commissioner can join him. Jon Cannon of NACO will also be asked to join them.

The Commissioners discussed a resolution on the agenda to change addresses of certain county residents. When Seward County completed their 911 addressing, rural residents were **given a "Road" address**, (i.e., 1234 Holdrege Road), but residents lying *within* a rural subdivision were also given a **"Unit" number**. Some of these residents have asked to have their addresses changed **from a "Unit" number to a formal address using "Trail" for example**. The process for these requests was outlined in the 1997 zoning regulations. In 2006, the regulations were updated, but was moot on the process of changing addresses. Without getting clarification, the Zoning Administrator, upon getting the address change requests, changed their address. The appropriate process from the 1997 regulations should have been followed which states the Board of Commissioners, by resolution, needs to approve these requests. The resolution on the agenda is to formally approve the addresses of these residents since they have already been in use for up to two years. It was noted, however, that information on the resolution to approve these changes was incorrect. The resolution will be addressed at next **week's meeting**.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Zoning Dept. Fee Report for February 2022 in the amount of \$2,100.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for February 2022 in the amount of \$33,610.45.

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

The Commissioners discussed ARPA funds. It was noted that various Commissioners have been visiting the Fire Depts and getting the appropriate paperwork completed in order to complete the emergency **responder's** payment. No application for Seward County ARPA funds has been received from Pleasant Dale or Bee, even though they have indicated they have projects that would qualify for ARPA funding. Discussion about a project involving individual water meters for Utica was discussed.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 15, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 8, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through March 4, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Res. – Change 210th Road, Units 20-50 to Burr Oak Trail **Addresses as suggested by the County attorney's Office.**
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for March 22, 2022

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing/Findings of Facts – Conditional Use Permit for a Livestock Feeding Operation (LFO-2) for Wehrs Feed Yard LLC in Precinct N in the W ¼ SE ¼ and E ½ of SW ¼ of Section 12 Township 9 North Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. - Conditional Use Permit for a Livestock Feeding Operation (LFO-2) for Wehrs Feed Yard LLC in Precinct N in the W ½ SE ¼ and E ½ of SW¼ of Section 12 Township 9 North Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:39 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 15th day of March 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

March 15, 2022
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 March 15, 2022 **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 March 15, 2022 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of March 8, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved to Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding approve the claims for the period through March 4, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MARCH 4, 2022					
ADV CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,714.68	VERIZON WIRELESS	UT	\$2,279.58
ADV OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$239.67	VISA	FE	\$740.07
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$23.47	WELLS FARGO FINAN LEAS	SE	\$198.15
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$18,611.45	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$6,714.00
BLUE360 MEDIA	SE	\$174.59	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$1,353.00
BRENNAN LAW	SE	\$1,107.81	YORK COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$31.30
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,380.00	KENNETH PANKOKE	SE	\$397.52
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$10,189.07	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$15,985.28
CLERK OF DIST CRT	SE	\$679.00	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$223.78
COOPERATIVE EXT DIV	SE	\$225.00	G & P DEVEL LANDFILL	SU	\$40.71
CULLIGAN	SE	\$39.00	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SE	\$400.61
JACK DANIEL	SE	\$70.20	LA QUINTA INN	TR	\$511.00
DES MOINES STAMP	SU	\$53.05	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$372.89
DIAMOND DRUGS	SE	\$568.45	MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$957.54
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,207.59	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$191.03
ELECTRONIC CONTRACT	SE	\$1,200.00	NEWMAN SIGNS, INC	SU	\$2,029.63
ESRI	SE	\$1,750.00	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$74.99
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$729.08	NMC, INC	EQ	\$16,811.96
JONATHAN FRAZER	SE	\$5,025.50	OREILLY AUTOM	SE	\$94.95
GALLS LLC	SE	\$243.27	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$249.18
GWORCS	SE	\$750.00	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO	SE	\$601.63
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$238.00	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	SE	\$1,177.82
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$402.76	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$25,249.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,824.87	SEWARD CO TREASURER	SE	\$17.00
KINER SUPPLY COMPANY	SU	\$86.95	SEWARD ELECTRONICS	SE	\$97.46
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$246.07	UTICA PARTS & SERVICE	SE	\$135.73
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$35.54	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$84.14
STEPHANIE LUEBBE	SE	\$28.08	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$55.76
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$450.69	ANDERSON AUTO GRP	EQ	\$58,431.00
SUE MEDINGER	SE	\$25.74	CATTLE BANK & TRUST	FE	\$138,271.81
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$103.35	JONES BANK	FE	\$138,271.81

MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$110.50	ACCURATE CONTROLS	SE	\$1,856.36
MIDWEST OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$39.99	COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	SE	\$129.99
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,268.29	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING INC	SE	\$1,013.75
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$105.00	SEWARD COUNTY CHAMBER	FE	\$1,500.00
NEBR STATE FIRE MARSHAL	SE	\$72.00	DELTA DENTAL OF NEBR	FE	\$29.97
NEBRASKA.GOV	SE	\$8.50	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$58,927.79
DALE NIEMANN	SE	\$42.12	VISION SERVICE PLAN INS	FE	\$23.29
NORFOLK LODGE	TR	\$208.00	MILFORD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$182.00
ONESOURCE	SU	\$282.00	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$122.60
ORKIN LLC	SE	\$122.00	SEWARD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$353.50
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$65.00	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$196.00
SCOTT PEKAREK	SE	\$19.90	FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$1,095.00
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$48.00	NE STATE PATROL FOUND	FE	\$5,100.00
PROF DEVEL ACADEMY	SE	\$1,645.00	RELENTLESS LLC	FE	\$5,000.00
QUADIANT LEASING	FE	\$81.98	GRAHAM TIRE	EQ	\$599.28
QUADIANT, INC	SU	\$57.99	TRANSUNION RISK	FE	\$306.00
ZOE RICHERT	SE	\$58.50	UPS	SE	\$18.08
BRENT SCHLUCKEBIER	SE	\$9.36	NE JUVENILE JUSTICE ASSOC	FE	\$300.00
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$616.00	CASA	FE	\$1,278.90
SEW CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,840.78	APCO INTL	SE	\$30.00
SEWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$10,059.64	E911 WIRELESS FUND	FE	\$4,566.24
SEW SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$292.00	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$280.00
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$7,439.75	ENCARTELE INC	SE	\$1,706.96
SPORTS EXPRESS INC	SU	\$178.60	SALARIES		\$270,860.58
ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,152.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,346.55	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
THAYER COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$132.56	MID AMERICAN WISCONSIN		
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$1,378.55	DELTA DENTAL		
TIME WARNER CABLE	UT	\$407.40	VSP VISION		
TWIN RIVERS HLTH CR	SE	\$50.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Milford Fire Dept. meeting, did some follow-up work for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) disbursements, met with a member of the Planning Commission, had a meeting with Senator Kolterman in regard to LB 921 and prepared a formal letter to send to him.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he went to an Upper Big Blue NRD meeting last week and will meet with representatives from the NRD on Thursday, March 17, 2022.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with various emails, issues concerning road names, and will attend the Blue Valley Community Action meeting tonight.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he had a telephone conversation with the Public Defender, received some concerns from citizens, and will attend a Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2022.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he met with NIRMA representatives, attended the meeting with Senator Kolterman concerning LB 921, attained paperwork for the Emergency Responders disbursement of ARPA funds and attended a Broadband Task Force Committee meeting yesterday.

The Agenda item regarding changing addressing on 210th Rd to Burr Oak Trail was not discussed and will be on next week's agenda.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3670 amending Resolution No. 3658 in regard to changing the dates in Item G to 4/1/2022 through 4/15/2022.

RESOLUTION # 3670 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD

Whereas, there were only \$871.26 of unsold taxes at the last tax sale.

Therefore, it would be in the best interest of this County to issue County Tax Certificates earlier than **4/21/2022 date mentioned in item "G" in resolution #3658** adopted by this board on 1/11/2022.

Therefore, let it be resolved item "G" reads: "the board, then, directs the Treasurer to write unsold taxes in the name of the County using dates 4/1/2022 to 4/15/2022."

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic 03/15/22

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, brought three items to the Board for their consideration.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the Local Emergency Planning Committee Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan.

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

Moved by to Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Seward County Mutual Aid Association Agreement.

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

The Commissioners discussed the tornado shelter bids which were opened last week. Petersen and the Commissioners reviewed the different aspects of each bid.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to award the bid to Atlas Safe Rooms in the amount of \$42,780.00 for a tornado shelter for the West Wing building.

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

Debby Aegerter of the Seward County Public Defender's office was present to discuss a lease for a new copy machine.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign a lease for a Sharp MX-30715 Color Copier/Printer/Fax Machine for the Public Defender's office.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3671 in regard to **accepting the County Treasurer's Certification** Return of Tax Sale which marks the end of the Public Sale and the start of the Private Sale.

RESOLUTION # 3671 of the
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS: WE THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAVE EXAMINED THE RETURN, CERTIFICATION, AS SUBMITTED TO US BY THE SEWARD COUNTY TREASURER.

LET IT BE RESOLVED, THAT THIS COUNTY BOARD ACCEPTS THE RETURN OF CERTIFICATION, AS GIVEN TO THE SEWARD COUNTY CLERK, FOR THE PUBLIC SALE HELD THIS PAST MARCH 7, 2022.

FURTHER, LET IT BE RESOLVED, ACCEPTANCE OF THE RETURN MARKS THE END OF THE PUBLIC SALE AND THE START OF THE PRIVATE SALE.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, UNSOLD TAXES WILL BE WRITTEN IN THE NAME OF THE COUNTY USING DATES 4/1/22 TO 4/15/22.

THE AMOUNT OF TAXES SOLD WAS \$88,104.68 AND THE AMOUNT UNSOLD WAS \$871.26.00 OF TAXES & UNSOLD SPECIALS \$2,559.02.

Dated this 15th day of March, 2022

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Zabrocki 03/15/22
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:37 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, spoke to the Board about changes in wages for the Road Dept. She said Employee # 2303 was assigned an incorrect wage due to length of employment.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to approve the adjustment in wages to \$18.63 per hour for Employee No. 2303.

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

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator, led discussion on the Conditional Use Permit for a Livestock Feeding Operation (LFO-2) for Wehrs Feed Yard LLC in Precinct N in the W ½ SE ¼ and E ½ SW ¼ of Section 12 Township 9 North Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

Mr. Allen Kampschneider of Nutrient Advisors was present to give information about the Conditional Use Permit.

No one spoke at said public hearing

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to close the public hearing at 10:05 a.m.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3672 in regard to approving the Conditional Use Permit for a Livestock Feeding Operation (LFO-2) for Wehrs Feed Yard LLC in Precinct N in the W ½ SE ¼ and E ½ SW ¼ of Section 12 Township 9 North Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION # 3672 of the
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS WEHRS FEED YARD LLC. has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for a Livestock Feeding Operation (LFO-2), and

THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS recommends to

approve the conditional use permit

deny the conditional use permit

upon the findings that:

1. The use, in all other respects, conforms to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located. Does conform with the Matrix for Conditional Use.
2. The use has adequate water, sewer, and drainage facilities.
3. The use is in harmony with the character of the area and the most appropriate use of the land. Yes, it fits with the Nebraska Livestock Matrix and the Seward County Matrix.
4. The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, moral, comfort, or general welfare of the county.
5. The use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood.
6. The use will not impede the normal and orderly development of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district. This use is allowed in an A-1 district with a CUP.
7. The use has adequate utilities, access roads, and drainage facilities.
8. That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets.
9. The use does not include noise, which is objectionable due to volume, frequency, or beat unless muffled or otherwise controlled.
10. The use does not involve any pollution of the air by fly-ash, dust, vapors or other substance which is harmful to health, animals, vegetation or other property or which can cause soiling, discomfort, or irritation.
11. The use does not involve any malodorous gas or matter, which is discernible on any adjoining lot or property.
12. The use does not involve any direct or reflected glare, which is visible from any adjoining property or from any public street, road, or highway.
13. The use does not involve any activity substantially increasing the movement of traffic on public streets unless procedures are instituted to limit traffic hazards and congestion.
14. The use does not involve any activity substantially increasing the burden on any public utilities or facilities unless provisions are made for any necessary adjustments.

Specific Findings of Fact:

*NDEE Construction and Operating Permit

*Nebraska State Water and Health Regulations.

*Site Plan

*Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan Packet

*Letters of Support and a Waiver

FURTHER recommend specific conditions that are necessary or desirable to address the most appropriate use of the land, the conservation and stabilization of the value of property, the provision of adequate open space for light and air, concentration of populations, congestion of public streets, and the promotion of the general health, safety, welfare, convenience, and comfort of the public.

This is an Allowed Use per Seward County Matrix as a Conditional Use Permit in an A-1.

DATED THIS 15th day of March 2022.

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

The Commissioners discussed the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA). Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to ask for funds for a full body thermal scanning system. It allows many benefits such as scanning for contraband instead of having to strip search detainees. She was asking for a portion of the cost to be paid from ARPA funds. She also said she would be going to the Seward County State Drug Forfeiture Fund meeting to ask for funds. The Commissioners showed support for the purchase and asked Hatfield to come back after she has more information.

Ahmic also reported the next ARPA report is due the end of April. She mentioned that Commissioners have attended meetings of all the Fire Departments. She thanked them for helping get the appropriate paperwork for paying emergency responders.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 22, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 8, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 22, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 15, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for March 29, 2022

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open Bids for Mowing Abandoned Cemeteries

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 10:30 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 22nd day of March 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

March 22, 2022
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 March 22, 2022 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 March 22, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky
Dep. County Treasurer: Sherry Leising

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 March 8, 2022.

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

Leising brought a Vehicle Tax Exemption Application for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Tax Exemption Application from Concordia University for a 2014 Dodge Ram VIN # 2C4JRGAG0ER20234.

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

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on April 12, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 22, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:47 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 12th day of April 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

March 22, 2022
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 March 22, 2022 **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 at 9:00 a.m. on March 22, 2022

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 Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of March 15, 2022.

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

Those officials speaking to the Commissioners were Sherry Leising, Deputy County Treasurer, and Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk. **The discussion was about Spam email and that Soarin'** was asked to educate supervisors/employees on the issue. Schweitzer also mentioned that the .gov domain was obtained many months ago and the website has never been changed.

Jim Woolsey, a Seward County resident who lives on the hard surfaced road going south into Cordova, spoke to the Commissioners about the noise that semi-trucks are using when their brakes are applied. It is the same road where the Big Blue Mile Shootout has their event. He also mentioned that he is worried about the speed at which the cars are traveling during the event. The Commissioners reported they will look into the situation.

Matt Starkey, Seward County Public Transit/Veterans Service Officer, was present to ask permission to allow him to accept a donation. The donation was specifically given for the transportation to VA medical appointments. The State Auditor's office was contacted. They suggested two different processes which the Commissioners would need to approve.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the request of the **Veteran's Service Office to accept a donation for Veteran's** transportation and process the funds using an E-Pass card to process said funds.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported that the HR Office has been updating the website, went to the Planning Commission meeting, started a Zoom meeting with NPPD about broadband until she realized another Commissioner was already participating, worked on wind regulations, and reviewed the grievance policy.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he had meetings with NPPD about a land issue and will attend the Ag Society meeting this week.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the meetings of Blue Valley Community Action, the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) in York and a Planning and Zoning meeting. He received phone calls about roads and is reviewing the budget process for the coming year.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting and the Southeast Nebraska Development District meeting. He will attend the Visitors Committee meeting and a Concordia University luncheon this coming week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting last week, went to the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) in regard to recently being appointed a board member, LEPC meeting, two meetings involving broadband, and went to a meeting in regard to East Seward traffic due to a new subdivision being developed soon.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open bids for the mowing of abandoned cemeteries in Seward County.

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

Bids were received from Niemann Mowing, Greenr-Up Lawncare and Bob Riley. The bid will be awarded next week.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3673 in regard to changing addresses of 1566 210th Road, Units 10 - 50 to 2010 - 2051 Burr Oak Trail.

RESOLUTION NO. 3673

SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the street address for the properties located on the road taking access off of 210th **Road were assigned the street address of "1566 - 210th Road," with each** residence being assigned a separate unit number as follows:

1566 – 210th Road, Unit 10, Seward, Nebraska [current owners Rick & Barbara Standley]

1566 – 210th Road, Unit 20, Seward, Nebraska [current owners Jodie & Jarrell Green]

1566 – 210th Road, Unit 30, Seward, Nebraska [current owner David Wegman]

1566 – 210th Road, Unit 40, Seward, Nebraska [current owner Peter Wegman]

1566 – 210th Road, Unit 50, Seward, Nebraska [current owners Adam & Jennifer McCracken]

WHEREAS, the current property owners of the residences at those addresses have **requested that the road be given a name other than "210th Road" in order to** minimize confusion;

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2020, the property owners were notified by the Seward **County Zoning Administrator that the street name to their property would be "Burr Oak Trail" and each address was assigned a number:**

1566 – 210th Road, Unit 10, Seward, Nebraska became 2041 Burr Oak Trail, Seward, Nebraska

1566 – 210th Road, Unit 20, Seward, Nebraska became 2030 Burr Oak Trail, Seward, Nebraska

1566 – 210th Road, Unit 30, Seward, Nebraska became 2020 Burr Oak Trail, Seward, Nebraska

1566 – 210th Road, Unit 40, Seward, Nebraska became 2010 Burr Oak Trail, Seward, Nebraska

1566 – 210th Road, Unit 50, Seward, Nebraska became 2051 Burr Oak Trail, Seward, Nebraska

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has been notified of the above address changes and has been utilizing the new addresses;

WHEREAS, the Seward County Zoning Regulations that were in place immediately prior to the current zoning regulations were adopted in 1996 and contained a **section entitled "E-911 Addressing," which sets out the naming scheme for roads in Seward County;**

WHEREAS, the current Seward County Zoning Regulations were adopted in 2007 and, whether by design or oversight, did not contain a section regarding scheme by which Seward County roads are to be named;

WHEREAS, the 2007 Zoning Regulations do not contain a section regarding addressing and do not contain a provision that repealed the 1996 E-911 Addressing section; therefore, the 1996 section still controls;

WHEREAS, as the current zoning regulations were silent on the issue of addressing and the existence of the current controlling section was not immediately apparent, the resulting address change was made out of compliance with the E-911 Addressing section, which provides:

Sec. 16: E-911 Addressing

1-1.2 Private Road Names All private roadways, that serve more than one residence, and that take direct access from a County Road will be designated a name or **number, which shall end in "Drive" and be on a blue road sign.**

1-1.2.3 All private roads that take access onto an East/West county road shall be given a number that will follow the County Road numbering sequence and end in **"Drive."**

1-1.2.4 All private roadways that take access onto a North/South county road shall be **given a name that will end in "Drive."**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the naming scheme, road **names ending in "Circle, Lane, Trail, or Way" are reserved for private roadways that serve more than one residence** and take access from a private roadway;

WHEREAS, the private roadway takes access off of 210th Road, which is North/South county road; therefore, the road should have been assigned a name **ending in "Drive";**

WHEREAS, given the period of time during which these addresses have been used and because the change was made by an official with Seward County, Seward County recognizes that it would be burdensome to and cause undue confusion for the property owners to change the addresses to comply with the naming scheme;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners hereby names the road taking access off 210th Road, previously named 1566 - 210th Road, as Burr Oak Trail. The road name shall be posted by Seward County on a blue road sign and addresses for the existing properties are assigned as follows:

1566 – 210th Road, Unit 10, Seward, Nebraska is now 2041 Burr Oak Trail, Seward, Nebraska

1566 – 210th Road, Unit 20, Seward, Nebraska is now 2030 Burr Oak Trail, Seward, Nebraska

1566 – 210th Road, Unit 30, Seward, Nebraska is now 2020 Burr Oak Trail, Seward, Nebraska

1566 – 210th Road, Unit 40, Seward, Nebraska is now 2010 Burr Oak Trail, Seward, Nebraska

1566 – 210th Road, Unit 50, Seward, Nebraska is now 2051 Burr Oak Trail, Seward, Nebraska

Dated this 22nd day of March, 2022.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic 03/22/2022
Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Darrell J. Zabrocki,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, was present during the discussion of updating the Grievance Policy in the Seward County Personnel Policy. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, explained that she drafted the new suggested policy. There was lengthy discussion on the suggested draft from Marilyn Hladky, Sherry Leising and Sherry Schweitzer. Armstead will take the suggestions and re-draft a suggested policy.

Morgan Kozisek of the Seward Sixpence Program was present to request an event be on the courthouse square.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve the request to use the county sidewalk for the Sixpence Program event, **"Chalk the Walk" on April 5, 2022 at 10 a.m.**

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

Katrina Ramer of the County Attorney's Office was present to ask consideration for approval of the 2023 Juvenile Service Grant Application.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2023 Juvenile Services (JS) Grant Application.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to ask the Commissioners' consideration for the Supplemental Agreement for the Beaver Crossing South Project.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3674 in regard to authorize the Chairman to sign the Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for Project BRO-7748(1) Beaver Crossing South.

RESOLUTION
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – BK1708
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2

SEWARD COUNTY
Resolution No. 3674

Whereas: Seward County and HDR Engineering, Inc. have previously executed an Environmental Services agreement for a transportation project for which the Local Public Agency (LPA) would like to obtain Federal funds; and

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

Whereas: Seward County and HDR Engineering, Inc. wish to enter into a supplemental Environmental Services agreement setting out modifications and/or additional duties and/or funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska that:

John Culver, Chair of the Seward County Board of Commissioners, is hereby authorized to sign the attached Environmental Services Supplemental Agreement No. 2 between Seward County and HDR Engineering, Inc.

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

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7748(1)
NDOT Control Number: 13363
NDOT Project Description: Beaver Crossing South

Adopted this 22nd day of March, 2022 at Seward, Nebraska.

The Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska:

Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell J. Zabrocki
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Board/Council Member: Vrbka
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Ahmic Seconded the Motion
Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3675 in regard to changing addresses of 1901 140th Road, Units 10-40 to 1893 – 1899 Aspen trail

RESOLUTION NO. 3675

SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the street address for the properties located on the road taking access to the west and then north off of 140th Road were assigned the street **address of "1901 – 140th Road," with each residence being assigned a separate** unit number as follows:

1901 – 140th Road, Unit 10, Garland, Nebraska [current owners Richard & Debra Edelmaier]

1901 – 140th Road, Unit 20, Garland, Nebraska [current owner Philip Hughes]

1901 – 140th Road, Unit 30, Garland, Nebraska [current owners Kevin & Deborah Rosenau]

1901 – 140th Road, Unit 40, Garland, Nebraska [current owners Matthew & Cassandra Langan]

WHEREAS, the current property owners of the residences at those addresses **have requested that the road be given a name other than "140th Road" in order** to minimize confusion;

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2020, the property owners were notified by the Seward County Zoning Administrator that the street name to their property **would be "Aspen Trail" and each address was assigned a number:**

1901 – 140th Road, Unit 10, Garland, Nebraska became 1899 Aspen Trail, Garland, Nebraska

1901 – 140th Road, Unit 20, Garland, Nebraska became 1895 Aspen Trail, Garland, Nebraska

1901 – 140th Road, Unit 30, Garland, Nebraska became 1897 Aspen Trail, Garland, Nebraska

1901 – 140th Road, Unit 40, Garland, Nebraska became 1893 Aspen Trail, Garland, Nebraska

WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service has been notified of the above address changes and has been utilizing the new addresses;

WHEREAS, the Seward County Zoning Regulations that were in place immediately prior to the current zoning regulations were adopted in 1996 and **contained a section entitled "E-911 Addressing," which sets out the naming scheme for roads in Seward County;**

WHEREAS, the current Seward County Zoning Regulations were adopted in 2007 and, whether by design or oversight, did not contain a section regarding scheme by which Seward County roads are to be named;

WHEREAS, the 2007 Zoning Regulations do not contain a section regarding addressing and do not contain a provision that repealed the 1996 E-911 Addressing section; therefore, the 1996 section still controls;

WHEREAS, as the current zoning regulations were silent on the issue of addressing and the existence of the current controlling section was not immediately apparent, the resulting address change was out of compliance with the E-911 Addressing section, which provides:

Sec. 16: E-911 Addressing

1-1.2 Private Road Names All private roadways, that serve more than one residence, and that take direct access from a County Road will be designated a **name or number, which shall end in "Drive" and be on a blue road sign.**

1-1.2.3 All private roads that take access onto an East/West county road shall be given a number that will follow the County Road numbering sequence and end in **"Drive."**

1-1.2.4 All private roadways that take access onto a North/South county road **shall be given a name that will end in "Drive."**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the naming scheme, road **names ending in "Circle, Lane, Trail, or Way" are reserved for private roadways that serve more than one residence and take access from a private roadway;**

WHEREAS, the private roadway takes access off of 140th Road, which is North/South county road; therefore, the road should have been assigned a name **ending in "Drive";**

WHEREAS, given the period of time during which these addresses have been used and because the change was made by an official with Seward County, Seward County recognizes that it would be burdensome to and cause undue confusion for the property owners to change the addresses to comply with the naming scheme;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of

Commissioners hereby names the road taking access off 140th Road, previously named 1901 – 140th Road, as Aspen Trail. The road name shall be posted by Seward County on a blue road sign and addresses for the existing properties are assigned as follows:

1901 – 140th Road, Unit 10, Garland, Nebraska is now 1899 Aspen Trail, Garland, Nebraska

1901 – 140th Road, Unit 20, Garland, Nebraska is now 1895 Aspen Trail, Garland, Nebraska

1901 – 140th Road, Unit 30, Garland, Nebraska is now 1897 Aspen Trail, Garland, Nebraska

1901 – 140th Road, Unit 40, Garland, Nebraska is now 1893 Aspen Trail, Garland, Nebraska

DATED THIS 22nd day of March, 2022.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic 03/22/22

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3676 to clarify the Zoning Regulations in regard to E911 addressing.

RESOLUTION NO. 3676

SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Seward County Zoning Regulations that were in place immediately prior to the current zoning regulations were adopted and took effect in 1996;

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2003, the 1996 Regulations were amended by Seward County Board of Commissioners Resolution **No. 2224 to add "Section 16: E-911 Addressing," which set out the scheme for naming roads in Seward County,** Nebraska;

WHEREAS, the current Seward County Zoning Regulations were adopted on June 26, 2007, with an effective date of June 26, 2007, by Seward County Board of Commissioners Resolution No. 2567;

WHEREAS, whether by design or oversight, neither the 2007 Zoning Regulations as adopted nor subsequent amendments contain a section regarding a scheme by which Seward County roads are to be named and they do not contain a provision that repealed the 1996 E-911 Addressing section;

WHEREAS, since the current Zoning Regulations as adopted and amended are silent as to a scheme to name county roads and did not repeal the 1996 Zoning Regulations regarding E-911 Addressing, the 1996 E-911 Addressing section still controls;

WHEREAS, the Seward County Board of Commissioners wishes to officially add the controlling section regarding E-911 Addressing to the current Zoning Regulations in order to provide adequate notice and avoid confusion;

WHEREAS, no public hearing before the planning board was held or required as the E-911 Addressing section currently controls and this amendment is only to incorporate it into the current Zoning Regulations;

WHEREAS, a copy of the E-911 Addressing section to be incorporated into the Zoning Regulations is attached hereto. Said section has been edited from the

original only to match the formatting of the current Zoning Regulations and correct grammatical errors;

WHEREAS, currently the last section of the Zoning Regulations is Section 12; therefore, the E911 Addressing section shall be titled as Section 13.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED **that the "Section 13: E-911 Addressing"** as attached is hereby incorporated into the Zoning Regulations adopted by Seward County Board of Commissioners Resolution No. 2567.

DATED THIS 22nd day of March, 2022.

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Zabrocki 03/22/22
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

ARTICLE 13: E-911 ADDRESSING

This section provides for official roadway names and address numbering system for all rural development, both new and existing, and eliminating unit numbers with same address numbers, in the unincorporated areas of Seward County, Nebraska. This system is intended to be used as the 911 emergency locator system and is meant to also be used for U.S. Postal delivery, and for other uses such as utility, and private delivery services.

Section 1.01 General Provisions

1.01.01 Roadway Names and Numbers

1. County Road Names

The ending of "Road" shall be reserved for County roadways and shall follow the naming and numbering system that has been assigned by the County Commissioners.

2. Private Road Names

- a. All private roadways that serve more than one residence and that take direct access from a County

Road will be designated a name or number, which shall end in "Drive" and be on a blue road sign.

- b. Property owners using the roadway shall be given the opportunity to name the roadway, provided it conforms to the County naming theme. The property owners must agree on a name and must submit the name to the County Commissioners for approval.

- c. If the property owners do not submit a name or cannot agree on a name within the required time frame, the Commissioners will designate a name or number by County Resolution. Any changes to the approved name or number will be at the cost of the property owner.

- d. All private roadways that take access onto an East/West County Road shall be given a number that will follow the County Road numbering sequence and end in "Drive."

- e. All private roadways that take access onto a North/South County Road shall be given a name that shall end in "Drive". If the private roadway enters into an approved or existing subdivision, the name of the roadway will be the name of the subdivision.

- f. All private roadways that serve more than one residence and take access from a private roadway will be designated a name, which shall end in "Circle, Lane, Trail, or Way" and be on a blue road sign. The ending designation will start with "Circle" for the roadway closest to the County Road and progress in alphabetical order. If said private roadway is in an approved or existing subdivision, the name of the roadway will be the name of the subdivision.

Section 1.02 Existing and New Roadway Names

1. Existing Roadway Names

Existing rural developments with interior roadways, names of which are recorded on the legal acreage development plat in the office of the Seward County Clerk, may need to be changed by County Resolution to meet the current addressing regulations.

2. New Roadway Names

The proposed name of all new roadways shall be shown on the preliminary and final plat of a new development. Such roadway names or numbers shall fit the present theme of the roadway naming system. Numbers will be applied to properties fronting on private roadways as on public roads.

Section 2.01 Administration

2.01.01 Road signs

1. Road Signs at County Road Intersections

- a. All private roadways that serve more than one residence and take direct access from a County Road shall have a road sign placed at the entrance showing the private roadway name in blue.
- b. All road signs and posts shall remain the property of Seward County.
- c. No person shall remove, alter, destroy, deface, or move from its original location any road sign or post.
- d. All road signs and posts shall be maintained by the Seward County Road Department.

2. Road signs at Private Road Intersections

- a. All private roadways that serve more than one residence and take direct access from a private roadway shall have a road sign placed at the intersection of the roadway showing the names of the roadways in blue. The road sign shall be placed as determined by the Seward County Road Department.
- b. All private road signs and posts that are placed at intersections of private roadways shall remain the property of the property owners using the roadway.
- c. No person shall remove, alter, destroy, deface, or move from its original location any private road sign or post.
- d. All private road signs and posts shall be maintained by the property owners

Section 2.01.02 Parcel Markers

1. All properties and parcels assigned an E-911 address shall display a parcel marker as described herein.
2. All parcel markers are and shall remain the property of Seward County.
3. No person shall alter, move, remove, destroy, or deface a parcel marker without the written consent of Seward County.
4. Seward County shall install the initial parcel marker for all properties. The property owner shall maintain their parcel marker and ensure that it is kept clear from obstruction. If the parcel marker needs to be replaced, the cost of replacing the parcel marker will be the responsibility of the property owner.
5. *Appearance:* the three- or four-digit address will be placed on a plate. The address plate shall be 6" x 14" in dimension with a blue reflective background on each side. The address consisting of numeric characters 4" in height shall be of white reflective material.
6. *Location:* the required address plate shall be located at or near the driveway entrance along the property line of the building tract as determined by the Seward County Road Department. The address plate shall be located at a height of 48" to 60" above the road surface grade. The plate shall be displayed flag style with an unobstructed view from the road and shall have a clear view triangle of 45° on either side of the centerline of the address plate.

Section 3.01: Implementation

1.01.01 Zoning Administrator Responsibilities

The Zoning Administrator shall:

1. Verify the accuracy of the location of property access points that shall be used in the assignment of addresses.
2. Make all necessary corrections and updates to addressing base maps and official Seward County E-911 Maps, including names for private development roads and residence addresses
3. Have printed the official Seward County E-911 map showing all roadway names and numbers and the scheme of the address system, to be available at a cost set by the Seward County Commissioners in a size no larger than required to show the above detail and yet suitable for general use. Map printings after the original print shall be as determined by the Seward County Commissioners, per recommendation of the Zoning Administrator.
4. Notify the public and all Seward County offices, post office, providers of emergency services and similar offices in the adjoining counties that provide overlap services into Seward County, of the availability of these maps.
5. Coordinate all new address assignments with the U.S. Postal Service.

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

Roxanne Knutson, Assistant HR Director, was present to give information about participation in a video for the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership. She stated the video will be approximately 8 minutes long and it would generally focus on three different offices. The Commissioners discussed what offices would be in the video. It was decided to let the HR Dept. choose which offices would be presented in the video.

During discussion of the American Rescue Plan Act funds, Ahmic reported the ARPA Agreements have been received by the Village of Cordova and they **will be on next week's** agenda.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 29, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 22, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Approve claims for the period through March 18, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

1. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
2. Commissioners Reports
3. Discuss/Action – E911 Addressing for Rural Subdivisions
4. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman sign 2 agreements with the Village of Cordova in regard to using County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
5. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of (ARPA) Funds
6. Discuss/Action – Agenda for April 5, 2022

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 11:07 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, 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 29th day of March 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

March 29, 2022

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 March 29, 2022 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 March 29, 2022 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 Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of March 22, 2022
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve claims for the period through March 18, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MARCH 18, 2022

ADP LLC	SE	\$2,770.40	RONNIE HERROLD	SE	\$325.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$384.35	EUGENE HINZE	SE	\$500.00
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIP	SU	\$1,075.74	ADAM HLADKY	SE	\$150.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$330.78	TAYLER HOFFMAN	SE	\$500.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$17,963.23	COLTON HOOD	SE	\$375.00
ASHI & 24-7 EMS REMITT	FE	\$140.00	JAMES HOOD	SE	\$475.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$3,677.45	MATTHEW HOWE	SE	\$500.00
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$292.50	TYLOR JAMISON	SE	\$500.00
BLUESTEM NETWORK	UT	\$110.00	JASON JARZYNKA	SE	\$150.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$29.87	LANCE JARZYNKA	SE	\$500.00
CHARM-TEX	SU	\$97.80	AUDRA JENSEN	SE	\$250.00
CLIA LAB PROGRAM	SE	\$180.00	DAVID JIROVSKY	SE	\$100.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$747.58	BRADY JOHNSON	SE	\$475.00
EQUIFAX WRKFRC/TALX	SE	\$289.92	BRIAN JOHNSON	SE	\$500.00
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$13,530.18	TRAVIS KEILIG	SE	\$500.00
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$25.67	NATE KELLER	SE	\$300.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$883.85	JAMES KIMSEY	SE	\$500.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$1,605.66	LISA KIMSEY	SE	\$325.00
JONES AUTOMOTIVE	FE	\$84.86	SHAWN KITZING	SE	\$500.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,029.68	JASON KLUG	SE	\$375.00
LAUBER FUNERAL SERV	SE	\$500.00	JAMIE KNISLEY	SE	\$250.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$3,741.78	ALEX KOHOUT	SE	\$500.00
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$77.00	BENJAMIN KOSKI	SE	\$375.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$1,877.60	JONATHAN KOSKI	SE	\$500.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$35.00	JAMES KOUMA	SE	\$325.00
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$84.00	THOMAS KOUMA	SE	\$175.00
NEB STATE FIRE MARSHAL	SE	\$122.00	ROBERT KOZISEK	SE	\$150.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSN	FE	\$135.00	BYRON KRAUS	SE	\$500.00
PEREZ INTERPRETING	SE	\$200.00	SARAH KRAUS	SE	\$275.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$1,180.80	KRIS KREUTZER	SE	\$500.00
PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$2,225.00	MARK KREUTZER	SE	\$500.00

PLATTE VALLEY PRINTING	SU	\$213.99	KELLY KUMM	SE	\$200.00
RAMADA COLUMBUS	TR	\$95.00	MICHAEL LANGENBERG	SE	\$300.00
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$152.03	CONNIE LANGUEIN	SE	\$500.00
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	LANCE LARSEN	SE	\$175.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	FE	\$40.00	LARS LARSEN	SE	\$100.00
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$4.91	LAWRENCE LAWTON	SE	\$475.00
SEWARD CO ROAD FND	FE	\$400,000.00	CHARLES LUEBBE	SE	\$500.00
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$1,313.97	MIKE LUEBBE	SE	\$500.00
SPARETIME	SU	\$75.52	CORY MADSEN	SE	\$500.00
ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTNG	SE	\$694.00	BROCK MALOY	SE	\$500.00
STRATEGIC PSYCH SERV	SE	\$1,567.50	JEREMY MAY	SE	\$300.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$5,616.13	JESSE MEINBERG	SE	\$500.00
TELMATE LLC	SE	\$76.00	JOHN MELENA JR	SE	\$500.00
THOMSON REUTERS	FE	\$623.58	MATTHEW MEYER	SE	\$125.00
UNIVERSITY OF NEB	FE	\$1,200.00	ROBERT E MEYER	SE	\$200.00
VALENTINO'S SEWARD	SE	\$49.18	ROGER MICHAELIS	SE	\$500.00
VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$834.69	MATTHEW MILLER	SE	\$150.00
VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$1,011.97	BRITTANY MINNEHAN	SE	\$450.00
VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS INC	SE	\$20.00	MICHAEL MINNEHAN	SE	\$500.00
VISA	FE	\$4,477.13	DANIEL MOLSEN	SE	\$500.00
VOSS LIGHTING	SE	\$811.50	DIANE MONTOYA	SE	\$125.00
WARNE CHEM & EQUIP	SU	\$199.58	KAREN MUNDHENKE	SE	\$25.00
WINDSTREAM	UT	\$4,762.85	SHAWN NAGEL	SE	\$375.00
WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$1,997.00	JEFFREY NEIHARDT	SE	\$500.00
GRAINGER	SU	\$37.54	BRYAN NIEBRUGGE	SE	\$425.00
GWORCS	SE	\$1,260.00	KELBY NITZ	SE	\$350.00
MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC	SE	\$17,781.98	MAXWELL NORDMEYER	SE	\$100.00
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$70.00	CODY NUTTLEMAN	SE	\$500.00
NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,393.00	KENT OLSEN	SE	\$75.00
ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH	SE	\$262.22	CLINTON OSTRANDER	SE	\$500.00
SACK LUMBER	SU	\$23.99	COLEMAN OUTHET	SE	\$450.00
TRUCK CENTER CO	SE	\$170.90	RYAN PAVLISH	SE	\$100.00
TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	SE	\$73.72	DAREL PETERSEN	SE	\$150.00
FOXSTER OPCO. LLC	EQ	\$6,570.00	SCOTT PETERSEN	SE	\$500.00
SEWARD CO AG SOCIETY	FE	\$80.00	BRIAN PETHOUD	SE	\$425.00
VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$1,072.50	MARISSA PFILE	SE	\$500.00
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$111,919.67	MICHAEL PFLUGHAUPT	SE	\$100.00
INK ALLEY	SU	\$416.00	TROY PICKERILL	SE	\$500.00
JONES BANK	SE	\$100.00	DUSTIN PIENING	SE	\$200.00
MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$542.78	JONATHAN PIENING	SE	\$250.00
WESTERN OIL II LLC	FE	\$162.37	TREVOR PIENING	SE	\$125.00
AXON ENTERPRISES	EQ	\$14,961.00	TYLER PIENING	SE	\$200.00
THE CHANGE CO	SE	\$774.00	ZACHARY PILFOLD	SE	\$500.00
JEFFREY ADAMS	SE	\$50.00	TREVOR PLESSEL	SE	\$500.00
BRANDON ALLEN	SE	\$500.00	JAMES PLIEFKE	SE	\$500.00
RYAN ARBOGAST	SE	\$500.00	TRAVIS POLLACK	SE	\$300.00
KENT AUMAN	SE	\$500.00	CODY POLLAK	SE	\$500.00
JAMES AVERY	SE	\$350.00	AMY PROCHASKA	SE	\$275.00
AJIT BAPAT	SE	\$50.00	JOSIE PROPST-SCHOLL	SE	\$100.00
JERRY JOHN BAPAT	SE	\$150.00	JON PROPST	SE	\$400.00
BRIAN BARNES	SE	\$250.00	STEVEN RHODES	SE	\$75.00
CHARLES BARNES	SE	\$25.00	WESLEY RHODES	SE	\$450.00
TOBY BECKMANN	SE	\$500.00	RICHARD RICENBAW	SE	\$125.00
SHAUN BENEDICT	SE	\$200.00	ETHAN RICHTER	SE	\$300.00
JACOB BENNETT	SE	\$500.00	DEBRA ROBOTHAM	SE	\$375.00
MITCHEL BENNETT	SE	\$500.00	CODY ROHRIG	SE	\$500.00
RAY BESSE	SE	\$50.00	RYAN ROTH	SE	\$500.00
CLINTON BIALAS	SE	\$500.00	JERRY ROTSCHAFFER	SE	\$400.00
HEATHER BLACK	SE	\$500.00	AMANDA SCHAEFER	SE	\$500.00
JEFFREY BLACK	SE	\$500.00	BRANDON SCHAEFER	SE	\$500.00
NICHOLAS BLAIR	SE	\$500.00	GEORGE SCHAEFER JR	SE	\$500.00
DUSTIN BLECHA	SE	\$500.00	JASON SCHAEFER	SE	\$475.00
TREY BRANDENBURGH	SE	\$500.00	SETH SCHAEFER	SE	\$500.00
WILLIAM BRAUER	SE	\$275.00	THOMAS SCHAEFER	SE	\$500.00
LUCAS BRETTMANN	SE	\$125.00	DAVID SCHOLL	SE	\$150.00
MICHAEL BRIDGFORD	SE	\$500.00	TERRI SCHRAD	SE	\$500.00
SHAWN BRINEY	SE	\$500.00	JENSEN SCHULZ	SE	\$500.00
DUANE BROEKER	SE	\$125.00	JON SCHULZ	SE	\$500.00
MITCHELL BROMWICH	SE	\$150.00	STUART SCHWEITZER	SE	\$500.00
RODNEY BROMWICH	SE	\$500.00	JEREMY SEFFRON	SE	\$500.00

DANIEL BRUMM	SE	\$500.00	BEN SHEEHAN	SE	\$450.00
TJ BUCHLI	SE	\$500.00	MICHAEL SHEEHAN	SE	\$125.00
DUANE BURD	SE	\$125.00	SHALENE SHEPARD	SE	\$500.00
CHRISTOPHER BUTZKE	SE	\$500.00	DANIELLE SHIPLEY	SE	\$275.00
ROBIN BUTZKE	SE	\$500.00	ADAM SIMMERMAN	SE	\$500.00
JOSEPH CARDER	SE	\$500.00	LANETTE SIMMERMAN	SE	\$500.00
JOSE CASTILLO JR	SE	\$225.00	JOHN SINGLETON	SE	\$250.00
BECKY CLARK	SE	\$500.00	MALISSA SITTLER	SE	\$400.00
JACKSON CLASSEN	SE	\$25.00	SHERRI SLACK	SE	\$325.00
TIMOTHY CLASSEN	SE	\$200.00	TAMMY SLADEK	SE	\$325.00
HARVEY COOL	SE	\$50.00	KENT SMETTER	SE	\$375.00
JACKIE CORNER	SE	\$500.00	TRAVIS SOUKUP	SE	\$50.00
ROBERT CORNER	SE	\$275.00	ROBERT STAKES	SE	\$25.00
JEREMY CRAIG	SE	\$375.00	DELTON STAUFFER	SE	\$225.00
RICHARD CRAIG	SE	\$250.00	RICHARD STECKLY	SE	\$350.00
IRWIN CRAWFORD	SE	\$275.00	SHANNON STECKLY	SE	\$500.00
WILLIAM CRONQUIST	SE	\$500.00	COLETTE STELLING	SE	\$375.00
JORDAN CROSS	SE	\$500.00	JAY STELLING	SE	\$500.00
HARLAN DANKERS	SE	\$500.00	MARK STEVENS	SE	\$500.00
MICHAEL DANKERS	SE	\$500.00	TIMOTHY STEWART	SE	\$500.00
NICHOLAS DANKERS	SE	\$500.00	AARON STINSON	SE	\$500.00
WAYLON DELONG	SE	\$250.00	AUSTIN STINSON	SE	\$275.00
CURTIS DEREMER	SE	\$500.00	WAYNE STOHLMANN	SE	\$500.00
WILLIAM DEREMER	SE	\$400.00	TYLER STRONG	SE	\$500.00
TYLER DICKINSON	SE	\$500.00	AMANDA STRUBLE	SE	\$500.00
JEREMY DINGES	SE	\$500.00	JOSHUA STRUBLE	SE	\$375.00
LANDON DIRKS	SE	\$500.00	MICHAEL STUTZMAN	SE	\$500.00
ALEXANDER DODSON	SE	\$500.00	MARK SUHR	SE	\$500.00
SHERI DOUGLAS	SE	\$150.00	THOMAS SUHR	SE	\$500.00
GARY DOUTHIT	SE	\$75.00	TAMI SVEHLA	SE	\$375.00
BLAKE DUE	SE	\$75.00	JASON SWERCZEK	SE	\$500.00
TRAVIS DUE	SE	\$75.00	BRENT TEMPEL	SE	\$500.00
PAUL DUER	SE	\$500.00	LESLIE THOMAS	SE	\$425.00
DARRELL EASTIN	SE	\$25.00	LEROY TREASE	SE	\$500.00
DELAYNE EBERSPACHER	SE	\$100.00	DAVID ULRICH	SE	\$500.00
HEATHER EBERSPACHER	SE	\$100.00	AARON VANANDEL	SE	\$200.00
NATHANIEL EMONS	SE	\$75.00	JAMES VANCE	SE	\$500.00
RONALD ERB	SE	\$200.00	JOHN J VANCE	SE	\$500.00
KYLE FASTENAU	SE	\$175.00	ROBERT VIGER JR	SE	\$400.00
JAMISON FERN	SE	\$100.00	EUGENE WAGENKNECHT	SE	\$500.00
ANDREW FICKE	SE	\$500.00	NICOLE WEGMAN	SE	\$500.00
DAVID FICKE	SE	\$50.00	COLTON WEHRS	SE	\$500.00
IAN FINKBEINER	SE	\$175.00	DAVID WESLEY	SE	\$500.00
TRAVIS FOUGERON	SE	\$500.00	CRAIG WOLF	SE	\$475.00
BRADLEY FREEMAN	SE	\$425.00	COLBY YEACKLEY	SE	\$500.00
ADAM FRITZ	SE	\$375.00	ANDREW YODER	SE	\$500.00
CALE GIERHAN	SE	\$100.00	DERREK YODER	SE	\$500.00
TYLER GINGERICH	SE	\$500.00	BRIAN ZASTROW	SE	\$125.00
BONNIE GRANTSKI	SE	\$450.00	GERALD ZIEG	SE	\$500.00
GARY GRANTSKI	SE	\$400.00	JEO CONSULTING	SE	\$4,405.00
TRAVIS GRANTSKI	SE	\$500.00	NE EMERG SERV COMM ASSN	FE	\$150.00
ALEXANDER J HANSEN	SE	\$175.00	ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$704.00
CHEVY HANSEN	SE	\$100.00	SALARIES		\$260,982.79
JEFFERY HANSEN	SE	\$50.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
PHILLIP HARGIS	SE	\$500.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
JESSE HARTSHORN	SE	\$500.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
JUSTIN HEMPHILL	SE	\$225.00	DELTA DENTAL		
MARK HENNING	SE	\$500.00	VSP VISION		
DUSTIN HERROLD	SE	\$500.00	WADDELL & REED		
KEVIN HERROLD	SE	\$250.00			

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

Motion Carried

Those officials speaking during this time was Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk. She informed the Board about a special election that may occur because of the recent information about the resignation of the U.S. Representative of the 1st District.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she reviewed the latest news about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and sent some information to other entities, went to Beatrice for an event, spoke with a JEO Consulting Group representative about changes to the proposed newly comprehensive plan, worked with HR on website changes, and talked with a Sixpence representative about the Chalk the Walk event they are having on sidewalks around the courthouse.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he worked on some road issues and reminded other members of the Board of a snow storm that happened this current week many years ago.

Commissioner Culver talked to constituents about complaints in regard to road issues, attended the Seward/Saline Solid Waste Management Agency meeting, and received a request about ARPA.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a retreat in Goehner for the Visitors Committee. He also attended a Concordia luncheon, visited with the SENDD representative and received calls about the East Seward Street project.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he received a call from ALLO concerning ARPA funds. He also attended the Southeast Nebraska Association of County Officials meeting last Friday.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., gave information about a Supplemental Agreement he is asking the Commissioners to sign involving a Project Northwest of Seward.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3677 in regard to authorizing the Chairman to sign the Supplemental Agreement No. 3 for BRO-7080(54) Northwest of Seward.

RESOLUTION
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – BK1709
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 3
SEWARD COUNTY
Resolution No. 3677

Whereas: Seward County and HDR Engineering, Inc. have previously executed an Environmental Services agreement for a transportation project for which the Local Public Agency (LPA) would like to obtain Federal funds; and

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

Whereas: Seward County and HDR Engineering, Inc. wish to enter into a supplemental Environmental Services agreement setting out modifications and/or additional duties and/or funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska that:

John Culver, Chair of the Seward County Board of Commissioners, is hereby authorized to sign the attached Environmental Services Supplemental Agreement No. 3 between Seward County and HDR Engineering, Inc.

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

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7080(54)
NDOT: Control Number: 13362
NDOT Project Description: Northwest of Seward

Adopted this 29th day of March, 2022 at Seward Nebraska.

The Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska:

Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell J. Zabrocki
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Board/Council Member Vrbka
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Zabrocki Seconded the Motion
Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Abstain
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, was present to discuss an employee who is on FMLA and has requested the County to consider paying for her health insurance which would be repaid to the County on a payment plan.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve paying the employee share of Health Insurance Premium for the month of April 2022 for employee # 0047 who is currently on unpaid FMLA.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve for Employee # 0047 to set up a payment plan to reimburse Seward County for the April 2022 Health Insurance Premium.

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

Ahmic led discussion on the agenda item regarding E911 Addressing for Rural Subdivisions. Last week, formal changes were made for addresses in some rural subdivisions from **"Unit #" to an actual road address** in place of using the Unit #. Ahmic asked if communication should be sent out to others that live in the rural subdivisions of the option to change. They also discussed the cost of new signs and decided the cost for new signs will be borne by the county.

The Commissioners then discussed the Grievance Policy. They went through the draft that Deputy County Attorney Barb Armstead had provided. There was discussion and edits were made about the various parts of the policy and the bylaws.

Discussion was held about the TKE Elevator Contract for the elevators in the Justice Center and the Courthouse. Armstead stated she was not particularly fond of some of the stipulations in the contract. She was instructed to contact the company and see if changes can be made.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to award the bid for the mowing of the Seward County Abandoned Cemeteries to GREENR-UP LAWNCARE, LLC in the amount of \$700.00 per mowing.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the credit limit of \$8,000.00 for the Detention Center credit card #4959, effectively immediately through July 15, 2022.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign two agreements with the Village of Cordova in regard to using county ARPA funds.

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

The Commissioners discussed ARPA. Ahmic stated the payments for the public responders were processed this claims period. Zabrocki stated he had received a letter from ALLO Communications which stated they are going to put a hub in the City of Seward and want to lease a piece of property for this hub. Also, Vrbka will reach out to the Village of Utica to see if they have any projects for which they want to apply for County ARPA funds.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on April 5, 2022 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 March 29, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Special Designated Liquor License for the Libertarian Party for an event on June 4, 2022
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for April 12, 2022

9:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – **Update on IT Security with Soarin'** including a presentation for multi-factor authentication

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 10:46 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding Vrbka Zabrocki Ahmic 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 5th day of April 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

April 5, 2022
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 April 5, 2022 **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 April 4, 2022 at 8:30 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.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, and Harrison Helmer, Executive Director of BRIDGES, updated the Commissioners on activities of their offices.

Those officials present for the first meeting of the month with the Board of Commissioners were Korey Reiman, Kathy Ruzicka, Wendy Elston, and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of March 29, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 8:56 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:00 a.m.

Tom Nielsen and Ben Masten of **Soarin'** Group were in attendance to present information on IT Security and multi factor authentication for emails. Discussion about changing over to the .gov format was included in the discussion. The Commissioners **asked that Soarin' Group start a training for county employees** pertaining to security for emails. The Commissioners decided that the .gov format for emails will start right away.

Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, was on the agenda to give information about an employee of his department that was not able to take vacation during the period where the 911 Center was in transition with a new Director. He stated she trained new employees and if the time limit is not expanded, she would lose vacation hours through no fault of her own. Conradt stated that if the limit were increased, he would work in the next months to allow the employee to take vacation and fall back within the maximum accrual limit of 200 hours.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to allow Employee # 2319 to have the maximum accrual limit for vacation increased to 260 hours retroactive to April 1, 2022 and allow the increase until October 1, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 10:20 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:25 a.m.

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, and Roxanne Knutson, Assistant HR Director, were present to discuss a new wage structure for Seward County. Sanchez has surveyed other counties and said that the pay structure **that Seward County currently has doesn't** allow Seward County to stay ahead in the wage surveys of surrounding counties/businesses. Sanchez suggested that there should be a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) change and also allow officials/department supervisors to also give merit raises. Sanchez said the first year might look different for those who have not gotten wage increases in the past few months as some **"hard to fill positions"** have received increases. Discussion about employees and starting wages were also discussed. The Commissioners asked that further information be attained by the HR Dept. and come back at a later date.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported that the Sixpence Program event **"Chalk the Walk"** experienced a rainout today and the rain date is Friday, April 8, 2022. She met with Matt **Starkey, Veteran's Service Office**, and Terry Wicht, Highway Supt. She stated she stopped by the City of Milford Office to help vote for Revitalization ideas. She participated in the Community Sector briefing, received calls about zoning and water conservation. She spoke with JEO Engineering representatives about edits for the newly proposed Planning and Zoning regulations and had a conversation with a Gage County Commissioner concerning county business.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he dealt with questions received about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and zoning.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Blue Valley Community Action board, held a conversation with Senator Kolterman and checked roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he checked on roads and will have a Region V meeting and Extension Board meeting next week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he participated in a Zoom meeting with Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) about ARPA, attended a City of Seward stakeholders meeting in regard to the improvements with Hwy 15 running through Seward. He also attended a 4th of July meeting. Talked with City of Seward Administrator Greg Butcher and representative from ALLO. He also reported he attended the Village of Utica Board meeting and discussed a road issue with the Highway Supt.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for the Libertarian Party for an event on June 4, 2022.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request from the Detention Center.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the **Surplus Property Disposal Request from the County Attorney's Office.**

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for January 2022 in the amount of \$1,116.00 and \$751.99 respectively.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Abandoned Cemetery Contract with Greenr-Up Lawncare LLC.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the updated Grievance Policy and Bylaws.

SEWARD COUNTY GRIEVANCE POLICY (adopted April 5, 2022)

PRACTICE/POLICY- COMPLAINT RESOLUTION

Seward County strives to ensure that all employees are treated fairly. This policy seeks to support the achievement of this goal by providing a just and equitable method for resolving complaints relating to employment conditions or relationships. This policy will assist in controlling acts of discrimination, coercion, or reprisal against employees who may submit and/or be involved in a grievance. Most incidents resolve themselves naturally; however, if a situation persists that you believe is detrimental to you or to the County, you should follow the procedures described here for bringing your complaint to management's attention.

PURPOSE

The grievance procedures shall be used to clarify expressed provisions of county and/or departmental policies and procedures. The grievance process is not to be used to change policies or procedures. Seward County has other established processes to change policies.

PROCEDURE

Employees who feel a written policy or procedure has been violated may do the following:

Step One: Submission of Complaint

Prepare a **written** complaint which contains at a minimum, the following information:

- Name of person making the complaint;
- Reference to the County policies and/or procedures that have allegedly been violated;
- Details of the alleged grievance, including the specific date(s) and time(s);
- Names of person(s) violating County policy or procedure;
- Names of any witnesses; and
- Requested remedy.

The complaint shall be submitted to the employee's immediate supervisor **within ten (10) working days** of the alleged violation. If the employee's immediate supervisor is the subject of the complaint, the employee may proceed directly to Step Three. If the Department Head is the subject of the complaint or if the employee's immediate supervisor and the Department Head are the same person, the employee may proceed directly to Step Four.

Step Two: Meeting with Immediate Supervisor

- The immediate supervisor shall review the employee's concerns and meet with the employee within five (5) working days from the date the complaint is submitted.
- The immediate supervisor shall provide a written decision to the employee within five (5) working days of meeting with the employee.
 - A copy of the written decision shall be provided to the Department Head/Elected Official.
- If the employee does not feel the complaint was adequately resolved by the immediate supervisor, the employee may proceed to Step Three.

Step Three: Review by Department Head/Elected Official

- The employee shall submit the complaint to the Department Head or Elected Official with authority for the employee's department within five (5) working days from the date of the immediate supervisor's written decision.
- If the employee's immediate supervisor is the source of the complaint and, therefore, Steps One and Two were skipped as described above, the complaint shall be submitted to the Department Head or Elected Official in charge of the department within five (5) working days from the date of the alleged violation.
- The Department Head/Elected Official shall investigate the complaint. The investigation may include a meeting with:
 - the employee making the complaint;
 - the employee against whom the complaint was made;

- witnesses to the violation; ○ any other person relevant to the investigation.
- The Department Head/Elected Official shall provide a written response to the employee within ten (10) working days from the date of receipt of the complaint.
- If the employee is not satisfied with the Department Head/Elected Official's response or does not receive a response from the Department Head/Elected Official, the employee may file a grievance and request a formal review of this decision by the Grievance Board.

Step Four: Grievance and Request for Formal Review

- An employee who requests a formal review by the Grievance Board shall complete the Grievance Form and Request for Formal Review, which shall be available from Human Resources and electronically on the Seward County website where similar forms and resources are accessible to employees. The completed form should be returned to the Human Resources Director, indicating the employee's desire to appeal the decision of the Department Head/Elected Official by filing a grievance. If the grievance is being filed against an employee in the Human Resources Department, the employee may submit the Grievance Form and Request for Formal Review directly to the County Attorney rather than the Human Resources Director. In that event, the County Attorney, or his/her designee, shall fulfill the duties of Human Resources for the grievance.
- The grievance must be filed within five (5) working days of receipt of the written response of the Department Head/Elected Official. If no response is received from the Department Head/ Elected Official, the Grievance and Request for Formal Review must be filed within five (5) working days from the end of the response period.
If the prior steps are skipped and the grievance filed directly with Human Resources because the Department Head is the subject of the grievance or if the employee's immediate supervisor and the Department Head are the same person, it shall be filed **within ten (10) working days** from the date the alleged violation took place.
- The written request for formal review shall include:
 - Name of person filing the grievance;
 - Reference to the County policies and/or procedures that have allegedly been violated; ○ Details of the alleged grievance, including the specific date and time;
 - Names of person(s) violating County policy; ○ Names of any witnesses; ○ Requested remedy; and ○ A copy of the written decision from the Department Head/Elected Official.
- The Human Resources Director shall immediately notify the County Attorney of the grievance and provide a copy of the grievance and response from the Department Head/Elected official. If the County Attorney is the subject of the grievance, the Human Resources Director need not provide such notice and the Grievance Board shall have the right to retain outside legal counsel as approved by the County Board. If outside legal counsel is retained, notice and copies of the grievance and response shall be provided to the retained counsel after the attorney or firm has been approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- Within five (5) working days of receipt of the grievance, the Human Resources Director shall notify any employee against whom the grievance is filed that a formal review has been requested and provide the following to him or her: ○ A copy of the Request for Formal Review;
 - A copy of this Grievance policy and the Grievance Hearing Procedure Bylaws; ○ Notice of the right to provide a written response within five (5) working days to the Human Resources Director/County Personnel Officer.
- Any employee against whom a grievance is filed may provide a written response to the Human Resources Director within five (5) working days of receiving notice that a formal review has been requested. A copy of the response will be provided to the person filing the grievance.
- Upon receipt of the request for formal hearing, the Human Resources Director shall notify the Board Members. Any Board members shall notify the Human Resources Director immediately if he or she believes any board member has a conflict of interest with the grievance such that he or she cannot

be fair and impartial. The determination of a conflict of interest shall be made by the County Attorney or legal counsel retained by the Board consistent with this policy.

The Grievance Board shall schedule a hearing concerning the grievance to occur within **15 working days** from receipt of the appeal. The hearing shall be consistent with the Grievance Board Procedure Bylaws, adopted April 5, 2022, and any subsequent amendments.

- The County Attorney, or his/her designee, will serve as legal counsel during the hearing and deliberation, but will not be a voting member of the Board.
- The Human Resources Director shall notify all parties of the date, time, and location of the formal Grievance Board Hearing. The parties are responsible for notifying their respective requested witnesses.
- The Grievance Board may decline to review a grievance if that grievance has previously been heard unless new information and/or evidence becomes available.
- The Board's determination shall be made in writing and copies sent to each party within five (5) working days of the formal hearing.
- The Grievance Board's decision shall be binding upon the parties.

FURTHER REVIEW

If satisfactory resolution is not received through the Seward County Grievance Board, the employee may contact the Nebraska Department of Labor or take further action pursuant to the laws of the State of Nebraska.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

The board's findings, documents submitted and/or considered at any hearing, and all correspondence related to the incident shall become a part of the permanent record maintained by the Human Resources Department in compliance with State and Federal Law. Said records shall be kept confidential.

Seward County Grievance Procedure Bylaws

Adopted: April 5, 2022

GRIEVANCE BOARD

The Grievance Board shall be made up of five members consisting of individuals employed by Seward County. One member shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, one member shall be appointed by department heads, and two members shall be appointed by employees who are covered by the county personnel system. These four members shall select a fifth member for the Grievance Board. In the event the board members cannot decide upon the fifth member by majority vote, the Chairperson shall notify the Human Resources Director, who shall then appoint the fifth member. No two members of the Board shall be from the same Department.

The Department Heads responsible for appointing their member consist of: Aging Partners

Director, Building and Grounds Superintendent, Communications Director, Corrections Director, County Assessor, County Attorney, County Clerk, County Treasurer, District Court Clerk,

Emergency Manager, Highway Superintendent, Human Resources Director, Public Defender, Sheriff, Surveyor, Veterans/Public Transit Director, and the Weed/Zoning Administrator.

The employees responsible for appointing their member consist of all regular part-time and full-time employees other than Department Heads listed above.

The Human Resources Director, Assistant Human Resources Director, County Attorney, Deputy County Attorneys, and Commissioners are not eligible for appointment as Board members.

Human Resources shall be responsible for coordinating the appointment process and maintaining the list of Board members. Members shall accept their appointment to Human Resources in writing, which may include electronic communication.

Terms of Appointment

After the initial adoption of this policy, Grievance Board members shall serve their initial term beginning immediately upon appointment and ending as follows:

- The term of the member appointed by the Board of Commissioners shall end on June 30, 2023. This member shall act as Chairperson from the time of initial appointment until December 31, 2022.
- The term of the member appointed by the Department Heads shall end on June 30, 2027. ○ The term of one member appointed by employees shall serve end June 30, 2024. The term of the other member appointed by employees shall end on June 30, 2026.
- The term of the member appointed by the four board members shall end on June 30, 2025.

Thereafter, each member shall be appointed in the same manner for a term of five years, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be appointed in the same manner for the remainder of the term. Each member of the board shall maintain his or her appointment until a successor is appointed and qualified.

After January 1st and prior to January 15th of each year, the Grievance Board shall elect a member to serve as chairperson for that calendar year. The election may be done by audio/video conferencing or electronic communication. The chairperson shall immediately notify the Human Resources Director of his or her election.

Grievance Board-related activities will be considered part of the employee's county work responsibilities as "other duties as assigned."

Removal

The Board of County Commissioners may remove any member of the Grievance Board for neglect of duty or misconduct in office after first giving the board member a copy of the reason for removal and providing for him or her to be heard before the commissioners.

Quorum and Alternate Members

Three members of the Grievance Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business under these bylaws, except that no business shall be transacted unless at least one of the members appointed by the board of county commissioners or the elected officials/department heads and at least one of the members appointed by the employees are present. If a quorum cannot be reached due to conflict of interest or absenteeism, the Human Resources Director will be responsible for appointing alternate member(s) to serve throughout the process of resolving the pending grievance. The alternate shall be chosen from the same group as the absent member(s); however, the Human Resources Director shall not appoint a replacement for the member appointed by the Board of Commissioners. If an alternate member appointed by the Board of Commissioners is necessary for a quorum, the Board of Commissioners shall appoint an alternate member to serve throughout the process of resolving the pending grievance. If the Chairperson is absent at any of the proceedings, the members of the Grievance Board shall designate one of the members to act as Chairperson.

PREHEARING MEETING

The Grievance Board shall meet within 5 working days of receipt of the appeal and conduct a prehearing meeting consistent with the Grievance Procedure bylaws. This hearing may be held in person or by videoconferencing. At that prehearing meeting, if the board determines, after viewing all facts in the light most favorable to the individual filing the grievance, that no violation of policy or procedure occurred, the board may decline to proceed to formal hearing. If the board fails to proceed to formal hearing, a letter communicating the same shall immediately be provided to parties.

FORMAL REVIEW HEARING PROCEDURE

- The hearing will be for (i) each of the parties to provide information to the board with their own statement and/or with a statement from anyone requested to be there to provide information on their behalf; and (ii) any member of the Grievance Board to ask the parties and/or requested witnesses questions. The parties will not be allowed to question (cross-examine) each other and/or any witnesses.
- The parties are responsible for notifying their respective witnesses. Witnesses to be present at the request of the Grievance Board will be notified by the Chair. The Grievance Board does not have subpoena power; however, any Seward County employee who is requested as a witness by

any party, including the Board itself, is expected to attend unless excused by the Grievance Board Chair.

- Attendance at the hearing is limited to the grievant, respondent, legal counsel for the parties, witnesses (during their testimony only), and others that the Grievance Board chairperson may deem relevant. Upon request by any party or Grievance Board representative, the Human Resources Director or Assistant Director will attend the hearing to provide assistance to the Grievance Board. Spectators are not permitted to attend Grievance Board Hearings.
- Each party may be represented by legal counsel. Legal counsel may be present during the hearing; however, may not directly participate in the proceedings. Each party is responsible for their own expenses and costs, if any, including attorneys' fees.
- The Grievance Board Chairperson presides over the hearing. No transcript or recording will be made of the proceedings; however, the Chair will designate one representative to take contemporaneous notes.
- A Grievance Board hearing is not intended to be a court proceeding. Therefore, the technical rules of evidence do not apply. The Grievance Board Chair may direct the Grievance Board to exclude evidence that is irrelevant, immaterial, insubstantial, privileged, or repetitive.
- The Grievance Board has the right to access all relevant county records.

DETERMINATION TO BE MADE BY THE BOARD

- Immediately following the hearing, the Grievance Board will deliberate and reach a determination by a majority vote. No formal rules of procedure need to be followed.
- While deliberating, the Grievance Board should consider prior resolution of similar issues elsewhere in the county.
- The Board will determine, by the preponderance of the evidence (more likely than not) standard, as follows:
 - For grievances alleging a violation of policy by Respondent for which disciplinary or corrective action has not yet been sought, whether there was or was not a violation of policy as alleged in the grievance.
 - i. If the Board determines there was not a violation of policy as alleged in the grievance, the grievance shall be dismissed;
 - ii. If the Board determines there was a violation of policy as alleged in the grievance, the Board shall determine the corrective or disciplinary action on behalf of the grievant.
 - For grievances alleging a violation of policy has occurred against Grievant by someone other than Respondent and insufficient action has been taken to correct the violation by the Department Head or Elected Official:
 - i. If the Board finds that the action taken by the Department Head or Elected Official was appropriate and the grievance, the grievance shall be dismissed; ii. If the Board disagrees with the action taken by the Department Head or Elected Official and the Board shall determine the corrective or disciplinary action to be imposed.
 - For grievances alleging that inappropriate disciplinary action was taken against Grievant, either in imposition of any disciplinary action and/or that the level of disciplinary action taken was disproportionate to the conduct for which it was imposed:
 - i. If the Board finds that imposition of some sort of disciplinary action was appropriate, and the Board agrees with the disciplinary action taken, the grievance shall be dismissed;
 - ii. If the Board finds that imposition of some sort of disciplinary action was appropriate, and the Board disagrees with the disciplinary action taken, the Board shall determine the corrective or disciplinary action to be imposed; or
 - iii. If the Board finds that imposition of any disciplinary action was not appropriate, it will determine the remedy on behalf of Grievant.

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

Motion Carried

During the ARPA item on the agenda, Commissioner Ahmic stated she had talked to the representatives of South East Nebraska Development District representatives about being able to help villages with matching funds along with the County ARPA funds they are receiving. She noted the second ARPA fund report is due April 30. Bob Dahms received an email about it via an email. It will be now be sent to Commissioner Ahmic and reports will be processed **under the County Clerk's credentials.**

Ahmic also stated that Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) wants to conduct a feasibility study about broadband and is requesting six counties to join. The other counties asked to join are Gage, Thayer, Fillmore, Saline and Jefferson. The cost for the survey is estimated to be \$30,000. NPPD stated they would pay \$20,000 and ask the counties pay a share of the remaining \$10,000. Seward County would be asked to pay \$1,666 and sign an MOU. The Commissioners tentatively agreed to be part of the MOU.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, reported she went to the Drug Board in regard to asking them help pay for a body scanner. They indicated their fund did not have enough to pay for the full body scanner. Previously, she had appeared before the Board of Commissioners and asked if the Board would pay for the scanner using county ARPA funds. The cost is around \$170,000. Hatfield appeared now before the Board to ask if the Board would re-consider paying for the total cost of the scanner with county ARPA funds.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to approve the request to purchase the Intercept Full Body Scanner not to exceed \$170,000 and to be paid with county ARPA funds.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on April 12, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 22, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on April 12, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 5, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Approve claims through April 1, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for April 19, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Carol Albrecht – Request permission for Farmers Market to be held on Courthouse lawn

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action - Jane Morhling/ALLO – Explore possible long-term lease on land owned by Seward County

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn 11:54 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 12th day of April 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

April 12, 2022
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 April 12, 2022 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 April 12, 2022 at 8:30 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 Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of March 22, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka approve Tax List Correction 359-22R.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on April 26, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 12, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki at 8:54 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 26th day of April 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

April 12, 2022

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 April 12, 2022 **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 April 12, 2022

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 Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of April 5, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the claims through April 1, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH APRIL 1, 2022

ADAMS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$8.50	SEW CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$151,642.85
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$12.80	SEW CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,651.10
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$45.93	SEWARD CO ROAD FUND	FE	\$217,801.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$915.49	SEW CO SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$218.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$18,125.82	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$8,977.75
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$390.00	SPORTS EXPRESS INC	SU	\$134.30
BOBS MOBIL	SU	\$295.40	ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$448.00
BRENNAN, NIELSON LAW	SE	\$4,284.45	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,270.49
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,380.00	TWIN RIVERS HLTH CARE	SE	\$180.00
CHARM-TEX	SU	\$343.26	UNIV OF NEBR-LINCOLN	SE	\$195.00
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$5,237.31	US POSTAL SERVICE	SU	\$10,000.00
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$500.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,271.02
CONNER PSYCH SERV	SE	\$385.00	WATER ENGINEERING INC	SE	\$210.00
CONTINENTAL SPRINKLER	SE	\$1,188.00	WELLS FARGO FINAN LEAS	FE	\$198.15
CORDANT HLTH SOL	SE	\$107.50	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,405.52
CORI J STAVA	SE	\$842.50	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$5,225.50
JACK DANIEL	SE	\$35.10	KENNETH PANKOKE	SE	\$109.55
E 911	FE	\$30,448.67	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,441.86
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,011.48	BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$2,555.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS	SE	\$3,233.70	CHEMSEARCH	SE	\$468.85
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$509.58	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$35,635.61
JOHN FILIPPI DDS	SE	\$2,400.00	MIDWEST PETROL EQUIP	EQ	\$1,162.50
GALLS LLC	SE	\$110.00	MIDWEST SERV & SALES	EQ	\$2,843.75
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$10.00	MILLER SEED	SU	\$949.50
HARLAN CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$136.97
HEARTLAND TIRES	SU	\$769.72	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$74.99
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$756.71	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$34.55
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$238.08	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$2,669.98
HOBSON AUTO & TIRE	SE	\$76.00	ROSE EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$2,051.45

HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$246.92	SEWARD ELECTRONICS	SE	\$119.60
HUSKER WHEELS & DEALS	SE	\$200.00	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$69.02
INDOFF INC	SU	\$142.79	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$56.36
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,291.66	ACCURATE CONTROLS	SE	\$1,856.36
KINER SUPPLY CO	SU	\$2,740.60	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	SE	\$153.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$131.48	RED PATH GALLERY	SE	\$60.00
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$60.78	SEW CO HISTORICAL SOC	FE	\$100.00
LEVANDERS BODY SHOP	SE	\$65.00	DELTA DENTAL OF NEB	FE	\$29.97
LIFEGUARD MD, INC	SE	\$80.00	VSP INSURANCE CO	FE	\$23.29
STEPHANIE LUEBBE	SE	\$14.04	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$187.60
REBECCA MCKAY	SE	\$46.81	NE ASSN OF SENIOR CENTERS	SE	\$40.00
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$9.78	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$140.99
SUE MEDINGER	SE	\$12.87	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$329.00
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$321.20	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$92.80
MID AMER BENEFITS	FE	\$123.25	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$207.20
MID-AMER INS GRP	FE	\$46,464.79	COAST TO COAST SOL	SE	\$1,322.80
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,268.29	GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$605.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$50.00	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$565.00
NE ASSOC CO TREASURERS	FE	\$125.00	JONES BANK	SE	\$350.00
NE AUDITOR PUBLIC ACCTS	SE	\$19,996.33	PICKERILL ENTERPRISES	FE	\$1,989.91
NEBRASKA.GOV	SE	\$100.00	NEBR STATE PATROL	SE	\$1,879.50
DALE NIEMANN	SE	\$21.06	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	FE	\$167.99
ONESOURCE	SE	\$232.00	ACTIVE PARENTING	SE	\$1,264.30
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$47.36	BUTLER CO SENIOR SERV	SE	\$35.00
ORKIN LLC	SE	\$147.00	J CHAD PROF TRAINING	SE	\$105.00
PAPER TIGER SHRED	SE	\$65.00	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICATE	SE	\$150.00
SCOTT PEKAREK	SE	\$2.93	MULTI HEALTH SYSTEMS	SE	\$172.07
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$4.50	MIDLANDS CONTRACTING	SE	\$10,150.00
PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	SE	\$264.00	SALARIES		\$264,364.00
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$570.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
QUADIENT LEASING	FE	\$81.98	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
REGION V SYSTEMS	FE	\$10,239.25	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
BRENT SCHLUCKEBIER	SE	\$4.68	DELTA DENTAL		
SECRETARY OF STATE	SU	\$20.00	VSP VISION		
SEWARD COUNTY COURT	SE	\$826.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Director, and Sheriff Mike Vance updated the Commissioners on activities of their offices.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic met with Matt Starkey, Bob Dahms, Sherry Leising and Sherry Schweitzer about grant reporting for Public Transit, spoke with Cordova representatives about their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) project, worked with the Deputy County Attorney about Norris agreement and went with the Weed/Zoning Director to a training.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he has been working on road issues involving signs.

Commissioner Culver reported he worked on various emails and looked into Blue Valley Community Action questions.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Region V meeting and the Visitors Committee meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he went to the Goehner Village Board meeting, Seward City Council meeting, Seward City Planning Commission meeting, attended the NIRMA round table seminar via Zoom, visited with ALLO representatives, and had a 911 meeting with the 911 Director. He also said he received a complaint about roads.

Carol Albrecht, representing the vendors of the Farmers Market, was present to request use of the Courthouse lawn for the Farmers Market on Saturdays and Wednesdays for May 18 through October 29, 2022. She said she has looked into insurance for the various vendors and said the cost would prohibit some vendors from coming.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Farmers Market using the Courthouse lawn Wednesdays and Saturdays for May 18 through October 29, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, and Roxanne Knutson, HR Assistant Director, were present to request approval for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Wage Increases. They provided information and went through the data. After a short discussion, it was decided that the Commissioners would need to study the **information and will discuss it at next week's meeting.**

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt resolution No. 3678 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities.

RESOLUTION No. 3678 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank desires to withdraw the following security:

DESCRIP	CUSIP#	MARKET VALUE
BELLVUE NE. OB	0792124K9	\$200,000.00
TOTAL RELEASED		\$200,000.00

WHEREAS: County deposits would still be fully insured. Therefore, let it be resolved, the above withdrawal by the Jones Bank is approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Zabrocki 04/12/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adopt resolution No. 3679 in regard to allowing Cattle Bank and Trust to pledge additional securities.

RESOLUTION No. 3679 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, The CATTLE BANK & TRUST desires to pledge the following security:

DESCRIP	CUSIP#	MARKET VALUE
GNMA POOL MA6840	36179VS50	\$537,072.75
TOTAL PLEDGED		\$537,072.75

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.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Vrbka 04/12/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request for the Courthouse Postage Machine.

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

Moved by **Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk's Fee Report for March 2022** in the amount of \$39,916.61

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for March 2022 in the amount of \$5,677.16.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with TKE Elevator Corp. for the Courthouse and Detention Center elevators.

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

The Commissioners discussed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) with the Nebraska Public Power District. The MOU is stating that Seward County, along with five other counties, would explore potential funding for broadband infrastructure. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, gave information on parts of the MOU agreement.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) with the Nebraska Public Power District for Broadband Infrastructure Development.

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

During discussion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, Culver reported he reminded the Village of Bee about available County ARPA funds. Ahmic reported she and Schweitzer are meeting with the Lutz CPA about reports for ARPA. She stated the Village of Cordova has reported the project for which they were awarded funds will cost more than anticipated. They are requesting additional funding from the County to help with the additional cost. It was suggested that Cordova come back to the Commissioners and ask for the additional funds. They will be asked to appear before the Board next week. Discussion was held if another application needs to be completed. Zabrocki stated that he had also mentioned to the Village Board of Goehner about County ARPA Funds available.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on April 19, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 12, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for April 26, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Village of Cordova Representative-Request for ARPA Funding

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Request approval for FY 2022-2023 Wage Increases

Moved by Zabrocki and Vrbka to adjourn at 10:01 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, 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 19th day of April 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

April 19, 2022
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 April 19, 2022 **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 April 19, 2022 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 Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022.

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

Marilyn Hladky, Assessor, updated the Commissioners on information concerning a property that is no longer exempt.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she and Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, had a Zoom session with Mark Lutz, CPA regarding reporting for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). She attended a Quality Growth meeting through the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership and attended the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting the previous night. She suggested another member of the Board go to a job fair at Centennial High School.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Ag Society meeting and will be attending the Upper Big Blue NRD meeting this week. He also fielded questions about road issues and asked about the new lighting in the courthouse.

Commissioner Culver reported he checked roads, attended the Planning & Zoning meeting and dealt with department heads and various emails.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended an Extension Board meeting and will be going to a Visitors Committee meeting this next week. He reported he received thanks from some emergency responders for their money received via ARPA funds.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Beaver Crossing Village Board meeting, attended a Broadband Task Force meeting, met with Greg Butcher about a County/City Road project, and received a call from the Nebraska Corn Board about bridges. He also reported he met with Matt Starkey about General Assistance updates and will attend the Seward City Council meeting tonight.

Matt Wullenwaber of Mid-American Benefits Inc. was present to give information on the health insurance renewal for the coming year. He presented information from the past **year's experience and gave options** for the 2022-2023 year.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the Employer Disclosure Statement.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve American National for the Seward County Health Insurance plan effective 6/1/2022 with a 3% increase.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Zoning Dept. Fee Report for March 2022 in the amount of \$2,000.

Zabrocki withdrew his motion and Ahmic withdrew her second due to questions in the report.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:28 a.m.

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

Tammy Sladek, a member of the Cordova Village Council, was present to give information about a project they had completed in which the County ARPA funds were used. Sladek said the company completing the project ran into problems with sewer lines and the total cost of the project was more than anticipated. She stated the Village of Cordova appreciated the help with the cost and would graciously ask the Board to help pay for the additional costs.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to approve the additional cost of \$5,882.75 for the Village of Cordova Project using ARPA funds.

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

Sladek stated that on behalf of the Village of Cordova, the sharing of costs is really appreciated.

Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, spoke about the Interim Grievance Board that may need to be appointed if a grievance is received before the new policy is implemented. Commissioner Ahmic will work with Human Resources to assemble the new Board.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:43 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:45 a.m.

Eric Hofer, Building and Grounds Supt., reported that he received quotes for the new temperature controls for the Courthouse upgrade. The quotes indicated that, due to the cost, Hofer will need to advertise for sealed bids.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Building and Grounds Supt. to advertise for bids for new temperature controls upgrade for the Courthouse HVAC System.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on the ARPA item on the agenda. She stated she received an *example* application for ARPA funds for meters for the Village of Staplehurst. She stated a project for installing individual meters normally would not qualify for ARPA funds. She contacted the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Supervisor and learned that the Village of Staplehurst wants to get meters in order to collect data for water and sewer conditions/problems and in turn, use the data to apply for grants/funding. This reason would enable the project to be funded with ARPA funds. The Department also gave information about the Village of Utica and their lack of meters. Both are eligible to be funded with ARPA money. No other Village has

contacted Board members. Zabrocki stated the Broadband Task Force has asked for funding for various costs.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:57 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 11:00 a.m.

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, presented information about the request from the County **Attorney's Office wanting to declare the Legal Secretary II position as a "Difficult to Fill"** position. She stated she started advertising as soon as they knew of the opening and have received only two applications and the applicants **didn't meet the minimum** requirements. It has been advertised for just over 30 days with no applicants. Casey **Tieman of the County Attorney's office** gave information about the legal experience required for this position. Armstead also gave information on the need. Zabrocki stated he feels it should be dealt with over with the budget process. Schmieding agreed with Zabrocki.

Moved by Zabrocki to disapprove the **"Difficult to Fill" request** for the Legal Secretary II position.

Zabrocki withdrew his motion.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to declare the Legal Secretary II as a **"Difficult to Fill" Position as stated in the employee policy.**

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

Sanchez gave wage information for a Legal Secretary II position from a survey she conducted of four counties.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to not change the salary for the Legal Secretary II position due to it needing to be addressed with the new budget.

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

Tieman was present to discuss a State Grant Special Conditions Award.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the State Grant Special Conditions Award # 223-CB-0528.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on April 26, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 12, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on April 26, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 19, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Claims through the period of April 15, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Request to limit items for the May 10, 2022 meeting
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for May 3, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman to sign the Seward County

- Extension Office Interlocal Agreement
- 9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Jonatan Jank/Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) – **Beck’s Seed Hybrids to expand their business in Seward County** and request road upgrades
- 10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman to sign an Interlocal Agreement With the City of Seward for the paving of East Seward Road

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 11:29 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Vrbka, 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 April 26, 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

April 26, 2022
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 April 26, 2022 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 April 26, 2022 at 8:30 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 Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve Tax List Corrections 360-22R and 361-19R.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on May 10, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 26, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

8:35 a.m.

- Hearing – Permissive Exemption for Omni Health
- Discuss/Action – Permissive Exemption for Omni Health
- Discuss/Action – Authorize the County Assessor to send County Board of Equalization Change of Value Notice

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 8:39 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, 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 10th day of May 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

April 26, 2022

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 April 26, 2022 **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 April 26, 2022 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of April 19, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to request American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for travel expenses.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request to pay travel expenses for Detention Center expenses with Seward County Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$1,668.91.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve claims for the period through April 15, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH APRIL 15, 2022

ADP LLC	SE	\$2,465.35	TCA OUTDOOR POWER	EQ	\$505.77
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,399.11	TELMATE LLC	SE	\$16.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$111.27	THOMSON REUTERS	FE	\$917.58
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$17,838.88	TIME WARNER CABLE	UT	\$407.40
ARAMARK UNIFORM	SE	\$110.34	TRASH PANDA REFUSE	SE	\$4,023.60
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$2,677.73	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	UT	\$834.69
BLUESTEM NETWORK	UT	\$110.00	VERIZON WIRELESS	UT	\$569.02
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$29.87	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$20.00
CENTEC CAST METAL PROD	SU	\$756.64	VISA	FE	\$9,627.54
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$4,222.91	WASHINGTON CO COURT	SE	\$3.50
CONSOLIDATED MGMT CO	SE	\$17.48	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,455.81
CORNHUSKER INT TRUCKS	EQ	\$275.02	ZABKA PERDUE FUNERAL	SE	\$3,070.00
CULLIGAN	SE	\$100.50	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$157.86
DIAMOND DRUGS, INC	SU	\$289.05	GWORCS	SE	\$3,375.00
DOUGLAS CO COURT	SE	\$4.50	HAMILTON EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$286.37
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$10.46	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$209.15
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,076.24	MATHESON TRI-GAS	SE	\$488.04
JENNIFER EICKHOFF	SE	\$25.74	MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$70.00
ELECTION SYS & SFTWR	SU	\$36.51	MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$78.46

FARM & HOME PUBLISH	SU	\$150.00	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	EQ	\$815.92
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$21,564.69	NMC, INC	SE	\$2,369.22
GENERAL FIRE & SAFETY	SE	\$195.50	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$1,525.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$883.85	ROSE EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$6,413.49
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$233.00	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE CO	SE	\$162.20
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$160.24	SUE IMIG	SE	\$64.35
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$155.84	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$123.90
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,859.65	SPORTS EXPRESS INC	SU	\$843.70
LAUBER FUNERAL SERV	SE	\$1,300.00	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$1,625.00
REBECCA MCKAY	SE	\$55.58	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$1,625.00
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$530.65	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$92.80
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$1,014.75	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$1,500.00
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$1,052.61	WATCH GUARD VIDEO	SE	\$8,012.50
MIDWEST OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$39.99	BURMEVES LLC	SE	\$4,000.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$1,469.00	JONES BANK	SE	\$150.00
KRYSTEL NABER	SE	\$16.38	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$74.33
JENNIFER NANTKES	SE	\$12.87	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$89.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$250.00	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$210.58
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$93.00	CATCH GLOBAL FOUNDATION	SE	\$760.00
PEGGY OBORNY	SE	\$21.06	J CHAD PROF TRAINING	SE	\$70.00
OFFICE DEPOT	SU	\$48.26	BRIAN BARNES	SE	\$250.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$40.78	MIDLANDS CONTRACTING	FE	\$5,882.75
PAC N SAVE	SU	\$225.30	PICTOMETRY INT'L	SE	\$30,680.17
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$149.00	ENCARTELE INC	SE	\$2,705.21
PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$2,050.00	SALARIES		\$260,290.86
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$370.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	SE	\$322.15	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
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STEINMEYER, ZACH	SE	\$1.17	VSP VISION		
SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$5,218.39	WADDELL & REED		

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

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she talked with the **County Attorney's Office** and JEO about Planning Commission issues, worked with UNL on the Missile Base project, gave info on Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) comprehensive meeting, attended an SCCDP personnel and policy sub group, worked on the ARPA report due April 30, 2022 and talked to Village of Utica representatives.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Upper Big Blue NRD meeting and met with the Highway Supt. about issues.

Commissioner Culver reported he participated in a virtual Blue Valley Community Action meeting, checked roads and abandoned cemeteries, and received various correspondence.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he went to a Visitors Committee meeting and he will attend an Arbor Day event and received a comment concerning the Road Dept.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) Cyber Security Training Seminar, a 4th of July Committee meeting, a BRIDGES meeting, a NIRMA Committee meeting, and will attend another Policy and Procedure Committee with NIRMA.

Carrie Gottschalk, Extension Educator, was present to ask the Commissioners to sign a new Interlocal between Seward County and the University of Nebraska.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the Seward County Extension Office Interlocal Agreement.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to limit the items for the agenda for May 10, 2022.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:25 a.m.

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

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, and Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., were present to give information about a project involving **150 acres near the Goehner Interstate 80 Exit. Beck's Hybrids purchased the land** formerly occupied by Syngenta Hybrids. Beck's Hybrids is a privately held company and is proposing to add an at least 90,000 square feet building. They anticipate a lot of truck traffic and are requesting an additional hard surfaced road from the interstate exit to the site. Jank was present to give information about a grant available which would cover 75% of the cost. Jank **said the estimated 25% would be approximately \$15,000 and Beck's Hybrids have approved to** say they would offer to pay for half of the 25%. Wicht said it would need to be engineered. The total cost of the road is estimated to be \$60,000.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Economic Opportunity Program Application Form for assistance in road improvement near the Goehner I80 Exit on the south side of the Interstate.

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

Motion Carried

During ARPA Funds discussion item on the agenda, Ahmic reported that she has been working on the report that is due April 30, 2022. She also mentioned that an application for Seward County ARPA funds has been received from the Village of Utica. The item will be on the agenda next week. Schweitzer added that Ahmic and herself participated in a Zoom session with a CPA about the ARPA report. The CPA stated that Ahmic has done a great job of gathering information for the report.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:51 a.m.

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

Greg Butcher, Seward City Administrator, was in attendance to ask the Commissioners consideration in approving the Interlocal for the Seward East Project. He stated the City of Seward, although paying for the major part of the project, will not annex Seward Street for quite a while. He said when the project was first discussed, the estimated cost was \$1.4 Million. Currently, the cost is estimated to be \$1.9 million. By the time the project starts, it is anticipated to cost over \$2 million. The interlocal states Seward County's share of the project is \$200,000.00. Zabrocki asked the Commissioners, because costs are rising, to consider contributing \$250,000.00.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign the East Seward Road Maintenance and Improvement Cooperation Agreement between the City of Seward and Seward County and to reflect the change of the amount of the County Share from \$200,000 to \$250,000.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 10:09 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:15 am.

Sherry Leising, Deputy County Treasurer, gave information about an employee in the **Treasurer's Office** that is unable to take vacation due to the County Treasurer being out on sick leave.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request for employee #0307 to have their maximum vacation hours extended to 260 hours for 6 months.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 10:18 a.m.

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

Sheriff Vance was present to ask permission to have the limit increased for the two **Sheriff's** Office credit cards. There are deputies going to a training in Chicago and will need the limits increased to accommodate travel expenses. He requested the limit be raised to \$9,000 for each card for 60 days.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to increase the limit for two Sheriff's Office credit cards to \$9,000 for 60 days.

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

Vance also asked the Commissioners consideration for an Interlocal for patrolling for the Village of Garland.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the Law Enforcement Services Agreement between Seward County and the Village of Garland for patrolling services.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:37 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:45 a.m.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to ask the Commissioners their consideration for a Verizon Contract.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign a Verizon Contract for the Road Dept.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:51 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 11:00 a.m.

The last item on the agenda was about wage increases for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Carina Sanchez, HR Director, and Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, were present to ask the Commissioners consideration for increases for the E911 Dept. employees. In discussion for wages for all county employees, Culver stated he feels that \$2/hour could be used as a retention increase and each supervisor would have the authority of giving an increase of *up to* \$2/hour, dependent on the employee evaluation. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, said that for employees who already got the additional \$2/hour, it was not dependent on merit. Culver stated that with the labor shortage we are currently experiencing, wages need to be increased, although it will be difficult to complete the Seward County budget under the current budget lid for counties. He would suggest \$2/hour for each person who has not already received an increase since January 1, 2022. Conradt gave the Commissioners information on a salary study he completed. His study showed different options for increases, but his recommendation would be to give each employee a \$3/hour increase. Zabrocki stated he has talked to the City of Seward and said they believe the wages of the E911 Dept. employees need to be raised. Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, stated she would like merit raises for the Detention Center staff in addition to the raises already given. Sheriff Vance stated he does not expect more for his staff than the raises already received. Discussion on full time vs part time was also discussed. Lengthy discussion was had on how much of an increase the County can afford to give. It was decided that additional time and more data is needed before making a decision.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 3, 2022 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 April 26, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

- 5. Commissioners Reports
- 6. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
- 7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for May 10, 2022
- 9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action - Request from Village of Utica to use County ARPA Funds for A Generator Project
- 9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – E911 Wage Difficult to fill subjects
Discuss/Action – Wages Increases for Fiscal year 2022-2023

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 12:23 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 3rd day of May 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

May 3, 2022
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 May 3, 2022 **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 May 3, 2022 at 8:30 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.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber and Development Partnership, and Harrison Helmer, Executive Director of BRIDGES updated the Commissioners on activities of their organizations.

Those officials updating the Commissioners on activities of their offices were Terry Wicht and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2022.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Seward Community Sector briefing, submitted the Seward County America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) report and will put together an overview for the Commissioners. She worked with JEO Consulting Group in regard to the proposed Planning and Zoning Regulations and received some road concerns.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he received concerns about roads.

Commissioner Culver reported he received concerns about roads, heard from the Village of Bee about ARPA, attended the E911 meeting, and represented Seward County at the annual Arbor Day celebration in Seward.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Arbor Day event. He also noted the various meetings he will attend in the next week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Staplehurst Village Board meeting, a NIRMA committee meeting, a 911 Board meeting, a Seward Chamber luncheon, a Highway 15 re-surfacing meeting, the Village of Utica meeting and viewed the Butler County Commissioners meeting via Zoom. He also met with Matt Starkey about updating the General Assistance guidelines.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the County **Treasurer's 3rd** Quarter Investment report.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 8:58 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:05 a.m.

Wicht was present to ask permission to advertise for gravel and culvert bids for the coming year.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Highway Supt. to advertise for bids for gravel and culverts.

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

The Commissioners discussed ARPA funds. Ahmic stated she would like to make some changes to the county ARPA application. She has noticed some problems with prior applications and suggested that the new form be used in the future.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:13 a.m.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:15 a.m.

Sharon Powell and Dylan Wiemer of the Village of Utica were present to discuss an ARPA application they submitted. It is for a back-up generator for the Village of Utica Lift Station.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to approve the request from the Village of Utica to use the County ARPA funds for a back-up Generator Project in the amount of \$40,119.66.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:24 a.m.

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, and Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, met with the Board **to discuss a "Difficult to Fill" position.** Currently the 911 Dept has two openings and has not been able to find replacements for them.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to declare the 911 Dispatcher Position as **"Difficult to Fill"**.

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

The next item on the agenda was to set the wage for the starting wage for a 911 dispatcher. Conradt gave information about a survey of area county 911 Depts.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka authorize the 911 director to proceed with a starting wage for a 911 Dispatcher of \$19.76 and a maximum of \$20.94 effective 7/1/2022.

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

The next item on the agenda was wages increases for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Sanchez, along with Roxie Knutson, HR Assistant, led discussion on possible options for raises for the workforce for the next budget year. Knutson said the estimated costs for the 2022-23 budget were supplied to the Commissioners and stated the caveats of the data. Culver suggested \$2 to those employees not already receiving a raise in the first quarter of 2022. There was discussion about those who have already received salary adjustments, about those who have worked less than one year and whether the increases are for Supervisors also.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to give a \$2 increase for those who did not receive a salary adjustment **resulting from a "Difficult to Fill" designation** in this fiscal year, for full time employees that have been employed for at least one year and

pro-rate the raise according to the hours worked based on a 40 hour work week for those who are part time and have worked more than one year effective 7/1/2022 excluding the E911 Dept. staff due to a previous action dealing with the wages for 911 budget discussion for next fiscal year.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to go into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss pending litigation.

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

The Chairman re-stated the reason for Executive Session was for pending litigation.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to go out of Executive session at 10:40 a.m. and no decision was made.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on May 10, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 26, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

8:35 a.m. Hearing on Permissive Exemption for Omni Health

Discuss/Action – Action on Permissive Exemption for Omni Health

Discuss/Action – Authorize Assessor to send County Board of Equalization Change of Value Notice

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 10, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Approve Minutes of May 3, 2022
Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through April 29, 2022

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 10:43 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 10th day of May, 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

May 10, 2022
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 May 10, 2022 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 May 10, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
 Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
 County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
 County Treasurer: Bob Dahms
 Deputy County Assessor: Tanya Woolsey

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 Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of April 26, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Tax Exemption for a 2010 BMW VIN # 5UXFE4C56AL381460 for St. Gregory the Great Seminary.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to open the permissive exemption hearing at 8:35 a.m. for Omni Health for real estate described as part of Lot 5, all of Lot 6, Block 96, Harris, Moffitt & Roberts Addition, Seward, NE.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Woolsey stated that property owned by Omni Health is no longer exempt due to use of the property.

No one spoke at said hearing

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to close the public hearing at 8:36 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to remove the permissive Exemption for Omni Health for real estate described as part of Lot 5, all of Lot 6, Block 96, Harris, Moffitt & Roberts Addition, Seward, NE.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Assessor to send a County Board Change of Value Notice for real estate described as part of Lot 5, all of Lot 6, Block 96, Harris, Moffitt & Roberts Addition, Seward, NE.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on May 24, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of May 10, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:39 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 24th day of May 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

May 10, 2022 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 May 10, 2022 **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 May 10, 2022 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of May 3, 2022.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the claims through the period of April 29, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH APRIL 29, 2022

ACCURATE CONTROLS	FE	\$1,856.36	SEW CO SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$493.00
ADV CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$132.30	SEWARD CO SINKING FUND	FE	\$1,500.00
ADV OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$509.28	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$144.53
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$420.08	SMPC, LLC	SE	\$7,829.42
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$17,919.55	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,794.75
ARAMARK UNIFORM	SE	\$57.24	ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,152.00
AXON ENTERPRISES	SE	\$375.00	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$5,212.09
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$104.50	THE CHANGE COMPANIES	SE	\$80.00
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,380.00	THOMSON REUTERS	FE	\$714.55
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$9,399.11	UNIVERSITY OF NEBR	SE	\$10,846.23
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$446.00	UPS	SE	\$48.86
CLERK DIST CRT STANTON	SE	\$4.75	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	SE	\$2,670.50
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY	FE	\$20.00	VISA	FE	\$149.90
CONNER PSYCH SERV	SE	\$385.00	WELLS FARGO FINANL LEAS	FE	\$198.15
JACK DANIEL	SE	\$18.72	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,014.90
DODGE CO SHERIFF	SE	\$21.08	ALL ROAD BARRICADES	SU	\$197.46
DOUGLAS CO COURT	SE	\$3.75	KENNETH PANKOKE	SE	\$281.60
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$8.62	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$818.75
E 911	FE	\$30,448.67	CENTRAL STATES HYDRAULIC	EQ	\$5,137.31
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$3,960.39	HEARTLAND TIRES	SE	\$4,648.70
ELECTION SYSTEMS	SU	\$8,664.74	INDOFF INC	SU	\$54.98
FALLER LANDSCAPE	SE	\$679.96	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$105.00
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$924.35	MIDWEST PETROLEUM	SU	\$47.53
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$36.00	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$100.50
GOVERNMENT FORMS	SU	\$151.11	NEXLINK AIS	UT	\$74.99
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$6.50	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO	SE	\$1,740.50
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$31.00	POWERPLAN	SE	\$388.71
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$80.00	ROSE EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$1,640.58
HOLIDAY INN EXP MCCOOK	TR	\$96.00	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$31,137.50
HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$402.76	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$56.00
IN FOCUS INVESTIGATIONS	SE	\$150.00	ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING CO	EQ	\$8,524.92
INPATIENT PHYSICIAN	SE	\$328.13	SEWARD CO CHAMBER & DEV	FE	\$92.94
JOHN JONES AUTO GRP	EQ	\$52,022.00	SEWARD 4TH OF JULY COMM	FE	\$2,500.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,156.55	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$97,001.16
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	FE	\$131.48	INTOXIMETERS	EQ	\$810.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$599.04	911 CUSTOM	SE	\$2,344.00
STEPHANIE LUEBBE	SE	\$9.95	AWARDS UNLIMITED	SU	\$92.40
MAXIMUS INC	FE	\$2,600.00	CULLIGAN	SE	\$43.25
MAYFLOWER PROCESS	SE	\$162.50	DELL MARKETING L P	SU	\$1,098.35
SUE MEDINGER	SE	\$8.19	GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$605.00
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$7,683.28	JONES BANK	FE	\$100.00
MIDWEST OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$39.99	MOTOROLA	SE	\$14,063.60
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$374.50	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$85.75
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$35.00	PICKERILL ENTERPRISES	FE	\$32,396.00
NE COUNTY ATTYS ASSN	FE	\$2,113.00	SEWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	SE	\$300.00
DALE NIEMANN	SE	\$11.70	SEWARD CO TREASURER	FE	\$14.00
ONESOURCE	SU	\$88.00	TRANSUNION RISK & ALT	FE	\$404.00
PAC N SAVE	SU	\$36.97	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	FE	\$167.99
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$244.00	JEO CONSULTING GROUP	SE	\$295.00
SCOTT PEKAREK	SE	\$6.44	MARY D EILERS ESTATE	FE	\$2,915.50
PEREZ INTERPRETING	SE	\$400.00	FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$6,156.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$337.50	KEARNEY INVESTMENT CORP	FE	\$288.00
PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	SU	\$105.60	WINDSTREAM COMM	UT	\$715.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA	SU	\$81.98	SALARIES		\$262,718.40
ZOE RICHERT	SE	\$14.04	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDED DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SAUNDERS CO COURT	SE	\$4.25	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SAUNDERS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$6.50	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEC OF STATE - ELECTIONS	SU	\$20.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$650.00	VSP VISION		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,753.10	WADDELL & REED		

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

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 17, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of May 10, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Accept Clerk of the Districts Court Fee Report for April 2022 – \$8,389.69
7. Discuss/Action – Accept County Clerk Fee Report for April 2022 – \$35,410.75
8. Discuss/Action – Res. – Allow Jones Bank to Withdraw Pledged Securities
9. Discuss/Action – Res. – Allow Jones Bank to Pledge Additional Securities
10. Discuss/Action – Flag and Crosses at Abandoned Cemeteries
11. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
12. Discuss/Action – Agenda for May 24, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – DJ Johnson/Region V Systems– Annual Report and Request for Contribution

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open bids for Courthouse HVAC System Upgrades

9:45 a.m. Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit for a Temporary Asphalt Plant in J Precinct in the NW ¼ of Section 25 Township 10 N Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action - Res/Findings of Fact – Conditional Use Permit for a Temporary Asphalt Plant in J Precinct in the NW ¼ of Section 25 Township 10 N Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Rezone Quarter Section of Real Estate in I Precinct in the NE ¼ Section 5 Township 10 N Range 4 East of the 6th p.m. from A-1 District to TA-1 District

Discuss/Action – Res. - Rezone Quarter Section of Real Estate in I Precinct in the NE ¼ Section 5 Township 10 N Range 4 East of the 6th p.m. from A-1 District to TA-1 District

10:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Staplehurst Village Representatives – Request for ARPA Funding for Water and Sewer Infrastructure Project

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 9:02 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 17th day of May 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

May 17, 2022
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 May 17, 2022 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 May 17, 2022 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a quarterly meeting between several organizations in Seward County, attended the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the Seward Community Chamber and Development Partnership meeting and received a call from Pleasant Dale Village representative in regard to ARPA Funds.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Seward County Ag Society meeting, checked abandoned cemeteries and received several questions in regard to roads.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and dealt with various emails.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended an Extension Board meeting, a Region V meeting, checked abandoned cemeteries and listed meetings he will attend the coming week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a quarterly Veterans Committee meeting, the Seward City Council meeting, a short meeting with the 911 Director, a Village of Beaver Crossing meeting, a NACO Budget Workshop, a 911 budget meeting, a Seward Planning Commission meeting. He also participated in a NIRMA webinar and a webinar involving local energy security plans.

The Commissioners considered their recommendation for County Depts. for budget purposes. Culver led discussion and asked that all departments keep their budget increase at or near 0%. He stated that since salaries were increased substantially recently, he feels departments should understand and hold down expenses. It was also noted that there are large balances in several office sinking funds that could help pay for expenses over the 0%. Schmieding stated he supported that effort.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Zoning Fee Report for March 2022 and April 2022 in the amounts of \$1,800.00 and \$1,875.00 respectively.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for April 2022 in the amount of \$8,389.69.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for April 2022 in the amount of \$35,410.75.

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

C.J. Johnson of Region V Systems was present to give the annual report and request for funding for the next fiscal year.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to open bids for the courthouse HVAC System upgrade.

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

Three bids were received which were from Engineer Controls, Johnson Controls and Trane. The bid will be awarded next week.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for February 2022 in the amount of \$1,057.00 and \$667.95 respectively.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to accept the Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for March 2022 in the amount of \$1,274.00 and \$605.52 respectively.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3680 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities.

Resolution No. 3680 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank desires to withdraw the following security:

DESCRIP	CUSIP#	MARKET VALUE
OTOE CO SCH DIST 111 BOND	68905FGL7	\$200,000.00
	TOTAL RELEASED	\$200,000.00

WHEREAS: County will still be fully protected. Therefore, let it be resolved, the above withdrawal by the Jones Bank is approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic 05/17/2022

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3681 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

Resolution No. 3681 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

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

SCOTTSBLUFF CNTY OP BOND----CUSIP810140LSO \$250,000.00
DOUGLAS CO SID BOND-----CUSIP 25937WAP9 \$275,000.00
HOLT CO SCH 44 BOND-----CUSIP 436539CW8 \$250,000.00
SARPY CNTY SID OB BOND-----CUSIP 80373YEXO \$250,000.00

TOTAL PLEDGED @ 5/3/2022 \$1,025,000.00

WHEREAS: County deposits would still be fully insured. Therefore, let it be resolved, the above additional pledging by Jones Bank is approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Zabrocki 05/17/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:41 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open a public hearing at 9:45 a.m. for a Conditional Use Permit for a Temporary Asphalt Plant in J Precinct in the NW ¼ of Section 25 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Paulsen read information from the Planning and Zoning meeting.

Terry Wilhelms of Werner Construction introduced himself and said he was present to hear any comments on the permit.

Commissioner Ahmic stated she received a letter from a resident near the proposed asphalt plant and asked for lights and alarms be changed in their operation so that it does not interfere with the enjoyment of their residence.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to close the public hearing at 9:50 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

The Findings of Fact document was completed.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF A)

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT)

REQUEST BY:)

WERNER CONSTRUCTION

APPLICANT

THIS MATTER came before the Seward County Board of Commissioners on the request of the Applicant for a Conditional Use Permit. Public Hearing was held on the 17th day of May 2022. Notice of said hearing was publicized on the 3rd day of May 2022.

THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS recommends to

 X approve the conditional use permit
 deny the conditional use permit

upon the findings that:

1. Y The use, in all other respects, conforms to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located.
Does conform with the Matrix for Conditional Use
2. Y The use has adequate water, sewer, and drainage facilities.
3. Y The use is in harmony with the character of the area and the most appropriate use of the land.
4. Y The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, moral, comfort, or general welfare of the county.
5. Y The use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood.
6. Y The use will not impede the normal and orderly development of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district.
7. Y The use has adequate utilities, access roads, and drainage facilities.
8. Y That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets.
9. Y The use does not include noise, which is objectionable due to volume, frequency, or beat unless muffled or otherwise controlled.
10. Y The use does not involve any pollution of the air by fly-ash, dust, vapors, or other substance which is harmful to health, animals, vegetation or other property or which can cause soiling, discomfort, or irritation.
11. Y The use does not involve any malodorous gas or matter, which is discernible on any adjoining lot or property.
12. Y The use does not involve any direct or reflected glare, which is visible from any adjoining property or from any public street, road, or highway.
13. Y The use does not involve any activity substantially increasing the movement of traffic on public streets unless procedures are instituted to limit traffic hazards and congestion.
No parking or staging will be allowed on the highway.
14. Y The use does not involve any activity substantially increasing the burden on any public utilities or facilities unless provisions are made for any necessary adjustments.

FURTHER recommend specific conditions that are necessary or desirable to address the most appropriate use of the land, the conservation and stabilization of the value of property, the provision of adequate open space for light and air, concentration of populations, congestion of public streets, and the promotion of the general health, safety, welfare, convenience, and comfort of the public.

 Y This is an Allowed Use per Seward County Matrix as a Conditional Use Permit DATED THIS 17th day of May, 2022.

Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, John K. Culver

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adopt Resolution No. 3682 in regard to a Conditional Use Permit for a Temporary Asphalt Plant in J Precinct in the NW ¼ of Section 25 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3682 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS WERNER CONSTRUCTION LLC. has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for a Temporary Asphalt Plant, and

WHEREAS the property is described as a tract in the Northwest ¼ of, Section 25, Township 10N, Range 3E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the application at a regular meeting April 18, 2022, and

WHEREAS notice of the public hearing was published in the Seward County Independent, and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission recommended Approval of the Conditional Use Permit and finding of facts presented, with a vote of 7 In Favor, 0 Against, and 2 Absent not voting, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to consider the application at a regular meeting May 17, 2022, and

WHEREAS notice of the public hearing was published in the Seward County Independent, and

WHEREAS X No one appeared to oppose said Conditional Use

___ Individuals appeared to oppose said Conditional Use

___ No one appeared to support said Conditional Use

X Individuals appeared to support said Conditional Use,

___ Individuals appeared without commitment, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve X or ___ deny the Conditional Use Permit for WERNER CONSTRUCTION LLC. to operate and maintain a Temporary Asphalt Plant at the described location. parcel Id 800108337 on a tract of ground located in the Northwest ¼ of, Section 25, Township 10N, Range 3E Seward County Nebraska.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Vrbka 05/17/2022

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:57 a.m.

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

Moved to Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to open a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. to re-zone a quarter section of real estate from A-1 District to TA-1 District in I Precinct in the NE ¼ of Section 5 Township 10 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Paulsen read information from the Planning and Zoning meeting.

Steve Mossman, attorney for the applicant, spoke in favor of said application to re-zone.

Josh Delcamp, applicant for said permit, spoke in favor of said application to re-zone.

Alex Reifschneider, representing his family, spoke in opposition of said application to re-zone.

Jeff Culp spoke against said application to re-zone.

Phil Hargis, a professional geologist, spoke about the aquifer that is below the property in question. He spoke in opposition of said application to re-zone.

Rick Ficken spoke in opposition of said permit.

Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, read statements she received from two landowners, namely David Eikel and Kay Ficken in opposition to said permit.

Steve Mossman again addressed the Board about comments that were received previously.

Alex Reifschneider also spoke again in opposition to said application to re-zone.

Erma Naber spoke against said application to re-zone.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to close the public hearing at 10:40 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3683 in regard to denying said permit to re-zone a quarter section of real estate from A-1 District to TA-1 District in I Precinct in the NE ¼ of Section 5 Township 10 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3683 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Josh Delcamp has applied for a Zoning District change for a quarter section of land from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to

TA-1 Transitional Agriculture, and

WHEREAS The land is described as a tract in the Northeast 1/4 of, Precinct I. Section 5, Township 10N, Range 4E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, the owner of record is Josh Delcamp, and

WHEREAS Notice of Public Hearing by the Seward County Planning Commission was published in the Seward County Independent, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Zoning District change on April 18, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission had a recommendation to Deny with a vote of 7 in for, 0 against, and 2 absent and not voting.

WHEREAS The Seward County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on the Zoning Change on May 17, 2022, and

WHEREAS Notice of Public Hearing by the Seward County Board of Commissioners was published in the Seward County Independent, and

WHEREAS X Individuals appeared without commitment

___ No one appeared to oppose said amendment

X Individuals appeared to oppose said amendment

___ No one appeared to support said amendment

X Individuals appeared to support said amendment, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby adopt Resolution 3683 to approve_____, denyX the Zoning District Change from A-1 to TA-1.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Schmieding 05/17/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Sharon Reinmiller and Bobby McVey Blath, representatives of Staplehurst, were in attendance to request County America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for a water and sewer infrastructure project. They gave information about their project for water meters and because the amount is over \$50,000, they will have to go through a sealed bids process. They will get sealed bids and report back to the Board.

Chris Shipley and Tim Corner, representing the Village of Bee, were present to request Seward County ARPA funds. They briefly gave information about their project which is over \$50,000, so they too will need to go through a sealed bids process before Seward County will obligate funds for their project.

Katrina **Ramer of the County Attorney's Office gave information about** new software the office will need to use for grants.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Understanding regarding a new CB Grant Tracking Database called **Amplifund for the County Attorney's Office.**

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki authorize the Highway Supt. to go out for bids on two pickups and a sign truck.

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

The Commissioners discussed flags and crosses at abandoned cemeteries. Commissioner Ahmic stated she talked to the Extension Office and discussed flags and crosses and currently, 4-H Clubs put crosses at each of the abandoned cemeteries which they have adopted. The Extension Office has asked that they be allowed to erect a flag that is lit from Memorial Day to Labor Day at no cost to the county. After discussion of how other counties handle the mowing, etc. of their abandoned cemeteries, the Commissioners agreed to allow it.

Ahmic reported that the Village of Pleasant Dale contacted her about an application for ARPA funds. She also noted that she completed a 2nd report and other documentation for the 2nd payment to Seward County.

Rachael Jamison, representing the Village of Garand, was present to ask for County ARPA funds. They had not sought sealed bids and as with the Villages of Staplehurst and Bee, they will get sealed bids and come back with their request.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on May 24, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of May 10, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 24, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of May 17, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through May 13, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports

7. Discuss/Action – Request to Not Meet on June 28, 2022 due to Special Election
 8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
 9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for May 31, 2022
- 9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award bids for the upgrade of the Courthouse HVAC System
- 9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open Culvert bids for Seward County
Discuss/Action – Open Gravel bids for Seward County
Discuss/Action – Award Gravel bids for Seward County

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 11:27 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 24th day of May 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

May 24, 2022
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 May 24, 2022 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 May 24, 2022 at 8:30 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 Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on June 14, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of May 24, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:55 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 14th day of June 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

May 24, 2022

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 May 24, 2022 **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 May 24, 2022 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 minutes of May 17, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve claims for the period through May 13, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MAY 13, 2022

ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$170.16	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	EQ	\$814.19
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$19.75	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	SE	\$805.08
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$1,346.21	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$20.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$18,439.11	VISA	FE	\$5,498.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$2,185.69	WALL, ROBERT	SE	\$190.00
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$292.50	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,479.20
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$40.00	SUE WURM, COURT REPORTER	SE	\$120.00
BRYAN PHYS NETWORK	SE	\$307.23	CENTRAL SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$49,498.44
CAFE ON THE SQUARE	SU	\$193.79	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$9,244.91
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	SE	\$139.99	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$26.60
CORDANT HEALTH SOL	SU	\$43.00	G & P DEVEL LANDFILL	SE	\$20.34
CULLIGAN	SE	\$24.50	HUSKER AUTO GROUP	SE	\$135.00
DIAMOND DRUGS	SU	\$4,291.65	HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT SERV	SE	\$177.47
ELECTION WORKERS	SE	\$10,830.47	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$31,817.75
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX	SE	\$91.98	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC	SE	\$14,454.94
FALLER LANDSCAPE	SE	\$39.92	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$111.25
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$15,624.20	MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$105.00
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$267.50	MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$55.02
GALLS LLC	SE	\$178.94	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$975.61
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$883.85	MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$1,925.37
GRNUP, LLC	SE	\$700.00	NEWMAN SIGNS, INC	SU	\$3,903.43
GWORKS	SE	\$20,996.25	NMC, INC	SE	\$2,776.82
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$1,781.04	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,234.00
KEARNEY INVEST CORP	SE	\$189.90	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$268.03
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$130.33	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	SE	\$142.73
INDOFF INC	SU	\$152.43	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$37,535.45
BIG D ENTERPRISES	SE	\$519.90	SNAP-ON INDUSTRIAL	SU	\$37.67
JEO CONSULTING	SE	\$3,078.85	UTICA PARTS AND SERV	SE	\$18.57
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FE	\$632.58	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$50.61
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,645.08	CATTLE BANK & TRUST	FE	\$95,005.00

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES	TR	\$439.80	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$825.00
MARLIN MATULKA	SE	\$870.70	MILFORD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$167.30
HOLLY MATZKE	SE	\$180.00	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$128.73
REBECCA MCKAY	SE	\$30.42	SEWARD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$352.10
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$123.25	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$92.80
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$43,959.77	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$228.90
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$90.00	DARRIN KREMER	SE	\$400.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$8.50	MILFORD POLICE DEPT	SE	\$144.08
OFFICE DEPOT	SU	\$531.95	DIGITAL ALLY INC	EQ	\$9,564.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$30.00	NAT ASSN DRUG COURT PROF	FE	\$1,590.00
PETERSEN REPORTING	SE	\$103.50	RELENTLESS LLC	SE	\$325.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$110.00	DON'S PIONEER UNIFORMS	SE	\$453.54
PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$4,465.00	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$465.05
CA MARKETING, INC	SU	\$470.40	HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$937.00
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$2,144.65	HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$76.00
QUADIENT, INC	EQ	\$368.46	JONES BANK	SE	\$100.00
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$31.00	NE LAW ENF TRAINING CT	FE	\$360.00
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$40.78
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$642.00	TRANSUNION RISK	FE	\$404.00
KEVIN SCHLENDER	SE	\$190.00	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$239.26
SEW CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$156,314.26	DIGITAL RIVER INC	SE	\$999.50
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,194.77	LUTZ & COMPANY	SU	\$575.00
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$15.28	NEMAHA CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SE	\$575.21
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$249.92	POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES	FE	\$960.00
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED	EQ	\$3,024.00	ENCARTELE INC	SE	\$2,954.53
SPARETIME	SE	\$265.48	SALARIES		\$271,706.47
ST OF NEB DAS STATE ACCTNG	SE	\$694.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SHARILYN K STEUBE	SE	\$190.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$2,626.42	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SU	\$493.42	DELTA DENTAL		
THOMSON REUTERS	SE	\$1,074.62	VSP VISION		
TIME WARNER CABLE	UT	\$407.13	WADDELL & REED		

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

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, Terry Wicht, High Supt. and Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk, updated the Commissioners on activities of their offices.

Eric Hofer, Seward Building and Grounds Supt., gave information on bids received for the HVAC upgrade. Hofer recommended Engineered Controls, Inc.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to award the bid to Engineered Controls, Inc. in the amount of \$64,450.00 for the upgrade of the HVAC Equipment in the Courthouse.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:27 a.m.

The Commissioners re-conveyed 9:30 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to open the gravel bids at 9:30 a.m.

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

Bids were received from Johnson Sand & Gravel, Central Sand and Gravel and Dale R. Johnson Trucking Sand & Gravel.

The awarding of the gravel bids was also on the agenda.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to award gravel bids to all three bidders: Johnson Sand & Gravel, Central Sand and Gravel and Dale R. Johnson Trucking Sand & Gravel with the bids of:

Johnson Sand & Gravel:

Undelivered: \$13.50/ton

Delivered: \$23.20/ton to Missile Base Stockpile

There will be a 1% fuel surcharge for every \$0.20 fuel price increase over \$4.59/gal on Clear or Truck fuel. There will be a 1% fuel surcharge for every \$0.20 fuel price increase over \$4.08/gal on Pump or Red fuel

Central Sand & Gravel:
Undelivered: \$15.50/ton
Delivered: No Bid

Dale R. Johnson Trucking Sand & Gravel:
Undelivered: \$13.50/ton
Delivered: \$24.61/ton to Garland Stockpile
There will be a 1% fuel surcharge for every \$0.20 fuel price increase over \$4.59/gal.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:40 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open bids at 9:45 a.m. for culverts.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Bids were received from Ace Eaton Metals, Midwest Service & Sales, Metal Culverts Inc. and Contech Engineered Solutions.

The bids will be awarded next week.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign a Right of Way Access Agreement with the University of Nebraska - Lincoln to bore a vertical soil sample for the Lower Platte South Resources District Project # 4930.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:55 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she reached out to the Garland Village Clerk about County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, received calls about zoning, worked on those addresses of Seward County that have a Unit #, checked on abandoned cemeteries and worked with the Madison County Clerk on their ARPA application.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Upper Big Blue NRD Meeting and visited with Bee representatives about a road issue.

Carrie Rodriguez, Chief Probation Officer for District 5, gave information about the services that probation gives to the eleven counties the district serves. She also gave information about their budget request for the coming fiscal year and an Interlocal for the Problem-Solving Court that is being requested to be renewed in the near future.

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator, was present to give information about a Lower Platte Weed Management Area Agreement.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Board to sign the Amended Interlocal for the Lower Platte Weed Management Area.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Paulsen also presented a plat for the Commissioners' consideration.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant award for the Seward County Senior Centers.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to cancel the Seward County Board meeting on June 28, 2022 due to an election happening the same day.

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

Misty Ahmic led discussion about the disbursement of the Seward County ARPA funds. It was asked if the Illuminate Seward campaign is eligible to be paid with ARPA funds and whether the Courthouse was included in the estimated cost. The Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership is leading the effort with grant writing to help pay for it. It was reported there is an estimated \$1.1 million in Seward County ARPA funds left. There are three different villages that have asked for funds which would deplete the funds if we chose to fully fund the projects. Commissioners will talk to the village representatives and see if they have researched other sources of funding for their projects.

Carla Ketner, owner of Chapters Books and Gifts, requested use of the Courthouse Square to host an event for Nebraska Authors and Artists on June 25, 2022 from 2-4 p.m. with a rain date of July 9, 2022.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request to use the Courthouse Square to host an event for Nebraska Authors and Artists on June 25, 2022 from 2-5 p.m. with a rain date of July 9, 2022.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 31, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of May 24, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Discuss/Action – Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Fences for Abandoned Cemeteries
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for June 7, 2022

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award Culvert Bids

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 11:06 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 31st day of May 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

May 31, 2022
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 May 31, 2022 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 May 31, 2022 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 minutes of May 24, 2022.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked on some American Rescue Plan Act Funds information, reviewed Community Sector briefing, and reached out to Village of Garland representatives about ARPA.

Commissioner Vrbka received an inquiry from a 4-H Club about improvements to an abandoned cemetery.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a 911 Board meeting, received a call from a vendor about HVAC bids, and will be going to the Village of Garland, Bee and Pleasant Dale meetings about ARPA funding.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he had a Visitors Committee meeting, received a call from a vendor of the HVAC bids, and visited with the Public Defender.

Commissioners Zabrocki reported he attended two Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (NIRMA) meetings, a 911 Board meeting and visited with a representative of the City of Seward.

The Commissioners discussed fences of the abandoned cemeteries. Fences near Bee and Utica need to be repaired. Schmieding had previously mentioned that finding volunteers to repair them is an idea, but after working on the subject, he suggested to have the Road Dept. fix any broken fences. It was also mentioned that some 4-H Clubs that have adopted an abandoned cemetery want to place a bench/flag/light at the cemetery. The issue of mowing around these improvements was questioned. The Extension Educator that works with the 4-H Clubs will be contacted for more information.

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator, brought a plat for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3685 in regard to approving **the Administrative Plat of Kraus's Corner in Precinct P in the SE ¼ of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.**

RESOLUTION NO 3685 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Kevin and Claudia Kraus own 3.03 acres of land and has applied for an Administrative Plat, and described as a tract of land in the Southeast ¼ of Section 2, Township 9N, Range 4E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Administrative Plat shall be called the **KRAUS'S CORNER** and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on May 16th, 2022 to consider the Administrative Plat, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended to APPROVE the **KRAUS'S CORNER Administrative Plat, with a vote of 8** For, 0 Against, and 1 Absent and Not Voting, and

WHEREAS X No one appeared to oppose the subdivision
 Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision
 X No one appeared to support the subdivision
 Individuals appeared to support the subdivision
 Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve or Deny the KRAUS'S CORNER Administrative Plat, with Resolution NO. 3685.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic 05/31/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Marilyn Hladky, Assessor, gave information about the programming and meeting the requirements of LB 644 which was recently passed. The law states that postcards have to be sent to real estate owners if tax increases of certain government entities occur. **The Assessor's** Office computer system is being programmed with the information that will be printed on the postcards. The Nebraska Department of Administrative Services will be designated as the printing service to print and mail them.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to designate the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services as the printing service to meet the requirements of LB 644 for printing postcards giving notice of a joint public hearing for political subdivisions increasing their property tax request by more than 2% plus growth.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to give information about awarding culvert bids for Seward County. The bids were opened last week. Wicht recommended accepting the bid from Ace Eaton.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to award the culvert bid to Ace Eaton in the amount of \$83,517.

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

Ahmic led discussion about the ARPA item on the agenda. She stated there is a compliance audit that needs to be completed. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney,

suggested a CPA complete it and suggested Mark Lutz, CPA, as they have been hired to help with other reports. The cost of the audit can be paid by ARPA funds. Ahmic also said she was contacted by several villages and was asked to help them complete their reports.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:37 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Eric Hofer, Building and Ground Supt., led discussion on the HVAC contract with Engineered Controls Inc.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the HVAC Contract with Engineered Controls Inc. for \$64,450.00 to be paid with ARPA funds.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on June 7, 2022 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 May 31, 2022
5. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through May 27, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for June 14, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open bids for Pickup and Sign Truck bids

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing – Request to Re-zone property from A-1 District to TA-1 District in I Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 7 Township 10 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. - Re-zone property from A-1 District to TA-1 District in I Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 7 Township 10 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

9:45 a.m. Public Hearing – Request to Re-zone property from A-1 District to TA-1 District in P Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 26 Township 9 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. - Re-zone property from A-1 District to TA-1 District in I Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 26 Township 9 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award Pickup and Sign Truck Bids

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 9:53 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 7th day of June 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

June 7, 2022

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 June 7, 2022 **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 June 7, 2022 at 8:30 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.

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

Harrison Helmer, Executive Director of BRIDGES, updated the Commissioners on activities of his organization.

Those officials present for their monthly meeting with the Commissioners were Marilyn Hladky and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of May 31, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve claims through the period of May 27, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MAY 27, 2022

ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	SID DILLON	SE	\$82.26
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,573.95	SIGNS NOW	SU	\$808.50
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$3,828.01	SMPC, LLC	SE	\$1,865.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$351.73	ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,152.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$1,287.63	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$7,381.56
AMERICAN JAIL ASSOC	FE	\$100.00	TELMATE LLC	SE	\$50.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$18,213.22	THE CHANGE CO	SE	\$739.06
ASHI & 24-7 EMS REMIT	SE	\$366.48	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR	SE	\$5,591.23
ASI SIGNAGE INNOVATIONS	SU	\$158.00	TWIN RIVERS HLTH CR	SE	\$25.00
AUTOMON LLC	EQ	\$2,969.38	UNL PRINT AND COPY	SU	\$164.89
BLACK DIAMOND AUTO DETAIL	SE	\$150.00	USPS	SU	\$10,000.00
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC LLC	SE	\$730.69	VERIZON WIRELESS	UT	\$2,569.19
BOB BARKER COMPANY	SU	\$4,738.12	VISA	FE	\$802.34
BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$30.80	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$870.30
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,380.00	WOODS & AITKEN	SE	\$440.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$29.87	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$322.74
CHARM-TEX	SU	\$94.90	CENTRAL SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$54,888.84
LINC LANC CO CHILD AD CENTE	SE	\$4,900.00	CENTRAL STATES HYDR	EQ	\$1,768.94
CO VETERANS SERV OFFICRS	FE	\$120.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$15,406.58
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	TR	\$286.20	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$43.27
CUMMINS SALES AND SERV	EQ	\$1,491.71	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$652.70

GREGORY C. DAMMAN	SE	\$380.00	MATHESON TRI-GAS	SU	\$2,266.87
DELL MARKETING L P	EQ	\$562.90	MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$104.49
E 911	FE	\$34,051.95	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$56.99
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,195.63	OSCEOLA IMPLEMENT	SE	\$42.68
EGAN SUPPLY CO	SU	\$5,176.79	POWERPLAN	SE	\$339.74
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$2,182.64	REED ELECTRIC	SE	\$247.18
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$18.75	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$35.16
GALLS LLC	SE	\$569.17	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$31,704.00
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$5.00	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$55.64
GRNUP, LLC	SE	\$700.00	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	SE	\$386.88
GUARDIAN RFID	SE	\$16.54	NE TRAVEL ASSOC	FE	\$250.00
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$752.00	SEWARD CO CHAMBER	SE	\$515.82
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$1,205.52	SEWARD TECHNOLOGY SERV	SE	\$414.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$459.09	LORI ANDERSON	SE	\$304.70
INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR SLED	SE	\$2,664.06	DELTA DENTAL OF NE	FE	\$29.97
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,415.10	VISION SERVICE PLAN INS	FE	\$23.29
DAVID KIMBLE	SE	\$486.00	AGING PARTNERS	SE	\$176.93
KONICA MINOLTA	SE	\$131.48	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$92.80
LA QUINTA INN & SUITES	TR	\$238.00	PETERS, BRIAN	SE	\$53.24
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$27.70	FORREST SIEBKEN	SE	\$1,259.92
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$22.13	CATTLE BANK & TRUST	SE	\$58.61
REBECCA MCKAY	SE	\$35.10	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$492.75
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$388.68	FEHLHAFERS INC	SE	\$15.00
MERLES GARDEN CENTER	SU	\$20.48	GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	EQ	\$575.60
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$119.00	GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$605.00
MID-AMERICAN INS	FE	\$47,132.14	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$175.99
MIDWEST CRT REPORTING	SE	\$75.00	HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$769.63
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$814.50	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$689.22
MILLS & REITER	SU	\$451.25	JONES BANK	SE	\$100.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$4,536.58	MIDWEST OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$39.99
NE ASSN CO CLERKS	FE	\$125.00	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$49,852.29
NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$2,660.20	NE LAW ENFORC TRAIN CT	FE	\$360.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$4,041.97	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$271.80
QUADIENT LEASING USA	SE	\$81.98	SECURITY EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$221.70
QUILL CORPORATION	SU	\$311.91	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$167.99
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$58.64	CEDARS	SE	\$520.00
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$370.00	SALARIES		\$267,485.07
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$699.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$148,311.77	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$148.24	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO SINKING FND	FE	\$800.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD CO TREASURER	FE	\$312.38	VSP VISION		
SEWARD VISION CLINIC	SE	\$150.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she has been reviewing the suggested update of the Planning & Zoning Comp Plan/Zoning regulations, received calls about Zoning, announced there are Weed/Zoning webpage updates coming soon, worked with the Madison County Clerk on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) reporting and received word from the Village of Garland in regard to an ARPA project.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he worked on road conditions that need to be fixed and checked on some things for the Assessor.

Commissioner Culver reported he received correspondence, worked with Seward/Saline Solid Waste Management Agency, drug court contracts, and checked roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will have a Region V meeting and a 4th of July event the next week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the 4th of July kickoff event, had a NIRMA roundtable meeting, had a meeting with the Sheriff, Public Transit Director and Highway Supt. about insurance claims, and attended the Village of Utica meeting.

The Commissioners discussed the renewal for liability insurance. Annually, the County can change the deductible if they choose. During discussion, Zabrocki mentioned that claims submittance and risk management needs to be addressed. Rates for the next year have gone up 21% and Seward County was at the high end of increases for all counties insured by NIRMA. Culver also said training needs to be implemented for those operating a vehicle and for all employees about Workers Comp reporting.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to leave the deductible at \$500 for liability insurance through the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for May 2022 in the amount of \$26,514.68.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to **accept the County Clerk's Fee Report** for May 2022 in the amount of \$28,529.00

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property **Disposal Request for the Assessor's** Office.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:11 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:15 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to open bids at 9:15 a.m. for a pickup and a sign truck for the Road Dept.

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

Bids were received from Meyer Automotive, Inc. and RDO Truck Center.

The bids will be looked at by the Highway Supt. who will report back at 10:00 a.m. with his recommendation.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:22 a.m.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to open the Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. for a request to re-zone property from A-1 District to TA-1 District in I Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 7 Township 10 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator, gave information about the request and reported the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission who voted to recommend denying the request with 8 voting for the denial, 1 voting against the denial and 0 not voting.

Jacob Hanseling testified as a proponent of said request.

Bill Kuhlman asked questions about the zoning regulations in the water conservation district and also spoke in favor of said request.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to close the Public Hearing at 9:45 a.m.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3686 in regard to denying the request to re-zone property from A-1 District to TA-1 District in I Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 7 Township 10 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3686 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Arlyn Hanseling has applied for a Zoning District change for a quarter section of land from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to TA-1 Transitional Agriculture, and

WHEREAS the land is described as a tract in the Southeast ¼ of, Precinct I. Section 7, Township 10N, Range4E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, the owner of record is Arlyn Hanseling, and

WHEREAS Notice of Public Hearing by the Seward County Planning Commission was published in the Seward County Independent, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Zoning District change on May 16th, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission had a recommendation to Deny with a vote of 8 in favor, 0 against, and 1 absent and not voting.

WHEREAS The Seward County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the Zoning Change on June 7th, 2022, and

WHEREAS Notice of Public Hearing by the Seward County Board of Commissioners was published in the Seward County Independent and

WHEREAS X No one appeared to oppose said amendment

 Individuals appeared to oppose said amendment

 No one appeared to support said amendment

X Individuals appeared to support said amendment

 Individuals appeared without commitment, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby adopt Resolution 3686 to approve , denyX the Zoning District Change from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to TA-1 Transitional Agriculture.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by Zabrocki 06/07/2022

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to open the Public Hearing at 9:49 a.m. for a request to re-zone property from A-1 District to TA-1 District in P Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 26 Township 9 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator, gave information about the request and reported the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission who voted to recommend denying the request with 8 voting for the denial, 0 voting against the denial and 0 not voting.

Paulsen submitted a letter from Miriam and Maryleah Canarsky and a letter from Jim and Mary Canarsky, both in favor of said request.

Gerald Vlasin spoke against said request.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to close the public hearing at 10:01 a.m.

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, and Roxanne Knutson, Asst. HR Director, were present to discuss anniversary increases for employees who will reach their 1 year anniversary in position/employment hiring the Fiscal Year 2022-2023. She stated that previously, wages for employees who were employed more than 1 year were already decided. They recommended giving those employees who are in difficult to fill position 2% and other employees who have been with Seward County \$2.00 all on their anniversary date. This is similar to those raises that were already given. Maria Hatfield, Detention Director brought up two positions in her dept. that need to be dealt with at budget time.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki for fiscal year 2022-2023, employees who will reach 1 year of **employment or position who are in positions affected by "difficult to fill" wages will receive** a 2% increase, all other remaining full-time employees will receive a \$2 increase and part-time employees will receive a pro-rated increase based on a 40-hour workweek.

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

Casey Tieman of the County Attorney's Office was present to request their credit card limit be increased to \$5,000.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to approve the request to raise the credit **card limit to \$5,000 for the County Attorney's Office from June 1 to Dec 1, 2022.**

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

Sheriff Vance spoke to the Board about vehicle accidents that his office has incurred. He stated his deputies drive many hours each day with their vehicles. He stated his employees have to take a defensive driving course and address problems when needed.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on June 14, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of May 24, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Assessor to send out Change of Value Notices
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

8:35 a.m. Hearing – Review Exemption Status for the Growing Place, Inc. on Real Estate described as Part of the SE ¼ of Section 33 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Exempt Status for the Growing Place, Inc. on Real Estate described as Part of the SE ¼ of Section 33 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Hearing – Review Exemption Status for the Blue Heron INIPI on Real Estate described as Part of the SE ¼ of Section 33 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Exempt Status for the Blue Heron INIPI on Real Estate described as Part of the SE ¼ of Section 33 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on June 14, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of June 7, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
 5. Commissioners Reports
 6. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
 7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for June 21, 2022
- 9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Carrie Sermeno/Dist. Judge Office – Request Probation
Cost item to be removed from their budget
- 9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Sheri Wertz Miller/Blue Valley Community action – Annual
Report and request for Contribution for Next Fiscal Year
- 9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Cindy Wolverton – Abandoned Cemetery Improvements

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:57 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 14th day of June 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

June 14, 2022
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 June 14, 2022 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 June 14, 2022

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 Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Assessor to send out Change of Value Notices as listed below:

2022 CBOE Change of Valuation Notices

<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>
800083903	AC Properties LLC	Seward HM&R Add'n Blk 42 Lots 7-8
800231675	Bianco/Mark James II	20-11-4 Tract in SW 1/4 15.71 ac
800088689	Brandt/Nancy L	Seward Jones Addition Block 2 Tax Lots 16 & 20
800050568	Bromwich Enterprises LLC	Bee Original Town Blk 5 Lots 7-10
800084632	Cox/David C & Emma Faye	Seward H,M&R Blk 56 Lots 5-6
800029003	Daehling/Russell & Wendy	35-12-2 W1/2 TL28 in NW 1/4 & TL 29 in NW 1/4
800001729	Dankers Farms LTD	23-10-4 #E 1/2 SE 1/4 61.28 ac
800082079	Einspahr/Kent & Beth Ann	Seward Eastview Addition Lot 4
800022696	Fiala/Edmund & Bernadine	8-12-4 S 1/2 SE 1/4 80 acres
800069633	Grantski/Todd & Melissa	Utica Wrights 2nd, Blk 29, Lt 4 & E24' Lt 5 & W31' Lt 3
800090306	Haines/Kyli L	Seward Mueller's 1st Addn Lot B Admin replat Lts 2-5
800219309	Harter/Ronald & Tami Thompson	36-12-4 30 ac Tract in NW 1/4
800074637	Hobson/Mitchell	Seward OT Block 24 Lots 1,4 & 5
800067398	Hoppe Omega Redevelopment	Milford 2-9-3 Tract in NW 1/4 SW 1/4 2.54 ac
800086414	Hughes III/Ted R	Seward HM&R Block 92 Lots 1-12
800088506	Jelinek/Deroyce J & Loretta O	Seward Jirovsky-Feigion Railroad Subdiv Blk 2 Lt 2
800085698	Kenow/Terrance	Seward HM&R Block 83 S 1/2 Lt 11 & All Lot 12

800223624	Lenz/James & Patricia	Seward Ridgerun 2nd Lot 2
800042379	Luebbe/Merle L	10-11-4 SW 1/4 160 ac
800229645	Malander/Thomas J & Jessica L	28-10-3 #E 1/2 NW 1/4 74.89 ac
800011600	McGonigle/Jacob M	11-9-1 Tr in W1/2 SW1/4 5.40 acres
800081927	Meyer/Gerald D & Mary A	Seward Eastridge 3rd Addition Block 1 Lot 3
800076125	Novak/Stephen & Connie	Seward Bader-Jirovsky 3rd Add Blk 2 Lt 2 & 8' strp on W
800231285	Phillips/Jeramy & Janae	25-10-1 #NE 1/4 50.52 acres
800213904	Plex Homes LLC	Seward country Club Heights Fifth Addition Lot 5
800043138	Rogge Engineering Inc	20-11-4 #SW 1/4 48.08 acres
800011589	Sievers/Carolyn (Trustee	11-9-1 #S 1/2 NW 1/4
800081811	Smith/Devin & Michelle	Seward Eastview Addition Lot 13
800006364	Zegers/Thomas M & Judy	7-10-2 #S 1/2 259.24 acres

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open the public hearing at 8:35 a.m. to review the tax exemption status for the Growing Place, Inc. on real estate described as part of the SE ¼ of Section 33 Township 11 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Antonio Laravie spoke about the use of the real estate in question.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to close the public hearing at 8:39 a.m.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to remove the tax-exempt status for the Growing Place, Inc. on real estate described as part of the SE ¼ of Section 33 Township 11 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to open the public hearing at 8:42 a.m. to review the tax-exempt application for the Blue Heron INIPI on real estate described as part of the SE ¼ of Section 33 Township 11 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Ella Durham spoke and explained the purpose and proposed use of the land.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to close the public hearing at 8:46 a.m.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the tax-exempt status for the Blue Heron INIPI on real estate described as part of the SE ¼ of Section 33 Township 11 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on June 21, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of June 14, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

8:30 a.m.

- Protest Hearings
Discuss/Action – Decisions of Protest Hearings

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 8:57 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, 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 21st day of June 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

June 14, 2022
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 June 14, 2022 **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 June 14, 2022 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of June 7, 2022.

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

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Milford City Council meeting, the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Board workshop in Kearney and the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he checked roads and noted information about a York County Official.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with some road issues and attended the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended meetings for Region V, Visitors Committee and Extension Board. He mentioned meetings he will attend the coming week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, the NACO Board workshop in Kearney, the Seward City Planning Commission meeting and received calls in regard to roads.

Carrie Sermeno, Bailiff, was present to discuss the budget of the District Judge. She is requesting the probation cost item be removed from their budget. The cost of probation for the 5th Judicial District counties is prorated according to population and has been in the District Judge Budget for many years. She had contacted two other counties and the probation cost is in their Misc. General budgets.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka approve the request that the probation cost be removed from the District Judge budget and put in the Misc. General budget.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:28 a.m.

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

Sheri Wertz Miller, Heather Lytle, Deb Aegerter and Faith Berner from Blue Valley Community Action were present to give the annual report of the organization and request for a contribution for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Cindy Wolverton, an employee of the Extension Office, was present to discuss the abandoned cemetery improvements item on the agenda. She works with 4-H Clubs who have adopted cemeteries and are requesting to make improvements such as benches, flowers, bushes, flag poles, etc. The concern is that improvements were made years ago but maintenance was not continued and the mowing of the cemetery has become burdensome around the improvements. It was decided that some of the parameters need to be updated which Wolverton will facilitate.

Cassius Lee of Mercy City Church was present to request the use of the Courthouse Square on Saturday, July 16, 2022 for a **"Party in the Park" event**. They would like to place a **"bounce house" and other** games on the lawn for the event. The Commissioners thought it was a positive event but asked if the bounce house could be eliminated since it would require securing it to the lawn and might damage the lawn underground sprinklers.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve using the courthouse square for the Mercy City Church **"Party in the Park"** event on Saturday, July 16, 2022 from 12 -2 p.m. with the stipulation that nothing is attached to the ground.

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

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP), and Roger Reamer, Board Chairman of the organization, were present to give highlights for the last year and request funding for the next fiscal year.

Jank along with Jacob Jennings of the SCCDP discussed the Broadband Taskforce item on the agenda. Jank gave information to the Commissioners which showed a map of Seward County which showed those areas which are underserved for internet connectivity. They provided a draft "Request for Information (RFI) Regarding the Design, Construction, Development, Operation & Maintenance of County-Wide Fiber Optic Network." The Commissioners will look over the proposed document and make a decision at a later date.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to discuss grass seeding and pavement markings for the Waverly Road Project. He provided Change Orders #9 and #10 for the Commissioners' consideration.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve Change Order #9 in the amount of \$20,858.60.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve Change Order #10 in the amount of \$5,706.72.

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

Wendy Elston, County Attorney, and Casey Tieman of **the Attorney’s Office were present to** talk about the placement of Child Support Incentive Funds. She explained that Child Support Enforcement is usually in **the County Attorney’s** Office. An agreement is made and reimbursed for the costs incurred to complete the program. An incentive payment is also received to incentivize the program. Incentive dollars are to be **used to “supplement the program” and need** to be segregated from other funds, according to the auditors. Elston said the money has previously been used for equipment **and “private process servers.”** She also uses a program which helps with the parents. She is asking which fund the Commissioners would like the incentive dollars to go into.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to leave the placement of the Child Support Incentive Funds in Fund 2500.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3688 in regard to allowing Cattle Bank to pledge additional securities.

RESOLUTION NO. 3688 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Cattle National Bank & Trust desires to pledge the following securities:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CUSIP#</u>	<u>MARKET VALUE</u>
FNMA MA 1314	31418AN87	\$ 308,863.71
FNMA MA 0878	31417Y6Q5	\$ 190,341.89
@6/7/2022	TOTAL	\$ 499,205.60

WHEREAS, County will still be fully protected. Therefore, let it be resolved, the above pledging by the Cattle Bank & Trust is approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic Adopted 06/14/2022

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to accept the Zoning Dept. Fee Report for May 2022 in the amount of \$1,200.00.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Application for Excess Loss Reinsurance with Mid-American Benefits.

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

The Commissioners discussed the disbursement of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. They have continued to reach out to the villages in the county to make sure they are getting the required documents for any request.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on June 21, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of June 14, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Claims through the period of June 10, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Res. – Amend budgets that have gone over for FY 21-22
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for July 5, 2022

9:30 a.m. Hearing - Amend 2021-2022 Seward County Budget

Discuss/Action – Res. – Amend the 2021-2022 Seward County Budget

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman sign the EMD APCO IntelliComm Purchase Quote for E911

Discuss/Action – Budget for the E911 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 11:19 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 21st day of June 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

June 21, 2022
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 June 21, 2022 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 June 21, 2022 at 8:30 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.

The Board held Valuation Protest Hearings.

The first Valuation Protest was # 22-1 in the name of SENE LANDCO LLC on the North 75 ft of Lot 1, Block 1, Sample & Culver Addition, Milford, NE. The protest was completed by Jared Stauffer who was not present.

Hladky gave information and her recommendation for the protest.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to make no change in valuation based upon the **Assessor's testimony** for property described as the North 75 ft of Lot 1, Block 1, Sample & Culver Addition, Milford, NE and owned by SENE LANDCO LLC.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of June 14, 2022.

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

The Board of Equalization recessed at 8:38 a.m.

The Board of Equalization re-convened at 8:40 a.m.

The next valuation protest hearing was # 22-2 for Cordova Storage LLC on Lots 1-3, Block 3, Original Town, Cordova. It was filed by Mark Due who was not present for said hearing.

Hladky gave information and her recommendation for the protest.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to make no change in value based on the **Assessor's testimony for Cordova Storage LLC on Lots 1-3, Block 3, Original Town, Cordova**

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

The Board of Equalization recessed at 8:44 a.m.

The Board of Equalization re-convened at 8:50 a.m.

The next valuation protest was #22-3 for Magill Farms LLC on property described as part of the NE ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 29 Township 11 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Hladky gave information and her recommendation for the protest.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to accept **the Assessor's** recommendation that after an inspection and review of the property, reduce the value for the change of the condition to \$117,579 for the protest #22-3 for Magill Farms LLC on property described as part of the N ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 29 Township 11 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

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

The Board of Equalization recessed at 8:54 a.m.

The Board of Equalization re-convened at 9:00 a.m.

The last valuation protest for today was protest # 22-4 on real estate owned by Lisa Navratil and described as Lot 12, Block 2, Valley View addition, Milford Nebraska.

Hladky gave information and her recommendation for the protest.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to **accept the Assessor's recommendation that** after an inspection and review of the property reduce the value for the change of the condition to \$179,735.00 for protest # 22-4 for Lisa Navratil on property described as Lot 12, Block 2, Valley View Addition, Milford, NE.

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on future days in which valuation protests will be held.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on July 5, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of June 21, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 9:06 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 5th day of July 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

June 21, 2022

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 9:07 a.m. on June 21, 2022 **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 July 5th 2022 at 9:07 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 Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of June 10, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the claims through the period of June 10, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JUNE 10, 2022

ACCURATE CONTROLS	SU	\$1,856.36	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$54.07
ADV CORRECTIONAL HLTHCR	SE	\$4,399.11	SEWARD VISION CLINIC	SE	\$233.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$116.05	SMPC, LLC	SE	\$3,842.64
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SE	\$674.18	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$9,462.75
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$18,825.29	SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY	EQ	\$632.00
BIZCO INC	SE	\$1,139.90	SPORTS EXPRESS INC	SU	\$1,082.17
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$308.56	ST OF NEBR DAS STATE ACCTING	SE	\$719.28
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$430.20	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	SE	\$5,211.96
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$390.00	THOMSON REUTERS	SE	\$1,074.62
BRYAN PHYSICIAN NETWORK	SE	\$271.23	TIME WARNER CABLE	UT	\$407.13
CATTLE BANK & TRUST	SE	\$38.80	U.S. TREASURY	SE	\$532.00
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$9,508.76	UNIVERSITY OF NEBR	SE	\$10,887.06
CLERK OF THE DIST CRT	SE	\$248.00	UNIV OF NEBR LINCOLN	SE	\$931.40
CORNHUSKER INTL TRUCKS	EQ	\$701.63	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$802.31
CULLIGAN	SE	\$32.75	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$351.54
JACK DANIEL	SE	\$18.72	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$20.00
DOUGLAS CO COURT	SE	\$14.00	VISA	FE	\$7,492.66
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$10.46	WATER ENGINEERING	SE	\$210.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQ	\$12,349.24	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	SE	\$198.15
EGAN SUPPLY CO	SU	\$183.08	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,611.28
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SE	\$286.93	ZOOM VIDEO COMM	SE	\$149.90
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$22,482.92	ZUERCHER TECH	FE	\$9,890.82
GALLS LLC	SE	\$241.02	KENNETH PANKOKE	SE	\$411.73
GREAT PLAINS REPORTING	SE	\$175.75	BUTLER CO LANDFILL	SE	\$265.42
GWORKS	SE	\$7,875.00	CHEMSEARCH	SE	\$361.90
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$432.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$17,150.44
KEARNEY INVESTMENT CORP	SE	\$479.80	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$87.58
HOPE CRISIS CENTER	FE	\$20,000.00	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$112.54
HOWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.62	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$2,615.72
IDEMIA IDENTITY & SECURITY	SE	\$3,257.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00

INDOFF INC	SU	\$603.84	NEWMAN SIGNS	SU	\$1,853.65
JEO CONSULTING GRP	SE	\$2,609.56	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$74.99
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,055.64	NMC, INC	EQ	\$10,402.73
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$64.32	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$956.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$1,479.75	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$279.93
LEVANDERS BODY SHOP	SE	\$464.43	POMP'S TIRE SERVICE	SE	\$4,888.10
LINCOLN RADIOLOGY	SE	\$241.47	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$4,811.65
STEPHANIE LUEBBE	SE	\$10.53	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$85.98
MARLIN MATULKA	SE	\$65.00	SPECIAL ROAD FUND	FE	\$1,052,434.00
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$421.35	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$85.71
SUE MEDINGER	SE	\$8.19	LIBERTY HOUSE	SE	\$1,021.99
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$403.97	VALENTINO'S SEWARD	SU	\$129.62
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$213.00	JEANNE WIEMER	SE	\$129.00
MENARDS	SU	\$168.92	SEWARD ROTARY CLUB	FE	\$975.00
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$717.22	DELTA DENTAL OF NEBR	FE	\$29.97
MID AMERICA STRUCTURES	EQ	\$3,693.00	VSP INSURANCE CO	FE	\$23.29
DAN'S CUSTOM WORKS	SE	\$432.48	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$181.30
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$5,154.54	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$134.86
NIRMA	FE	\$318,450.00	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$267.40
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$135.00	NAT ASSN DRUG COURT PROF	FE	\$795.00
NE ASSN OF TRANS PROVIDERS	FE	\$85.00	BOBS MOBIL	SU	\$100.00
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$93.00	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$297.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSN	FE	\$120.00	GRAHAM TIRE	SE	\$664.64
NEBRASKA.GOV	SE	\$16.00	HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$524.99
DALE NIEMANN	SE	\$11.70	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$205.34
NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES	TR	\$208.00	MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$5,762.14
ONESOURCE	SE	\$114.50	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$300.20
PAC N SAVE	SU	\$682.40	NATIONAL SHERIFFS ASSOC	FE	\$142.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$205.00	NE EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$40,000.00
SCOTT PEKAREK	SE	\$6.44	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$20.91
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$262.18	PRECISION RIFLE WORKSHOP	EQ	\$675.00
CA MARKETING, INC	SU	\$720.75	TRANSUNION RISK	FE	\$400.00
PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	EQ	\$15,840.00	VIGILANT SOLUTIONS	EQ	\$2,625.00
POSTMASTER	SU	\$400.00	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$545.97
QUADIENT LEASING	SE	\$63.76	LUTZ & COMPANY	SE	\$57.50
QUILL CORPORATION	SU	\$437.86	HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$74.00
RACINE CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SE	\$50.00	NE REGIONAL INTER NETWRK	FE	\$2,400.00
REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY LAB	SE	\$25.00	NE EMERGENCY SERV COMM	FE	\$300.00
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	SHAFCOM	SE	\$180.72
ZOE RICHERT	SE	\$14.04	E911 SET ASIDE FUND	FE	\$20,000.00
RUMERY LAWN	SE	\$756.33	ENCARTELE INC	EQ	\$3,058.02
BRENT SCHLUCKEBIER	SE	\$2.34	SALARIES		\$275,398.37
SEC OF STATE - ELECTIONS	SU	\$20.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEW CO ASSESSOR REAPPRSL FND	FE	\$6,000.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,808.62	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$282.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD CO SINKING FUND	FE	\$43,000.00	VSP VISION		
SEWARD CO TREASURER	SE	\$29.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

During official's time on the agenda, Sheriff Mike Vance updated the Commissioners on vehicles of his office that were damaged. Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, also gave information about the damage incurred to Seward County property because of the hail storm last week.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she checked with her dept. heads to which she is liaison about damage to their property due to the storms last week, looked into well permits for zoning and will be visiting with the County Treasurer about escrow for de-commissioning towers.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Ag Society meeting, noted that culverts were plugged and roads were water-covered. He also noted there were electrical lines on the roads after the storm.

Commissioner Culver reported he checked roads after the storm, received comments about roads, went to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting, attended the Seward/Saline Solid Waste Management Agency meeting and signed a Disaster Declaration for the storm last week.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he has a Visitors Committee meeting today and will have a meeting tomorrow with Ann Dobesh of the Extension Office.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a 4th of July Committee meeting and Broadband Task Force meeting.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:29 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to open the Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. to amend the Seward County 2021-2022 Budget.

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

Schweitzer gave information on the reason for needing to amend the budget.

No one spoke at said hearing.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to close said public hearing at 9:32 a.m.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3689 in regard to amending the 2021-2022 Seward County Budget.

**RESOLUTION #3689 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 as prepared by Sherry Schweitzer, Budget Making Authority, was adopted on September 7, 2021 by Resolution # 3631, and

WHEREAS the Seward County Board of Commissioners desire to amend the budget due to insufficient funds in Fund 2412 – Sheriff Federal Drug Law Enforcement Fund – Treasury. No additional tax monies are needed.

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, 2021 to June 30, 2022, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is amended 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, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

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 21st day of June 2022.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Schmieding
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement providing personnel and services of District 5 Adult Drug Court.

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

There was nothing to report for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) discussion today.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:38 a.m.

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

Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, brought a purchase quote for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the EMD APCO IntelliComm Purchase Quote for E911 in the amount \$44,792.44.

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

Conradt also brought the proposed budget for E911 for the 2022-2023 for the Commissioners consideration. Because his budget operates via an Interlocal with the Cities of Seward and Milford, his budget needs to be approved according to the terms of the agreement.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to accept the 911 budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year as submitted by the Director.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:54 a.m.

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

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator, brought two plats for the Commissioners consideration. She also gave information about the Planning Commissioners recommendation.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3690 in regard to approving Carlson Subdivision Short Form Plat in E Precinct in the SW ¼ of Section 5 Township 11 North Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3690 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Trent J. W. Carlson and Erica R Smith own 13.0 acres of land and has applied for a Short Form Plat, and described as a tract of land in the Southwest 1/4 of, Section 5, Township 11N, Range 1E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the CARLSON SUBDIVISION and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on June 13th, 2022, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended to Approve the CARLSON SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat, with a vote of 6 For, 0 against, and 3 Absent and Not Voting, and

WHEREAS X No one appeared to oppose the subdivision

 ___ Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision

 X No one appeared to support the subdivision

 ___ Individuals appeared to support the subdivision

 ___ Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve or Deny the CARLSON SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3690.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Schmieding 06/21/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to table consideration for the Plum Bush Farm Administrative Plat item on the agenda.

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

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to ask for continuation of the current hiring bonus and referral bonus the Commissioners previously permitted for the Detention Center.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the request to continue the current hiring bonus and referral bonus for the Detention Center through the 2022-2023 Budget Year.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:19 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:29 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed **those offices' whose budget went over for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. The District Judge and the County Surveyor's Budget went over budget and thus, a resolution needs to be passed approving additional funds be added to their budget.**

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3691 in regard to approving additional funds for the budgets of County Surveyor and District Judge.

RESOLUTION # 3691 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the budget of the Seward County Surveyor was set at \$10,925.00 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the budget of the Seward County District Judge was set at \$94,053.00 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, necessary expenditures of said offices are going to result in the expending over that amount, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists requiring that said budgets be expanded as provided by law, and

WHEREAS, said additional funds to be applied to said budgets must be appropriated from a General Fund Budget of Seward County, Nebraska;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the budget of the Seward County Surveyor is increased in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, resulting in an amended budget of \$12,425.00 AND that the budget of the Seward County District Judge is increased in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, resulting in an amended budget of \$95,053.00, AND

AND FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the sum of \$1,500 and \$1,000 which has been added to the budgets of the Seward County Surveyor and the Seward County District Judge for the 2021-2022 fiscal year shall, be appropriated from the Miscellaneous General Budget.

Dated this 21st day of June 2022.

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

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on July 5, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of June 21, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Claims through the period of July 24, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for July 12, 2022

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:35 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 5th day of July.

County Clerk

Chairman

July 5, 2022
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 July 5, 2022 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 July 5, 2022 at 8:30 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 Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of June 21 2022.

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

The first valuation protest hearing was for Protest # 22-5 in the name of Megan Heiser. She was not in attendance at said hearing.

Hladky gave information and her recommendation for said valuation protest.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka that after inspection and review of the property, to reduce the value to \$177,360.00 due to correction of property components for property owned by Megan Heiser on property described as Lots 1 & 2, Block 2, Original Town, Bee, NE and known as Protest # 22-5.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 8:38 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 8:40 a.m.

The next protest hearing was for Protest # 22-6 in the name of Sheryl Kay Wilson who was not in attendance as said hearing.

Hladky gave information and her recommendation for said valuation protest.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki, that after inspection and review of the property, to reduce the value to \$114,135.00 due to correction of property components for property owned by Sheryl Kay Wilson on property described as Lots 13 & 14, Block 11, Original Town, Bee, NE and known as Protest # 22-6.

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

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

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.

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, updated the Board on activities of her office.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of June 21, 2022.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve claims through the period of June 24, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JUNE 24, 2022

ADP LLC	SE	\$2,542.15	AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$2,767.50
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$23.70	BENES SERVICE CO	EQ	\$855.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$164.78	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$224.03
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$18,830.85	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$19,612.70
ASHI & 24-7 EMS REMITTANCE	SE	\$134.00	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$119.10
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SE	\$29.87	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$3,906.78
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	SE	\$119.99	JASON BUTZKE	SE	\$1,123.68
DON'S PIONEER UNIFORMS	SE	\$144.24	MATHESON TRI-GAS	SE	\$142.21
ELECTION WORKERS	SE	\$9,116.53	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$41.25
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$183.75	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SE	\$440.68
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNIC	UT	\$1,488.85	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES	EQ	\$5,625.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$128.16	MILLER SEED	SU	\$1,320.00
INDOFF INC	SU	\$5.98	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$120.94
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,988.35	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO	SE	\$231.12
JW AUTO SALES	EQ	\$176,549.00	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$10,173.38
KIRBY ROTH INSURANCE	FE	\$50.00	OMAHA MAGAZINE	SU	\$1,155.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$131.48	SEWARD KIWANIS	FE	\$500.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$122.46	GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SU	\$317.50
HOLLY MATZKE	SE	\$22.50	JOHN E REID & ASSOC	SE	\$600.00
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$48,310.58	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$1,425.00
MIDWEST OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$39.99	JONES BANK	SE	\$150.00
NIOBRARA LODGE	TR	\$192.00	NE EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$10,500.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$220.20	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$237.73
SECRETARY OF STATE	SU	\$30.00	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	FE	\$167.99
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$108,271.68	HUMAN RELATIONS MEDIA	SU	\$912.67
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$743.00	NEBRASKA GENERATOR	EQ	\$30,000.00
ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	SE	\$1,152.00	GEOCOMM INC	SE	\$5,814.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,004.50	BOB BARKER COMPANY	SE	\$142.76
TELMATE LLC	SE	\$52.00	SALARIES		\$274,339.75
TWIN RIVERS HEALTH CARE	SE	\$45.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
US POSTAL SERVICE	SU	\$10,000.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
VERIZON WIRELESS	UT	\$872.80	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
VISA	FE	\$8,475.36	DELTA DENTAL		
WINDSTREAM	UT	\$856.37	VSP VISION		
ZABKA PERDUE FUNERAL	SE	\$515.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked with JEO Consulting Group in regard to the proposed Zoning update, talked to Highway Supt. about a railroad closing, met with the Clerk and Treasurer about escrow accounts, worked with HR on issues, checked on Courthouse amenities on the 4th of July, checked with officials of the Village of Utica about a grant to help with communication during electrical outage.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he checked on storm damage and road issues.

Commissioner Culver checked storm damage and road damage, talked to Hwy Supt. on road issues, reviewed some projects, emails.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he had a Visitors Committee meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting and 4th of July Committee meeting.

Harrison Helmer, Executive Director of BRIDGES, and Corey Cooney, President of BRIDGES Inc., were present to give their annual report and request for a contribution for the next fiscal year.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3692 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities.

Resolution No. 3692 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

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

DESCRIP	CUSIP#	MARKET VALUE
FHR 4759 NM	3137FDKUS	975,689.20
FHR 5162 LM	3137H46R6	803,342.10
FNR 2021-75 KD	3136BJV28	810,481.06
TOTAL RELEASED		2,589,512.36

WHEREAS: County will still be fully protected.

Therefore, let it be resolved, the above withdrawal by the Jones Bank is approved by this County Board.

Adopted this 5th day of July 2022.

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

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to accept the Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for April 2022 in the amount of \$1,327.00 and \$606.16 respectively.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the agreement for Emergency Protective Services with Region V Systems.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:28 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Bryce Nolde was present to discuss the condition of roads in Commissioner District # 4. He stated he has problems with deliveries for his construction company. He stated he felt the roads were not being maintained as they should be. Commissioner Culver gave him information about road work and labor problems Seward County is facing. Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present and said that a person was hired for that area and conditions should improve.

Korey Reiman, Public Defender, was present to give information about a manslaughter case he is currently defending. He requested the costs be paid out of the Inheritance Fund as his budget cannot handle a major case as this. The Commissioners approved his request.

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator, gave information about an Administrative Plat the Commissioners are asked to consider.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to the adopt Resolution No. 3693 in regard to approving Plum Bush Farm in the SE ¼ of Section 33 Township 33 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION No. 3693 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Gabriel J Burkey and Jenny M Burkey own 3.67 acres of land and have applied for an Administrative Subdivision, to purchase a total of 6.763 acres of land and divide into lot 1 of 5.72 acres, and lot 2 into 5.46 acres and is described as a tract of land in the Southeast 1/4 of, Section 33, Township 10N, Range 2E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Administrative Subdivision shall be called the PLUM BUSH FARM Administrative Subdivision and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on June 13th, 2022, to consider the Administrative Subdivision, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended to approve the PLUM BUSH FARM ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISION, with a vote of 6 For, 0 against, and 3 Absent and Not Voting, and

WHEREAS X No one appeared to oppose the subdivision

___ Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision

X No one appeared to support the subdivision

___ Individuals appeared to support the subdivision

___ Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve or Deny the PLUM BUSH FARM ADMINISTRATIVE SUBDIVISION, with Resolution No. 3693.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic 07/05/2022
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell J. Zabrocki, John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners discussed the agenda items about possible projects that could be funded through grants through the infrastructure bill that was recently passed by the federal government. Ahmic stated there are several grants available and villages in Seward County have mentioned they have projects that would possibly be covered by the grants. She would like to compile projects and then look for a grant for each project. Identifying a project and hiring a grant writer was also discussed. Ahmic will make a spreadsheet of the projects and **the subject will be on next week's agenda.**

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to ask the Commissioners' consideration for two leases and an agreement in regard to a bridge project.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign a John Deere one-year lease for a 6145M tractor in the amount of \$3,375.00.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign a one-year lease for a Mini Excavator with Arvest for \$6,175.00.

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

The Commissioners discussed the agreement with Soy Transportation Coalition which would pay for engineering services for a bridge project. According to the agreement, we would have to fund the bridge in the next two years and use their design of the bridge. The Commissioners had questions/reservations about the agreement, so they have chosen not to sign the agreement. This will be put on next **week's agenda** for consideration.

Sheriff Mike Vance presented an agreement with the Village of Utica for patrolling services.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka and agreement with the Village of Utica for patrolling services.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to accept the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:40 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:45 a.m.

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, was present to request approval for catastrophic leave for Employee # 0047. According to the Personnel manual, the request must be approved by the Commissioners.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to go into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

The Chairman stated the members of the Board, the County Attorney and the HR Director will be in the Executive Session.

The Chairman re-stated the reason for Executive Session was for Personnel.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to go out of Executive Session at 11:04 a.m.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve five hours of catastrophic leave for Employee # 0047 with the requested additional hours to be re-submitted to the Board with additional documentation.

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

The Commissioners discussed American Rescue Plan Act. Ahmic reported she received a call from the firm helping the Village of Bee and Staplehurst Village in regard to their projects for which they would like Seward County ARPA funds.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on July 12, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of July 5, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports

6. Discuss/Action – Accept County Clerk Fee Report for June 2022 - \$31,681.59
7. Discuss/Action - Request approval of 2nd Addendum and Host Agreement between G & P Development and the Seward/Saline Solid Waste Agency
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for July 19, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize Chairman to sign Sponsored Research agreement with Soy Transportation Coalition to Secure \$10,000 for ridge Project C008002710 on 294th Road between Holdrege and Adams Street

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Carmen Hinman/Hope Crisis Center – Annual Report and Request for Contribution

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 11:15 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 12th day of July 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

The next valuation protest hearing was for Protest #22-11 in the name of Travis Due who was not in attendance.

Hladky gave information and her recommendation for said valuation protest.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to not change the valuation of \$125,614.00 based **on the Assessor's recommendation on the valuation protest filed by Travis Due** on property described as Lots 12-18 and the South ½ of Lot 19 and adjacent vacated east/west alley, Block 1, Original Town of Cordova, NE and known as Protest #22-11.

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

Protest #22-12 was withdrawn.

The next valuation protest hearing was for Protest #22-13 in the name of John Goertzen who was not in attendance.

Hladky gave information and her recommendation for said valuation protest.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to not change the valuation of \$172,724.00 based **on the Assessor's recommendation on the valuation protest filed by John Goertzen on property** described as Lot 12, Block 1, Valley View Addition, Milford, NE and known as Protest #22-13.

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

The next valuation protest hearing was for Protest #22-14 in the name of Brian Svik. After **Assessor's** inspection, Svik withdrew his protest.

The next valuation protest hearing was for Protest #22-15 in the name of Steven and Katherine Hartmann, who were present for their hearing. Hartmanns gave information for their protest.

Hladky gave information and her recommendation for said valuation protest.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic, that after inspection and review of the property, to reduce the value to \$86,457.00 for the change of condition or grade for property described as Lots 11-13, Block L, College View Addition, Seward, NE and known as Protest #22-15.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve Tax List Corrections 362-19R and 363-19R.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize Assessor to send out Change of Value Notices as listed below:

<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>
800231675	Bianco/Mark James	20-11-4 Tract in SW 1/4 15.71 ac
800103645	Brettmann/Dwayne/Linda	Seward 16-11-3 Tract Ext of B-J 4th Addn Block 5 Lot 3
800227820	Bruns/Kenneth & Corrine	20-10-1 Kenneth Bruns 2nd Addition in SE4 SW4 5.023ac
800039270	Colberg/Randal P	Seward 21-11-3 SE 1/4 TL 111
800100735	Davis/Adam & Sarah	Seward Lots 3 & 4 Strysons Addition
800092694	Dittmar/Craig	Seward E30' of N244' Lt 4 & N233.6' Lot 5 Blk2 Sunside Add
800090020	Downey/David R	Seward Lots 18-19 Block r Mary R Spears Addition
800204964	Erickson/Nicholas/Rhonda	36-12-4 #SW 1/4 NW 1/4 10.6 acres
800007182	Jensen/James R	21-10-2 NW 1/4 N of Interstat exc 4.977 ac in W 1/2 127.19ac
800054148	Joe/Lukas A	Garland #TL 13 & S3' TL 11 8-11-4 .76 ac
800094794	Kach 508 LLC	Sew Turners Subdiv 21-11-3 Lots 1-2 & N100' Lt 7 #SW4SE4
800094808	Kach 526 LLC	Sew Turners Subdiv 21-11-3 Lt 3 N2 Lt 4 & S75' of N175' Lt 7
800219880	Kesler/Travis & Amanda	23-11-4 W 1/2 SW 1/4 80 acres
800038460	Koranda/Kevin & Virginia	Seward Lot 1 Gieselman Subdiv in N2SW4NW4

800039254	Luebbe/Kenneth L	Seward 21-11 3 SE4 SE4 #TL 207
800038401	Luebbe/Sharon	Seward Lot 2 Middle School Addition
800079760	Mason/Douglas & Jacki	Seward Lot 9 & W1/2 Lot 10 Block I College View Addition
800076028	Meyer/Thaddeus & Mary	Seward Lot 3 Block 3 Bader-Jirovsky 3rd Addition
800103807	Neujahr/Eric & Cynthia	Seward 16-11-3 Tract Ext of B-J 4th Lt 2 Blk 5
800025482	Niemann/Doug & Renee	22-12-3 Tract in SE 1/4 SW 1/4 13.2 ac
800223675	Owens/John & Julie	Seward Lot 7 Ridge Run 2nd Addition
800223101	Palandri/Steven	Utica Lot 4 Centennial Heights Addition
800039068	Payne/Bob L Jr	Seward 21-11-3 #N2 SE4 #TI 126
800089308	Peterson/Fredrick	Seward M P T S Co Lots 1-18 Block 1
800088700	Pribyl/Kent & Judith	Seward Lot 2 Underwood 3rd Addition
800008855	Richters/Gene & Rita	11-10-1 #NE 1/4 SE 1/4 10 ac
800008847	Ritterling/Rita M Trustee	11-10-1 E1/2 W1/2 SE1/4 & #E1/2 SE1/4 110 ac
800252780	Schegg/Kenton & Christina	Seward Lot 5 Ridge Run Addition
800092600	Schultz/Dean	Seward Lts 11 & 14 Blk 12 South Seward Addition
800251997	Seevers/Scott & Danna	Seward Lot J Ridge Run Addition
800022424	Spier/Sharon & Gary (etal	3/12/4 #NE 1/4 76.74 ac
800227385	Steckler/Alexander/Megan	Seward Lot 3 Seward Heights 5th Addition
800005139	Swartz/Jesse J	27-10-3 SW 1/4 160 ac
800072391	Thomas/Ray H & Jean A	Seward Original Town Blk 2 W 1/2 Lts 8-9 & 12
800101774	Thraikill/Donald & Debra	Seward Lot 7 block 2 Bader-Jirovsky 6th Addition
800092678	Wattier/Matthew	Seward S194' Lot 2 Block 1 Sunnyside Addition
800041038	Wilcox/Jon & Judy	Seward Twin Oaks 1st Lt A Admin Replat Of Lts 1,2,3 Blk 2

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of July 5, 2022.

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

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on July 19, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of July 12, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

8:30 a.m. Hearings for Valuation Protests

Discuss/Action – Decisions on Valuation Protests

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 9:14 a.m.

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Brandy Johnson, the undersigned Deputy 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 19th day of July, 2022.

Deputy County Clerk

Chairperson

July 12, 2022
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 July 12, 2022 **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 July 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, 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.

Terry Wicht, Highway Superintendent, was present for the discussion that was tabled from last week, regarding an agreement with Soy Transportation Coalition. This agreement would pay for engineering for a bridge project. Wicht talked about the types of materials that would be used on the bridge, as well as the cost. According to this agreement, the county would have to fund the bridge project in the next two years and use their design of the bridge. Wicht stated **that he didn't have this in his budget.**

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to deny the request to sign the Sponsored Research agreement with Soy Transportation Coalition to secure \$10,000 for bridge project C008002710 on 294th Road between Holdrege and Adams Street.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of July 5, 2022.

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

Terry Wicht updated the board on activities of his department.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to accept the County Clerk fee report for June 2022 in the amount of \$31,681.59 for June 2022.

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

Carmen Hinman, Shanon Koranda, Andreea Baker and Cait Ozaki were present from Hope Crisis Center to present their annual report and request for contribution. Hinman updated the Board on the services provided by Hope Crisis Center. She stated that they will be requesting \$13,917.00 from Seward County.

Kelly Danielson and Jessica Bodfield from G&P Development were present to request the approval of the host agreement between G & P Development and the Seward/Saline Solid Waste Agency. They updated the Board on the site life of the landfill. Zabrocki asked about the impact on landfill volume from the recent storm damage in the area.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the 2nd Addendum and Host Agreement between G & P Development and the Seward/Saline Solid Waste Agency.

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

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she finished reviewing unit numbers and addresses and would like to visit with the E911 Director about potential changes, reviewed the budget, worked on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, attended the Milford City Council meeting, and stated that the results of the Norris Public Power feasibility study were in.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he received information that three abandoned cemeteries have wind damage and he visited with constituents about roads.

Commissioner Culver reported he had received a few calls regarding roads from constituents, reviewed the budget, and had a meeting with the Assessor, Clerk, and school superintendents regarding LB644, also known as the Postcard bill.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a couple Visitors Bureau meetings and will be attending various meetings that are coming up.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, Planning Commission meeting, met with department heads to review NDOT audit of CARES Act money, and received a phone call regarding roads from a constituent.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to accept the Clerk of the District Court fee report for June 2022 in the amount of \$8,740.17 for June 2022.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Administrative Service Agreement with Mid-American Benefits, LLC.

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

The Commissioners discussed American Rescue Plan Act. Ahmic reported that she had updated the spreadsheet **she's been keeping on this.**

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on July 19, 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 July 12, 2022
4. Claims through the period of July 8, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for July 26, 2022

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:18 a.m.

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Brandy Johnson, the undersigned Deputy 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 19th day of July, 2022.

Deputy County Clerk

Chairman

July 19, 2022

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 July 19, 2022 **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 July 19, 2022 at 8:30 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.

The Board of Equalization heard valuation protests and filings for Report of Destroyed Real Properties.

The first valuation protest was for Matthew Samek who was not in attendance.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka, based upon the Assessor recommendation, to not change the valuation of property owned by Matthew Samek described as Lot 7, Wake 5th Addition, Seward, NE.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of July 12, 2022.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the County Assessor to send out County Board Change of Value Notices as follows:

2022 CBOE Change of Valuation Notices

<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>
800219368	Bertagnoli/Timothy & Stephanie	14-9-3 #NW 1/4 SW 1/4 26.62
800212576	Bertsch/Tyler & Jennifer	14-12-4 #SW 1/4 SW 1/4 210ac
800031776	BD Borchers LLC	1-11-1 #n 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 11 ac
800042409	Crosgrove/Joshua & Jillian	11-11-4 Irr Tract in NW 1/14 23.98 ac
800219589	Culp/Jeffrey	32-11-4 #E 1/2 N 1/2 NE 1/4 20 ac
800021304	Daniel/Melvin & Carol	24-9-4 #S 1/2 E 1/2 NE 1/4 15.59 ac
800012607	Goebel/Lane	27-9-1 #SE 1/4 NE 1/4 10.7 acres
800208692	Jarrett/Robert & Elizabeth	27-11-4 McKelvie Heights in E 1/2 NE 1/4 Lot 1 22.56 ac
800015002	Jones/Nathan & Rachel	25-9-2 Burkey 1st Addition in NE 1/4 Lot 1 6.49 ac
800016300	Kramer/Jack L	2-9-3 #N2 SE4 N of river TL 89, 113 & #TLS 126 & 108 28.51
800016009	Kremer/Sean & Stacy	2-9-3 #SW 1/4 NW 1/4 20.4 ac

800042883	Lassalle/Gabriel	18-11-4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4	19.3 ac
800043715	Leichner/Steven & Linda	27-11-4 McKelvie Heights in E 1/2 NE 1/4 Lot 3	35.59 ac
800228625	Lincoln/Sandra	13-11-4 #E 1/2 W 1/2 SW 1/4 & #W 1/2 W 1/2 SW 1/4	20.5 ac
800209265	Lind/Alvin	27-11-4 McKelvie Heights in E 1/2 NE 1/4 Lot 2	22 ac
800043308	Luebbe/Russell	23-11-4 W 330' of the SW 1/4 NW 1/4	10 ac
800221869	McGowen/James	20-20-1 #E 1/2 SE 1/4	10.4 ac
800226650	Menze/Brett	23-12-1 #S 1/2 W 1/2 SW 1/4	20.07 ac
800103319	Meyer/Courtney & Connie	Seward Lot 4 Block 1 Schlueter's 2nd addition	
800020510	Nason/Janet	12-9-4 #E 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4	10.02 ac
800102568	Peters/William & Pamela	17-11-4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 & .05ac Tr	
800015924	Pickerill/Daniel	1-9-3 TLS 42-44 & 74 in NW 1/4 SW 1/4	6.88 ac
800008251	Richters/Jason & Nancy	1-10-1 #SE 1/4	12.91 ac
800038320	Schlueter/Andrew & Taunya	15-11-3 East Hillcrest Acres 1st Add SW 1/4 Lot A	24.51 ac
800043472	Schweitzer/Milan	24-11-4 #S 1/2 SE 1/4	26.94 ac
800227385	Steckler/Alexander & Megan	Seward Lot 3 Seward Heights Fifth Addition	
800043642	Vinsonhaler/John & Sharon	26-11-4 #NW4NE4 & #N2 SW4 NE4	40 ac
800019415	Vosta/Jason	36-9-3 #W 1/2 NW 1/4	24.84 ac
800219678	White/Keith	23-12-4 #SE 1/4 NW 1/4	20 ac

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to accept letter from Norma Bramhall requesting to extend the filing date to file Homestead Exemptions.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to extend the Homestead Exemption Filing Date to July 20, 2022.

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

The next valuation protest was for Carlene Bauer, who was in attendance, at said hearing.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to reduce the value, after review of the property, to \$252,554 for Carlene Bauer on property described as part of the W 1/2 E 1/2 NE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 11 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

The next protest hearing was for G & P Development. No one was present for the protest hearing.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki, that after review of the property for G & P Development, reduce the value to equalize with other like property to \$2,324,529 on property described as part of the N 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 9 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

The Commissioners discussed filed Reports of Destroyed Property.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki that based **on the County Assessor's** recommendation, approve the new value of \$900,043 for BD Borchers LLC filed by Bruce Borchers for Destroyed Property Report # 22-01 on property described as part of the NE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 11 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, approve the new value of \$668,695 for Rupert Luebbe for Destroyed Property Report # 22-02 on property described as part of the W 1/2 SW 1/4 of Section 7, Township 10 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to not change the value of \$809,289 for RG&H filed by Sharon Gade for Destroyed Property Report # 22-03 on property in Section 31, Township 11 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to not change the value of \$171,117 for JLL Enterprises LLC filed by Lyle Krska for Destroyed Property Report # 22-04 on property described as part of the E ½ W ½ NE ¼ of Section 6, Township 11 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to approve the new value of \$1,180,281 for GFG Acres Inc filed by Bruce Gloystein for Destroyed Property Report # 22-05 on property described as part of the SW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 11 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver

Abstain: Vrbka

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to approve the new value of \$1,961,472 for Dave & Jeanne Jones for Destroyed Property Report # 22-06 on property described as SE ¼ of Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to approve the new value of \$1,455,420 for Robert and Fran Brauer for Destroyed Property Report # 22-07 on property described as part of the NW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to approve the new value of \$796,171 for Sharon Boldt for Destroyed Property Report # 22-08 on property described as the SE 1/4 of Section 11, Township 11 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to not change the value of \$789,214 for Christopher Beckler for Destroyed Property Report # 22-09 on property described as the NE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 11 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to approve the new value of \$210,107 for Roth Aerial Farming LLC for Destroyed Property Report # 22-10 on property in Section 6, Township 10 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to approve the new value of \$418,851 for Roth Aerial Farming LLC for Destroyed Property Report # 22-11 on property described as part of the NE ¼ of Section 6, Township 10 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to approve the new value of \$678,096 for Mullally Farms, Inc. for Destroyed Property Report # 22-12 on property described as part of the W ½ SW 1/4 of Section 20, Township 11 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to approve the new value of \$1,287,631 for Richard & Karen Eberspacher for Destroyed Property Report # 22-13 on property described as the NE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 10 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to approve the new value of \$968,931 for Vic Loos for Destroyed Property Report # 22-14 on property described as the SE 1/4 of Section 33, Township 11 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to approve the new value of \$527,424 for Bryan Koranda for Destroyed Property Report # 22-15 on property in Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to make no change in the value of \$58,241 for Roger Spahr for Destroyed Property Report # 22-16 on property described as Section 33, Township 11 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to approve the new value of \$0 for Lacey Fauss for Destroyed Property Report # 22-17 on property described as part of the SE ¼ of Section 33, Township 11 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to approve the new value of \$0 for John A. Schoepf Jr., Trustee, on property Report # 22-18 on property described as the NW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to approve the new value of \$156,296 for James McGowen for Destroyed Property Report # 22-19 on property described as part of the SE ¼ of Section 20, Township 10 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to make no change in value for Thomas Faulk & Melanie Collister-Fouk for Destroyed Property Report # 22-20 on property described as part of the Lot 5, Block 18, Original Town Add., Seward, NE.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic **that based on the County Assessor's** recommendation, to make no change in value for Dale Murphy for Destroyed Property Report # 22-21 on property described as Lot 5, Block 99, Harris, Moffitt & Roberts Addition, Seward, NE.

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

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on July 26, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of July 19, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 9:40 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 26th day of July 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

July 19, 2022 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 9:45 a.m. on July 19, 2022 **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 July 19, 2022 at 9:45 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.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to ask the Commissioners to obtain bids for a sign truck utility box.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Highway Supt. to obtain bids for a sign truck utility box.

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

Motion Carried

Matt Starkey, Public Transportation Director, reported he received correspondence from the Dept. of Transportation about a possible error in a report for the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to sign the Corrective Action Plan in response to NE Dept. of Transportation Auditors Findings.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to go into Executive Session at 9:50 a.m. for personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

Motion Carried

The chairman reiterated that the reason for Executive Session was for personnel.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to go out of Executive Session at 10:05 a.m.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve Catastrophic Leave for Employee 0047.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve claims for the period through July 8, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JULY 8, 2022

ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,399.11	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$22.55
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$451.34	SEWARD VISION CLINIC	SE	\$233.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$18,843.03	SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	SU	\$221.41
ASHI & 24-7 EMS REMITT	SE	\$37.50	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,865.75
KENNETH PANKOKE	SE	\$284.72	ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTNG	SE	\$22.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,567.50	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE, LLC	SE	\$5,281.70
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$292.50	THOMSON REUTERS	FE	\$714.55
BOBS MOBIL	SU	\$45.00	THE VERDIN COMPANY	SE	\$2,782.00
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,380.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,565.67
CEDARS	SE	\$517.76	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$20.00
CENTEC CAST METAL	SU	\$670.76	VISA	FE	\$2,987.20
CHARTER COMMUN	UT	\$407.13	WELLS FARGO FINAN LEAS	SE	\$198.15
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$11,954.17	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,675.57
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$432.00	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$2,671.00
CORI J STAVA	SE	\$1,055.21	COMPULINK LTD	EQ	\$1,300.00
CULLIGAN	SE	\$41.50	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$22,416.26
CULLIGAN OF LINCOLN	SE	\$229.00	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$224.04
E 911	SE	\$30,448.67	FREDS AUTO ELECTRIC	SE	\$222.90
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,029.74	HEARTLAND TIRES	SU	\$1,501.65
ERAD GROUP, LLC	SE	\$1,500.00	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$4,634.76
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$20,576.49	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$52.40
GALLS LLC	SE	\$94.45	NEXTLINK AIS	SE	\$74.99
GRNUP, LLC	SE	\$700.00	NMC, INC	SE	\$1,159.26
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$288.00	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$848.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$516.77	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$39.98
HIRERIGHT LLC	SE	\$129.00	POWERPLAN	SE	\$2,107.43
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$540.68	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	SE	\$531.06
IHS PHARMACY	SU	\$573.02	ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH	SU	\$206.40
INDOFF INC	SU	\$41.96	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$35,912.00
JEO CONSULTING	SE	\$1,569.33	SID DILLON	SE	\$1,066.38
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$752.09	VERIZON CONNECT	EQ	\$712.36
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,063.19	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$77.48
LANCASTER SHERIFF	SE	\$13.24	GEHRING CONST	SU	\$43,004.76
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$520.89	FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$3,720.00
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$189.66	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$577.50
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$119.00	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$163.10
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$1,920.84	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$134.86
MIDWEST DOOR	SU	\$5.50	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$401.80
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,329.68	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$214.20
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$90.00	ART ON DISPLAY	FE	\$965.00

NEBRASKA.GOV	SE	\$7.50	COVERTTRACK GROUP	EQ	\$13,635.00
ONESOURCE	SE	\$88.00	RELENTLESS LLC	SE	\$1,947.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$93.44	ILLINOIS TOLLWAY	FE	\$72.70
OWENS EDUC SERV	SE	\$644.31	MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$713.01
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$100.00	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$90.44
PEREZ INTERPRETING	SE	\$400.00	TRANSUNION RISK	FE	\$400.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$133.00	VARI SALES CORP	SU	\$395.00
PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$500.00	WATCH GUARD VIDEO	SE	\$1,500.00
QUADIENT LEASING USA	FE	\$81.98	RED COUCH COUNSELING	SE	\$1,200.00
RED WILLOW SHERIFF	SE	\$18.62	DELL MARKETING L P	SE	\$212.99
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$108.68	NEMAHA CO SHERIFF	SE	\$619.79
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	ENCARTELE INC	SU	\$3,018.50
REGION V SYSTEMS	FE	\$3,210.00	SALARIES		\$275,585.70
SEWARD COUNTY COURT	FE	\$1,075.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,962.26	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD SHERIFF'S DEPT	SE	\$18.50	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEW SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$268.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD CO SINKING FUND	FE	\$1,052.00	VSP VISION		
SEWARD COUNTY TREASURER	FE	\$110.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

The Commissioners started meeting with various officials about their budgets.

The first budgets reviewed were from **the County Attorney's Office**. Wendy Elston, County Attorney, handles budgets titled Drug Law Enforcement – Treasury, Drug Law Enforcement – Justice, State Drug Fund, Attorney Grant Fund, and Attorney's Office Budget.

The next budget meeting was for Korey Reiman, Public Defender.

The next budget meeting was for Marilyn Hladky, County Assessor.

The next budget meeting was for Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator

The next budget meeting was for Sheila Beins, Clerk Magistrate for County Court.

The Commissioners recessed at 11:50 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 12:32 p.m.

The next budget meeting was for Bob Dahms, County Treasurer.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of July 12, 2022.

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

The next budget hearing was for Eric Hofer, Supt. of Buildings and Grounds.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she participated in the Four Corners Health District meeting, worked on budget, attended the Planning Commission meeting, and has organized a future meeting with Burlington Railroad in regard to a road crossing.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he dealt with some road issues with hard surfaced roads, had three abandoned cemetery issues and went to Ag Society meeting.

Commissioner Culver reported he went with the Assessor's staff to see how they dealt with the Destroyed Real Property Reports we received due to storm damage, went to Planning & Zoning meeting, checked on several road issues, received multiple calls about road maintenance and will have E911 Board meeting this week.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Extension Board meeting and will attend a Visitors and SENDD meeting this coming week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he checked abandoned cemeteries and will attend a Seward City Council meeting this week.

Kathy Ruzicka, Aging Services Director, was in attendance for her budget meeting. Kay Wenzl, Aging Partners Assistant Director, and Jill Engel, Aging and Nutrition Specialist, joined her in giving financial information to the Commissioners.

Matt Starkey, Veterans Service Officer/Public Transit Director, was the next one discussing the budgets of **Veteran's Aid, Veteran's Service Officer and Public Transit.**

The Commissioners recessed at 1:52 p.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 2:00 p.m.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, and Sheriff Mike Vance were present to discuss the budgets for Jail, House Arrest Fund & Commissary Fund.

Sheriff Mike Vance and Chelsea Smith, Operations Manager, were present to discuss the **budgets of Sheriff's Office**, Drug Fund – Treasury and Drug Fund – Justice.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to **accept the County Treasurer's Annual Investment Report.**

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

During the Infrastructure Grants discussion on the agenda, Commissioner Ahmic had suggested that Seward County could apply for grants via the Federal Infrastructure bill. She stated that these grants will probably require a grant writer but could benefit Seward County.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on July 26, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Board
4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of July 19, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Res. – Name the County Treasurer the Seward County Investment Officer and Invest per State and County Policies
7. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman to sign the Lutz & Company PC Agreement for Assistance in American Rescue Plan Act Reporting
8. Discuss/Action - Authorize the Chairman to sign the Audit Scope correspondence with the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts
- Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for August 2, 2022

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Budget Meeting with Officials

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 4:06 p.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 26th day of July 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

July 26, 2022
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 July 26, 2022 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 July 26, 2022 at 8:30 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 Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of July 19, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic **to accept the County Assessor's 3 Year Plan of Assessment**.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on August 9, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of July 26, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:42 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 9th day of August 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

July 26, 2022
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 July 26, 2022 **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 July 26, 2022 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.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., reported on activities of the Road Department including updates from a UNL representatives visitation involving the Missile Base Site.

Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., brought an agreement for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3694 in regard to approving the Federal Aid Agreement to replace Bridge # 8001115 south of Beaver Crossing.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT – BL2236

Seward County
Resolution No. 3694

Whereas: Seward County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain Federal Funds; and

Whereas: Seward County understands that t 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:

John Culver, Chair of the Seward County Board of Commissioners, is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Seward County and NDOT.

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

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7080(55)
NDOT Control Number: 13521
NDOT Project Name: Beaver Crossing Southeast

Adopted this 26th day of July, 2022 at Seward Nebraska.

The Board of Commissioners of Seward County
Robert Vrbka, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chairman of the Board

Board/Council Member Zabrocki
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Ahmic Seconded the Motion
Roll Call: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent
Resolution Adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of July 19, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with the E911 Director, attended a meeting for the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership and met with Greg Butcher, Seward City Administrator.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he checked an abandoned cemetery problem and attended an Upper Big Blue NRD meeting.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with road issues, received constituent phone calls, and met with Clerk of the District Court on various issues.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Southeast Nebraska Development District meeting and a Visitors Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he went to the Seward City Council meeting, BRIDGES meeting and a 4th of July meeting and talked with Greg Butcher, Seward City Administrator.

Matt Starkey, Veterans Service Office/Public Transportation Director, was present to give information to the Board about damages to a van used for Public Transportation. He stated **NIRMA, the County's liability insurance offered \$2,450.00** for it since it was totaled during the recent hailstorm.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to accept the offer from NIRMA insurance in the amount of \$2,450.00 for a 2008 Chevy Uplander with the proceeds going into the Public Transit sinking Fund for future purchase.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to adopt Resolution No. 3695 in regard to naming the Seward County Treasurer the Investment Officer and allow to invest per state and county policies.

Resolution No. 3695 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

Whereas: It is in the best interest of the County to invest surplus funds.

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Seward County Treasurer is the County's Chief Investment Officer. Furthermore, as chief investment officer, is directed by this Board to invest Seward County surplus dollars within the parameters of the State Statutes, the general County investment policy as adopted by this County Board in 1988, and Board approved subsequent amendments.

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by: Vrbka
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Dated this 26th day of July, 2022
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3696 in regard to authorizing the County Treasurer invest idle funds into Designated Depositories.

Resolution No. 3696 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

Whereas: currently, the Seward County Treasurer has County funds invested into: checking accounts, money markets, traditional certificates of deposit, Nebraska Federal Investment Trust, and Short-Term Federal Investment Trust.

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Seward County Treasurer is allowed to invest Seward County idle funds into the above instruments.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Robert Vrbka,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Adopted: 7/26/2022
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3697 in regard to authorizing the County Treasurer to invest funds into various bank offerings.

Resolution No. 3697 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

Whereas: the Seward County Treasurer may invest county funds into the following designated depositories: Cattle Bank & Trust, Jones Bank, Union Bank (Seward), Farmers and Merchants Bank of Milford, First Bank of Utica, and Union Bank (Lincoln).

Therefore, let it be resolved this County Board allows the Seward County Treasurer to invest liquid idle county funds into the above designated depositories.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Schmieding
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Adopted July 26th, 2022
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Lutz & Company PC Agreement for assistance in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) reporting.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign the Audit Scope correspondence with the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki **to accept the Emergency Manager's Annual Return** of Disposed Items.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners briefly discussed the actual writing of grants for the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda.

There was no discussion on ARPA Funds disbursement.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:59 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:05 a.m.

The Commissioners started budget meetings with officials. The first meeting was with Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., and Heidi Fleischman, Office Manager for the Road Dept., was also in attendance.

The next budget meetings were with Ann Dobesh, Extension Educator; Carina Sanchez, HR Director; Gary Petersen, Emergency Manager; Carrie Sermeno for the District Judge Office; Tera Koetter, Clerk of the District Court; and Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk.

The Commissioners recessed at 12:09 p.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 12:52 p.m.

The Commissioners also went through other miscellaneous budgets and had discussion on the information already presented.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on August 2, 2022 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 July 26, 2022
5. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through July 22, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Request permission to place Electronic Sign for the Seward County Fair on the SW Corner of the Courthouse Lawn
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
10. Discuss/Action – Budget Discussion-Callbacks
11. Discuss/Action – Agenda for August 9, 2022

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 3:12 p.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 2nd day of August 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

August 2, 2022

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

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The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on August 2, 2022 at 8:30 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.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, and Harrison Helmer, Executive Director of BRIDGES, each gave an update of their organizations.

Those officials present for their monthly meeting with the Commissioners were Marilyn Hladky and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the claims for the period through July 22, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JULY 22, 2022

ADP LLC	SE	\$2,618.35	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$175.46
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$416.18	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$16,108.62
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$46.65	FASTENAL CO	SU	\$226.29
AMERICAN JAIL ASSOC	FE	\$345.00	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC	SE	\$39,866.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$18,464.04	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$75.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$29.87	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$62,450.09
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	SE	\$1,119.91	SID DILLON	SE	\$2,398.78
COMFORT INN	TR	\$229.90	SIOUX CITY TARP	SU	\$1,673.13
CONTINENTAL ALARM	SE	\$1,520.00	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	SE	\$90.21
CULLIGAN OF LINCOLN	SE	\$254.00	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG	EQ	\$52,456.32
CUYAHOGA CO SHERIFF	SE	\$118.25	MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$47,625.00
DOUGLAS CO COURT	SE	\$1.75	PAC N SAVE	SE	\$975.04
E 911	FE	\$30,448.67	RED PATH GALLERY	FE	\$60.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$138.66	SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$1,500.00
JENNIFER EICKHOFF	SE	\$26.62	SEWARD ELECTRONICS	SU	\$55.00
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SE	\$245.94	SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$320.00
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SU	\$543.52	JEANNE WIEMER	SE	\$270.70
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,488.85	BECKY LATKA	SE	\$158.84
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$906.00	SEWARD CO BRIDGES	FE	\$1,000.00
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SU	\$60.00	DELTA DENTAL OF NEBR	FE	\$29.97
NORTH PLATTE LODGING	TR	\$96.00	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$252,744.17
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$130.33	VISION SERVICE PLAN INS	FE	\$23.29
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,745.03	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$1,625.00
KINER SUPPLY CO	SU	\$2,029.55	NE ASSN OF SENIOR CENTERS	FE	\$90.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$1,029.33	QUILL CORPORATION	SU	\$39.98
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES	SE	\$45.00	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$1,625.00

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$834.90	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$1,500.00
MIDWEST OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$39.99	ART ON DISPLAY	FE	\$955.00
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$352.98	AXON ENTERPRISES	EQ	\$19,958.38
KRYSTEL NABER	SE	\$16.94	JONES BANK	SE	\$250.00
PEGGY OBORNY	SE	\$21.78	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$75.02
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$66.48	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$4,112.63
ORKIN LLC	SE	\$147.00	NE EQUIPMENT	SE	\$325.75
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$311.64	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$343.20
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$138.53	SCALES SALES & SERVICE	SE	\$498.25
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$37.50	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	SE	\$167.99
SAUNDERS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$29.79	VIGILANT SOLUTIONS	SE	\$25,945.00
SECR OF STATE - ELECTIONS	FE	\$30.00	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$1,688.54
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,905.87	VIGILNET	SE	\$20.85
SEWARD CO TREASURER	FE	\$110.00	NAT'L CURRICULUM & TRAIN	FE	\$1,542.79
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$23.36	GEOCOMM INC	SE	\$4,482.00
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$105.00	SALARIES		\$271,116.19
ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTNG	SE	\$995.14	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
ST OF NE DAS COMMUN	SE	\$1,152.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$7,889.31	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
THOMSON REUTERS	FE	\$360.07	DELTA DENTAL		
VERIZON WIRELESS	UT	\$1,073.11	VSP VISION		
VISA	FE	\$4,214.37	WADDELL & REED		
ZABKA PERDUE FUNERAL HOME	SE	\$1,340.00			

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of July 26, 2022.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she visited with Jank about Illuminate Seward campaign, had communication with SENDD representative about grants, discussed well permits with various members of the Planning & Zoning Commission and helped with some Milford Fun Days prep work.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he was in contact with the Ag Society, worked on road issues and discussed water issues with Upper Big Blue NRD.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with constituent issues dealing with a 911 sign issue, a pivot water over the road issue, attended a 911 Board meeting, and worked on the budget.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he met with Ann Dobesh of the Extension Office, attended a Visitors Committee meeting and mentioned the Seward County Fair coming up this week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the 911 Board meeting, received a call and worked with the Highway Supt.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka **to accept the Sheriff's Fee and Mileage Report** for May 2022 in the amount of \$1,227.00 and \$651.31 respectively.

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

Moved **by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Sheriff's Fee and Mileage Report for** June 2022 in the amount of \$1,144.00 and \$684.01 respectively.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the request to place an electronic sign for the Seward County Fair on the SW Corner of the Courthouse Lawn.

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

Zabrocki stated he looked for some grants about safe streets and broadband subjects. Ahmic stated she would like to apply for a grant for a road project. Ahmic eyed a specific grant that is due September 15, 2022. She stated that she could help with initiating the process with other officials helping to obtain the information needed.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds noting that no additional funding requests have been received from the county villages.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:12 a.m.
 The Commissioners re-convened at 9:15 a.m.

Treasurer, Bob Dahms and Deputy County Treasurer, Sherry Leising were present to give information about resolutions they would like the Commissioners to act on.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3698 in regard to the **Treasurer and the Sheriff's amount of total distress warrants agree in the amount of \$21,991.00 as of July 26, 2022.**

Resolution # 3698 of the Seward County Board

Whereas the County Treasurer and County Sheriff reconciliation of the collected dollars of the Distress Warrants totaling \$21,991.00 as of July 26, 2022

And, whereas the Sheriff and Treasurer agrees on the total dollars of Distress Warrant collected of \$21,991.00 as of July 26, 2022.

Therefore, let it be resolved this County Board adopts said reconciliation of the collected dollars of the Distress Warrants from the Sheriff and Treasurer.

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Zabrocki 08/02/2022

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Robert Vrbka, John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3699 in regard to the recommendation of Uncollected Distress Warrants in the amount of \$1,110.02

Resolution # 3699 of the Seward County Board

Whereas the County Sheriff and the County Treasurer have listed their recommendations on the uncollected distress warrants

And, whereas the Sheriff and Treasurer recommendations agree on all uncollected warrants.

Therefore, let it be resolved this County Board adopts said recommendations on the uncollected distress warrants.

(List below)

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic
 Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Robert Vrbka, John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk
 Dated: 08/02/2022

NAME/ADDRESS	WARRANT	TAXES DUE	TAX YEAR	SHERIFF'S REASON \RECOMM FOR NEXT ISSUE	TREASURER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION
AMERICAN FAMILY INS TAX DEPARTMENT				RE-ISSUE	
6000 AMERICAN PKWY MADISON, WI 53783-001	#4	29.66	2020	MOVED UNABLE TO LOCATE	RE-ISSUE
800169263-PERSONAL PROPERTY		29.66			

VICKY COPENHAVER 244 ARBORS CIR				ACCOOUNT RETIRED	
GAHANNA OH 43230-3418	#19	115.80	2019	STRIKE	STRIKE
		117.46	2020		
800223411-MOBILE HOME		233.26			
EMRICH AERICAL SPRAYING 3423 ROKEBY RD			2020	MOVE UNABLE TO LOCATE	
DORCHESTER, NE 68343-8503	#21	109.36		RE-ISSUE	RE-ISSUE
800201507-IMPROVEMENT ONLY CABIN		109.36			
LANCASTER COUNTY WASTE PO BOX80956				BUSINESS CLOSED, LETTER RET	
LINCOLN NE 68501-0956	#37	15.62	2020	NO PROPERTY RE-ISSUE	RE-ISSUE
800203479-PERSONAL PROPERTY		15.62			
NISSEN PLUMBING C/O DAVID NISSEN NO CURRENT ADDRESS					
MAIL COMES BACK TO US	#46	68.22	2020	INCORRECT ADDRESS UNABLE TO LOCATE RE-ISSUE	RE-ISSUE
800202709-PERSONAL PROPERTY		68.22			
NORTHERN LEASING SYSTEMS INC 525 WASHINGTON BLVD FL 15				MOVED UNABLE TO LOCATE	
JERSEY CITY,NJ 07310-2603	#47	2.12	2020	RE-ISSUE	RE-ISSUE
800196252		2.12			
PRODUCTION SALES CO PO BOX 576 HENDERSON, NE 68371	#51	251.80 220.32	2018 2019	BUSINESS CLOSED BUILDING SOLD NO PROPERTY LOCATED STRIKE	STRIKE
800132548-PERSONAL PROPERTY		472.12			
JESSICA SPANGLER 4101 NORMAL BLVD APT 3 LINCOLN NE 68506	#61			DOING A TAX CORRECTION	
800229050-MOBILE HOME		0			
TLC CONSTRUCTION 4291 ASHLAND RD PLATTSMOUTH NE 68048	#70	23.52 156.14	2019 2020	BUSINESS CLOSED UNABLE TO LOCATE NO PROPERTY LOCATED STRIKE	STRIKE
800203379-PERSONAL PROPERTY		179.66			

TOTAL UNCOLLECTED

1110.02

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

Eric Hofer, Building & Grounds Supt., brought information about updating the door controls at the Courthouse.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to use ARPA funds for new door lock access control panels at the Courthouse.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Engineered Controls for Courthouse Door Lock Access Control Panels in the amount of \$4,970.00.

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

The Commissioners discussed the budget.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on August 9, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of July 26, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on August 9, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 2, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Commissioners Reports
5. Discuss/Action - Infrastructure Related Grants
6. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
7. Discuss/Action – Budget Discussion
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for August 16, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action - Marci Fehlhafer/CASA – Annual Report and Request from Southeast Nebraska CASA

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open Bids for Road Department Utility Box

9:35 a.m. Discuss/Action – Jonathan Jank – Request for approval for Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) to promote the Request For Information (RFI) for public Broadband response

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 11:36 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 9th day of August 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

August 9, 2022
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 August 9, 2022 **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 August 9, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky
Absent: Member: Ken Schmieding

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 minutes of July 26, 2022.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve Tax List Corrections 364-18R, 365-19R, 366-20R, 367-19R & 368-22R.

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on August 23, 2022 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 9, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:48 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 23rd day of August 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE
COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
2022

Resolution No. 3701

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Seward County is hereby authorized to sign the County Annual certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 9th day of August, 2022 at Seward Nebraska.

Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Darrell J. Zabrocki,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Absent: Schmieding
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

County Board Member Misty Ahmic
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Bob Vrbka Seconded the Motion
Roll Call: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 1 Absent
Resolution was adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Vrbka, Zabrocki, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:12 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:15 a.m.

Marci Fehlhafer and Sonia Almodovar of CASA were present to give information about their organization and their request for funding for the next fiscal year. Their office was destroyed by the June storm and they asked if there was a room they could use until their office is repaired.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open the bids at 9:30 a.m. for a utility box for the Road Dept.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

One bid was received from Aspen Equipment. **Awarding of the bid will be on next week's agenda.**

Jonathan Jank and Jacob Jennings of SCCDP were present to give information about a feasibility study regarding Broadband access in Seward County. He has requested approval to promote a Request for Information for a public Broadband Response. Norris Public Power has been involved in the process. Discussion about the funding of a county-wide access was held.

Moved by Ahmic and Zabrocki to approve for Seward County Chamber & Development and Partnership to promote a Request for Information (RFI) for public broadband response.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Vrbka, Culver

Motion Carried

Highway Supt. Terry Wicht and Jank also talked to the Commissioners about a letter of support in regard to an Economic Opportunity Program Application for a Beck Hybrids Expansion near Goehner, NE. Seward County will be cost-sharing a project to extend hard surfacing from the Interstate Exit at Goehner to the Beck Hybrid location. It is estimated it will be 400 feet in length.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign a Letter of Support and Economic Opportunity Program Application in regard to Beck Hybrids Expansion near Goehner, NE.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver

Motion Carried

Matt Starkey, Veterans Service Officer and Public Transit Director, was present to discuss a NIRMA offer for a 2016 Dodge Caravan that was damaged by the June hailstorm. He received an offer from NIRMA for \$12,162.50.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the offer from Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) in the amount of \$12,162.50 with the funds to be placed in the Public Transit Sinking Fund.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Starkey said he will pursue the state bids for a new van that will be used by the Public Transit Dept. and for County officials. He will come back with options for a new van at a future date.

Commissioner Ahmic stated she has started the process for applying for a grant. She will get more information through this coming week and next week will be able to show more information to the other board members.

The Commissioners discussed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The Village of Goehner reached out to Commissioner Ahmic and has a water project in mind for which they would request county ARPA funds. Ahmic suggested they start with the help of Southeast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) in getting their project and estimates of costs started.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:12 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:15 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 10:22 a.m. to discuss Litigation.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

The Chairman reiterated that Executive Session was for Litigation.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to go out of Executive Session at 10:44 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Chairman Culver stated litigation was discussed and no decision was made.

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, requested the Board approve Temporary Part Time Equipment Operator positions for the Road Dept. She stated that there is a retired employee and a member of the public that would like to help out since the County has vacancies in the Road Dept. They would be paid the starting wage of a motor grader.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve a Temporary Part-Time Equipment Operator position for the Road Dept. with the wage equal to the starting wage of a motor grader.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver

Motion Carried

Sheriff Vance was present to discuss the Sheriff and Jail Budget. He read a statement in which he is not happy with what the Commissioners have decided for his budget. He stated he has a sergeant vacancy and the starting wage is too close to a deputy wage. The Commissioners will take another look at their original budget request.

The Commissioners then heard from County Attorney, Wendy Elston about the wages for her office. Casey Tieman, Office Manager, was also present. Elston gave more information about the classification of her staff.

The Commissioners discussed budgets. They also discussed the Miscellaneous entities in Seward County and what they requested for a tax request.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on August 16, 2022 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 9, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Claims through the period of August 5, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Board
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Additional 1% of Restricted Funds for the 2022-2023 Budget
10. Discuss/Action – Budget Discussion
11. Discuss/Action – Agenda for August 23, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award Utility bid award

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 12:10 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, 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 16th day of August 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

August 16, 2022

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 August 16, 2022 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 August 16, 2022 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 Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of August 9, 2022.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver

Abstain: Schmieding as he was not at said meeting.

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the claims through the period of August 5, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH AUGUST 5, 2022

ACCURATE CONTROLS	SU	\$3,712.72	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$2,726.66
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,385.73	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	SE	\$714.55
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	EQ	\$180.57	TWIN RIVERS HLTH CR	SE	\$45.00
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$39.71	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	EQ	\$89.95
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$632.68	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,603.78
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$19,121.42	VISA	FE	\$919.59
BERN'S BODY SHOP	SE	\$250.00	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	FE	\$198.15
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$707.99	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$6,741.48
BOB BARKER CO	SE	\$100.98	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$676.50
BROTHERS EQUIP	EQ	\$217.72	ZABKA PERDUE FUNERAL	SE	\$3,470.00
CEDARS	SE	\$168.00	KENNETH PANKOKE	SE	\$467.91
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$14,087.81	BLUE RIVER TRANSMISSIONS	SE	\$1,082.79
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$324.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$25,562.71
JERRY CLINCH	SE	\$827.50	FASTENAL CO	SU	\$47.81
CONSOLIDATED MGMT CO	SE	\$26.22	HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT	SE	\$26.62
CORI J STAVA	SE	\$264.60	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$140.00
JACK DANIEL	SE	\$19.36	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$290.21
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$832.52	NE EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$76.33
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX	SE	\$40.99	NE PUB POW DIST	UT	\$52.90
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$3,631.94	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$74.99
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SE	\$608.00	NMC, INC	SE	\$798.48
HERPOLSHAIMERS INC	SE	\$387.92	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$716.92
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$28.00	PENNER'S TIRE	SE	\$117.65
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$410.35	POWERPLAN	EQ	\$8,704.00
INDOFF INC	SU	\$111.93	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$5,438.68
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$67.00	ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH	EQ	\$608.26
JONES AUTOMOTIVE	FE	\$6,773.47	UTICA PARTS	SU	\$8.99
JONES BANK	SE	\$501.73	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$139.49
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,416.72	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.36
DAVID KIMBLE	SE	\$288.00	MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$1,100.00

KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$131.48	TRITECH SOFTWARE SYS	EQ	\$4,500.11
RYAN KRENK	SE	\$15.74	CHAPTERS BOOKS	SU	\$76.72
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.66	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING	SE	\$213.75
STEPHANIE LUEBBE	SE	\$5.63	GFWC WOMAN'S CLUB	FE	\$159.00
SUE MEDINGER	SE	\$4.38	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	SE	\$145.96
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$119.00	NE NATL GUARD MUSEUM	FE	\$155.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$506.90	SEWARD CO AG SOCIETY	FE	\$210.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,329.68	SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$252.00
MOTOROLA	EQ	\$300.00	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$18,036.09
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$450.00	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$161.70
NEBRASKA SHERIFFS ASSOC	FE	\$260.00	NE ASSN OF SENIOR CENTERS	FE	\$90.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$26.50	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$392.00
DALE NIEMANN	SE	\$12.10	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$173.60
ONESOURCE	SU	\$257.00	AWARDS UNLIMITED	SU	\$46.20
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$6.49	JOE CECONI'S CHRYSLER	EQ	\$87,350.00
OWENS EDUCATIONAL SERV	SE	\$992.00	JOHN JONES AUTO GROUP	EQ	\$57,827.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$361.88	LANDAUER	SU	\$961.10
SCOTT PEKAREK	SE	\$13.32	TRANSUNION RISK	FE	\$400.00
PEREZ INTERPRETING	SE	\$500.00	VIGILNET	SE	\$215.45
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$28.75	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICATE	SE	\$150.00
CA MARKETING, INC	SE	\$131.66	NIXLE	SE	\$2,394.75
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$703.00	MIDLANDS CONTRACTING	SE	\$330,046.75
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$182.58	NEMAHA CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	FE	\$199.47
QUADIANT LEASING USA	FE	\$81.98	ENCARTELE	SE	\$3,073.96
RUMERY LAWN	SE	\$18.28	SALARIES		\$279,264.58
BRENT SCHLUCKEBIER	SE	\$3.64	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$992.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$2,244.82	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEW CO SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$186.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$6.64	VSP VISION		
SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$6,446.75	WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Veterans Service Committee meeting, worked with a University of Nebraska representative, worked on a possible grant, attended a Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) meeting, and a Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he was asked several questions about roads.

Commissioner Culver reported he checked roads, received emails, resolved an issue about a 911 sign, went to a Planning and Zoning meeting and a Blue Valley Community Action meeting.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he has a Visitors meeting this afternoon and reported that the SENDD and Region V meeting will be next week. He also attended the fair last week and received one road complaint.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he received a call from a constituent and spent some time with an official, **spoke at the Sheriff's Staff meeting about safety issues** and will attend a NIRMA Retreat later in the week.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Zoning Dept. Fee Report for June 2022 in the amount of \$1,650.00

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Zoning Dept. Fee Report for July 2022 in the amount of \$4,350.00.

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

The Commissioners discussed office space on the 3rd Floor for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) organization. Previously, CASA had asked if their organization could use a 3rd floor for offices temporarily since her office was damaged by the June hailstorm. After some discussion, Marci Fehlhafer, Director of CASA, asked if she could

permanently be housed in the courthouse. After viewing the vacant area on the 3rd floor, she would like to use the area in the Southeast corner.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the use of the SE corner of the 3rd floor of the courthouse for the CASA organization.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to give the Commissioners information about the Utility Box Bid that was opened last week. He said only one bid was received and he recommended accepting it.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to award the bid for the Utility Box to Aspen Equipment in the amount of \$188,295.00

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3702 in regard to approving pooled accounts for investments of the Seward County Treasurer.

Resolution No. 3702 of the
Seward County board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, Seward County has had designated investments for a matter of years which earned interest accruing to each designated fund. This was called **the "pooled account."**

WHEREAS, this County Board has approved the pooled account in the past.

THEREFORE, this County Board recommends the pooled account consisting of Seward Middle School bond fund, Seward Rural Fire sinking fund, Seward Airport bond fund, City of Milford debt service fund, City of Seward debt service funds, and the Centennial School bond fund continue as designated investments within the pooled account.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Schmieding 08/16/2022
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, Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3703 in regard to setting the levy authority for the Misc. Districts of Seward County.

RESOLUTION # 3703 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Pursuant to State Statute § 77-3443, each County Board shall adopt a Resolution by a majority vote of members present which determines a final allocation of levy authority to its political subdivisions, AND,

WHEREAS, political subdivisions as defined in § 77-~~3443~~ **(1)(a)** as "all political subdivisions other than school districts, community colleges, natural resource districts, educational service units, cities, villages, counties, municipal counties, rural and suburban fire protection districts that have levy authority pursuant to subsection (10) of section 77-3442, and sanitary and **improvement districts", AND,**

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to discuss the insurance offer for two Detention Center vehicles damaged in the June hailstorm. She stated the vehicles were purchased rather cheaply and suggested keeping the vehicles because both vehicles run well. Also, one vehicle is outfitted with a cage for prisoner transport. Because the insurance company determined the vehicle was a total loss, they would only insure it with liability if we do choose to keep it. Zabrocki suggested keeping one van used for transports and finding out if our insurance company would re-consider totaling the other vehicle out.

Sheriff Mike Vance was present to discuss the 2022 Jail and Sheriff budgets.

The Commissioners recessed at 11:17 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 11:21 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the use of county owned vehicles. Commissioner Zabrocki led discussion and asked Sheriff Vance about three vehicles, specifically two Jeeps and one Chevy Cruz. He asked Sheriff Vance where they are garaged at night? Vance replied the vehicles go to their houses. Vance said one vehicle is for the director of my jail and she is on duty 24/7. She has to come in multiple times to the jail. The other one is my Public Information Specialist which handles all the press releases any time anything major happens, no matter what time of day. They get called out for major accidents. Vance said they do not get called out every day, sometimes it may be three times in one week, sometimes it may be once a month. Zabrocki said the Board has the final say of who is able to take vehicles home. The personnel policy states it is up to the Commissioners to determine who gets to take vehicles home. The policy also says no one other than county employees should ride in a county vehicle. He also stated if someone does take a vehicle home, there are IRS implications. Vance stated he was not aware of the tax implications.

Culver stated he feels deputies should get to take their vehicles home but questioned office staff having the same privilege. Culver said that if an employee would get called out and use their own vehicle, they would get reimbursed for mileage. Culver stated that the vehicles in question should be kept in the county and that they should not be used for personal use to and from work. Vance said they will leave them at some place within the county. Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, voiced concerns about the decision pertaining to not having a car to drive back and forth from the jail.

The Commissioners briefly discussed grants available for the county.
There were no updates for the discussion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve an extra 1% restricted funds for the 2022-2023 budget.

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

The Commissioners discussed the proposed budget.

Sheriff Vance addressed the Board and apologized for his conversations today.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on August 23, 2022 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 9, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on August 23, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 16, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund
8. Discuss/Action – 2022-2023 Budget Discussion
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for August 30, 2022

10:00 a.m. Hearing – Change the Definition of Accessory Apartment and Accessory Living Quarters in the Seward County Zoning Regulations

Discuss/Action – Res. - Change the Definition of Accessory Apartment and Accessory Living Quarters in the Seward County Zoning Regulations

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 12:16 p.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 23rd day of August 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

August 23, 2022
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 August 23, 2022 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 August 23, 2022 at 8:30 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 9, 2022.

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 13, 2022 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 23, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 8:53 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, 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 13th day of September 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

August 23, 2022

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 August 23, 2022 **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 August 23, 2022 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 minutes of August 16, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Raegan Hain, a member of the public, spoke to the Commissioners about a "GEO Charge" project that may be coming to Seward County. She said that she had been approached by members of the public about it.

Schweitzer updated the Commissioners on activities in her office.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she has coordinated a meeting with the "Illuminate Seward" project representatives at 4:30 p.m. today, worked on grants, met with the 911 Director in regard to addressing, went to Milford Fun Days, met with the Planning & Zoning Commission, and received a call about a road project.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he fielded a lot of questions about the GEO Charge project and received questions about road issues.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, dealt with various emails, received questions about a road project, and received complaints about cyclists on county roads. He also reported he was contacted by the City of Seward Representatives about possibly placing a historical marker near a county building.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he had a Visitors Committee meeting and met with a small committee in regard to a 4-H project.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he went to the Seward City Council meeting, attended a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) Board Retreat and went to a BRIDGES meeting.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., and Mark Mainelli of Mainelli Wagner & Associates were present to give information about repairing 238th Road from Milford to the south county line. There

are certain areas of the paved road that need repaired. Mainelli gave an estimate of the repairs needed and suggested that repairs be done and the road closed one mile at a time. He stated the road is in pretty good shape, but hairline cracks need to be fixed along with a few sections that need to be replaced. After seeing what the budget could handle, they will prioritize the sections needing to be replaced along with crack sealing.

Kathy Ruzicka, Seward Aging Director, was present to give information about a Grant Sub Award with the City of Lincoln.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign a Sub Award with the City of Lincoln for an Aging Services Grant in the amount of \$76,920.00
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Katie Webster **from the Attorney's Office was present to request use of the courthouse south lawn to display signs and pinwheels to promote Suicide Prevention Awareness from Sept 14 to Sept 28, 2022.**

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to use the Courthouse south lawn to display signs and pinwheels to promote Suicide Prevention Awareness from Sept 14 – Sept 28, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Schmieding, Vrbka, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:55 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open a Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. to hear comments and concerns about changing the Accessory Apartment and Accessory Living Quarters in the Seward County Zoning Regulations.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

No one spoke at said public hearing.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to close the Public Hearing at 10:01 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adopt Resolution No. 3704 in regard to changing the Accessory Apartment and Accessory Living Quarters in the Seward County Zoning Regulations.

Resolution # 3704 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Seward County Board of Commissioners adopted the current Seward County Zoning **Regulations ("Regulations") on June 26, 2007 by way of Resolution 2567;**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11.01 of the Regulations, the Board is authorized to make amendments to the Regulations upon motion of the Planning Commission and after public hearing;

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2022 the Seward County Planning Commission made and passed a motion to recommend amendments to the Regulations, section 2.03.04 through 2.03.08, regarding Accessory Buildings. The recommended changes are **reflected Exhibit "A", which** is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has recommended approval of these amendments, concluding they are compatible with the intent of the zoning regulations in that they will regulate and restrict the percentage of lot areas which may be occupied; the density of population; the uses of buildings; and the uses of the land for agriculture, forestry, recreation, residence, industry, and

trade, after considering factors relating to soil conservation, water supply conservation, surface water drainage and removal, or other uses; and divide the County into districts of such number, shape, and area as may be best suited to carry out the purposes of this resolution to regulate, restrict, or prohibit the erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration or use of non-farm buildings or structures, and the use, conditions of use or occupancy of land in the unincorporated areas of the County;

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2022, after a public hearing, the Planning Commission vote 7 – 0, with 2 absent and not voting, to recommend approval of the **amendments reflected in Exhibit "A"**;

WHEREAS, on August 23rd 2022, the Board, after publication of notice and public hearing, to approve the proposal with certain amendments made by the Board. **The amended language is reflected in Exhibit "B", which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference;**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board, that the Seward County Zoning Regulations are amended as described herein.

LET IT FURTHER **BE RESOLVED** that the contents of Exhibit "B" shall replace page 5 of the Seward County Zoning Regulations.

Dated this 23rd day of August 2022.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Vrbka

Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

EXHIBIT A

ARTICLE 2: CONSTRUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

Section 2.03 Definition of Terms

- 2.03.01 **ABANDONMENT** shall mean to cease or discontinue a use or activity without intent to resume as distinguished from short term interruptions such as during periods of remodeling, maintenance, or normal periods of vacation or seasonal closure.
- 2.03.02 **ABUT, ABUTTING** shall mean to border on, being contiguous with or have property or district lines in common, including property separated by an alley
- 2.03.03 **ACCESS OR ACCESS WAY** shall mean the place, means, or way by which pedestrians and vehicles shall have safe, adequate and usable ingress and egress to a property or use as required by this Regulation.
- ~~2.03.04 **ACCESSORY APARTMENT** shall mean a secondary dwelling unit established in conjunction with and clearly subordinate to a primary dwelling unit, whether a part of the same structure as the primary dwelling unit or in conjunction with an accessory detached garage.~~
- 2.03.045 **ACCESSORY DWELLING** shall mean a separate building for use as a secondary dwelling which is incidental to the main dwelling. Any accessory dwelling on a parcel shall not exceed the maximum coverage allowed, nor be larger than the primary dwelling. Only one accessory dwelling allowed per parcel. The following provisions apply to any accessory dwellings within the district.
- a. The allowable area for an accessory dwelling shall be limited to 25% of the primary structures finished living space not to exceed 600 total square feet.
 - b. The accessory dwelling shall meet all applicable setbacks.
 - c. The accessory dwelling shall meet all applicable separation distances.
 - d. The accessory dwelling shall have shared utilities with the main dwelling.
 - e. The accessory dwelling shall have the same address as the primary residence.
- 2.03.05 **ACCESSORY BUILDING** shall mean any detached subordinate building that serves a function customarily incidental to that of the main building or main use of the premises. Customary accessory building includes farm

buildings, garages, carports, and small storage sheds.

- 2.03.06 ~~**ACCESSORY LIVING QUARTERS** shall mean living quarters within an accessory building located on the same premises with the main building, for use by temporary guests of the occupant of the premises, such quarters having no kitchen facilities and not rented or otherwise used as a separate dwelling unit.~~
- 2.03.07 **ACCESSORY STRUCTURE** shall mean a detached subordinate structure located on the same lot with the principal structure, the use of which is incidental and accessory to that of the principal structure. **An Accessory Structure shall not be used as a separate dwelling unit.**
- 2.03.08 **ACCESSORY USE** shall mean a use incidental, related, appropriate and clearly subordinate to the main use of the lot or building, which accessory use does not alter the principal use of the subject lot or affect other properties in the district.
- 2.03.09 **ACRE** shall mean a full acre containing 43,560 square feet of area within the property lines of a lot or parcel.
- 2.03.10 **ACREAGE** shall mean any tract or parcel of land that does not qualify as a farm or development.
- 2.03.11 **ADJACENT** shall mean near, close, or abutting; for example, an Industrial District across the street or highway from a Residential District shall be considered as "Adjacent".
- 2.03.12 **ADULT CABARET** shall mean a nightclub, bar, restaurant, or similar establishment that regularly features live performances that are characterized by the exposure of specified anatomical areas or by specified sexual activities or films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides, or other photographic reproductions in which more than 10 percent of the total presentation time is devoted to the showing of material that is characterized by any emphasis upon the depiction of specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.
- 2.03.13 **ADULT COMPANIONSHIP ESTABLISHMENT** shall mean an establishment which provides the service of engaging in or listening to conversation, talk or discussion between an employee of the establishment and a customer, if such service is distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."
- 2.03.14 **ADULT ESTABLISHMENT** shall mean any business offering its patrons services or entertainment characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, exposing, describing, discussing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas," including, but without limitation, adult bookstores, adult motion picture theaters, adult saunas, adult companionship establishments,

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 - The accessory dwelling shall meet all applicable separation distances.
 - The accessory dwelling shall not have separate utilities and shall share utilities with the primary dwelling.
 - The accessory dwelling shall have the same address as the primary residence and shall not have a separate unit or identifying number.
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Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign two District Court Surplus Property Disposal Reports.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion about a request from UNL to modify the stairs in the Missile Base Silo and to allow a Lidar Scan to be performed. She stated the work involved is being done by a 3rd party. Seward County has received a Certificates of Insurance from UNL and the 3rd party contractor. They plan to have students from UNL help with the process of the scan. Zabrocki stated he will touch base with NIRMA to make sure we have adequate coverage for the work being done.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the modification of the stairs in the Missile Base Silo and allow a Lidar Scan to be performed.

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

Ahmic led discussion about infrastructure related grants. She has looked at a website that lists grants and Seward County already has an account. She will work with the person who already has an account this next week and try to get into the website more thoroughly.

There was no update for the Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.

Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, was present to discuss the addressing for the private drives in Seward County that have multiple residences. Currently, if there are multiple residences using one **driveway, the various residences are given the same address and a "Unit" number. In** order to give each residence its own specific address **and not just a "unit" number,** a procedure will need to take place. Ahmic stated she looked at the 89 private drives identified by the Zoning Director and found there are 29 private drives that need to be dealt with. Discussion about the different types and lengths of driveways was held and the procedure to

give these residences their own address. Letters will be sent out to the residents affected for those that want to change.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:29 a.m.

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

The discussion of a new starting wage for a Detention Center Sergeant will be postponed until another meeting.

Carrina Sanchez, HR Director, and Roxanne Knutson, Asst. HR Director, were present to discuss the courthouse closure that happened on June 15, 2022. The City of Seward notified the County Friday afternoon, August 12, 2022 that water would be shut off for the Courthouse on Monday morning, August 15, 2022. Knutson stated that because it was found out just the Friday before, a decision had to be made quickly. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, said that more options should have been given. She stated that since other buildings with employees were open, it creates two groups of employees – one group of employees who came to work and got paid and another group of employees who **didn't come** to work and got paid. Discussion was had about what the Personnel Policy stated.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding that those affected by the four-hour closure of the courthouse on 8/15/2022 will get four hours of pay.

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

The Board directed the HR Director to make a suggestion for a policy change for future instances when this happens.

The Commissioners discussed the budget for 2022-2023.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on August 30, 2022 are as follows

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 23, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through August 19, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Budget Discussion for the 2022-2023 Budget
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 6, 2022

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Matt Kasik, Region V Services – Annual Report and Request for Funding

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 11:01 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, 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 30th day of August 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

August 30, 2022

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 August 30, 2022 **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 August 30, 2022 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 Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of August 23, 2022.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka approve the claims for the period through August 19, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH AUGUST 19, 2022

ADP LLC	SE	\$2,631.55	VISA	FE	\$5,228.08
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$370.51	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$4,780.05
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SE	\$54.98	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$140.33
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$18,983.17	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$20,207.98
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$292.50	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$4,263.23
BOBS MOBIL	SU	\$220.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$29.87	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES	SE	\$846.60
CULLIGAN	SE	\$42.00	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,305.74
DON'S PIONEER UNIFORMS	SE	\$132.13	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$30,138.50
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,216.16	SEWARD ELECTRONICS	SE	\$91.22
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$18,488.90	TANK HOLDING CORP	SU	\$5,175.00
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$3.00	TRUCK CENTER CO	SE	\$48.08
GLADSTONE INC	SU	\$774.50	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	SE	\$1,766.67
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,488.85	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$712.36
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$15.00	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG	EQ	\$31,061.10
KEARNEY INVESTMENT CORP	SE	\$441.90	PANKOKE CONSTRUCTION	SE	\$20,722.11
HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$130.33	FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$6,147.32
IHS PHARMACY	SU	\$299.60	SEWARD ARTS COUNCIL	FE	\$1,000.00
INDOFF INC	SU	\$87.85	DON SUCHY	SE	\$900.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,206.99	DELTA DENTAL OF NEBR	FE	\$29.97
KINER SUPPLY COMPANY	SU	\$352.44	VISION SERVICE PLAN INS	FE	\$23.29
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$1,156.75	MOMS MEALS	SU	\$128.73
MARLIN MATULKA	SE	\$13.00	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$96.00
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$738.24	ANDERSON AUTO GRP	EQ	\$30,277.00
MID-AMERICAN INS GROUP	FE	\$92,287.58	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$770.00
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$255.00	JOHN E REID & ASSOC	SE	\$600.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	SE	\$807.54	NEBRASKA SHERIFFS ASSOC	FE	\$260.00
MORSE WATCHMANS, INC	SE	\$138.05	ART ON DISPLAY	FE	\$1,835.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$720.00	AWARDS UNLIMITED	SU	\$46.20
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$93.00	BERN'S BODY SHOP	SE	\$2,634.00

PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$262.50	GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SE	\$577.68
PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$336.00	HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$1,781.67
CA MARKETING, INC	SE	\$665.99	HIRERIGHT LLC	SE	\$141.30
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$988.06	LEADSONLINE	SE	\$2,176.00
REDWOOD TOXICOL LAB	SE	\$422.50	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$23.16
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$2,568.00	PACESETTER K9 LLC	EQ	\$7,000.00
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$317,547.84	UPS	SU	\$11.00
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$412.05	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$167.99
SEWARD CO TREASURER	FE	\$169.00	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$636.22
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$15.00	AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$603.11
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	SE	\$115.57	WAHLTEK	SU	\$2,575.00
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$105.00	SALARIES		\$278,449.77
ST OF NEBR DAS STATE ACCTNG	SE	\$694.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,028.95	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
TELMATE LLC	SE	\$8.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$360.07	DELTA DENTAL		
TIME WARNER CABLE	UT	\$407.13	VSP VISION		
VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$705.74	WADDELL & REED		
VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$20.00			

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

Raegan Hain, a member of the public, spoke to the Commissioners about a discussion she had with representatives about a GEO Charge project.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., updated the Board about his department activities.

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, updated the Board about her office activities.

The Board recessed at 9:08 a.m.

The Board re-convened at 9:10 a.m.

Casey Tieman, Office Manager for the **County Attorney's Office**, presented a report for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification form for the County Attorney for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

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

Matt Kasich of Region V Services was **present to give the agency's annual report and** the request for funding for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, updated the Commissioners on the National Opioid Settlement. She stated the amount designated for Seward County would be coming soon to the County.

Sheriff Vance was present to discuss the Village of Staplehurst patrolling contract with the Sheriff's Office.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Village of Staplehurst Patrolling Contract with the Seward County Sheriff's Office.

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

Vance was also present to give information about the Drug Fund Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the **Drug Fund Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification from the Sheriff's Office.**

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

Vance was also present to discuss the purchase of the real estate for the Homeland Security Investigations Criminal Interdiction Task Force-West building and property. He gave a copy of the land appraisal to the Commissioners. The property in question has two buildings on it. He stated he may want to purchase adjacent land in the future in addition to the building site for a firing range. The land he would like to purchase is 8

acres with the buildings. Homeland Security has stated it would want to put a one-million-dollar piece of equipment in it. **It's** a scanning system for confiscated vehicles. The security cameras, generator and building updates that Seward County has paid for was not included in the appraisal. The County would be liable for insurance for the piece of equipment. The building would be used for a variety of reasons, currently, there are nine counties bringing their K-9's out there for training and to get certified. They would also have an area for confiscated cars. The Commissioners asked if the task force would disband, does the County keep ownership of the building. They also asked if the county can use it for other county purposes. Vance will find out answers to questions and report back.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to discuss the insurance offers for the two vans used by the Detention Center. The insurance company wants to total both of the vehicles. Since one vehicle has a cage in it, she is hesitant to have it totaled out since at this time, it is hard to acquire a vehicle like that. The insurance offered \$8,862.00 for the 2012 Dodge and \$5,060.00 for the 2010 Dodge for a total \$13,922.00.

Moved by Schmieding to keep the 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan and to total the 2012 Dodge Caravan and put the \$13,922.00 from the insurance in the jail sinking fund.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Vrbka, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Hatfield was also present when discussing an increase for the Advanced Correctional Health Care request to increase the medical contract to cover wages, malpractice and Civil Right insurance.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Advanced Correctional Health Care request.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Hatfield was also present to discuss the quotes for a body scanner for the Detention Center. She stated \$170,000.00 was approved for a body scanner through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. After having several presentations, Hatfield said the Terk84 System would work best. Armstead said that a purchase such as this would need to go through competitive sealed bids.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to advertise for bids for a body scanner for the Detention Center.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Carina Sanchez and Roxanne Knutson were present to discuss having a Team Building discussion. They stated they have an idea for employee morale. They would like the various offices/departments to have their own event. There was \$5.00 already budgeted for it and they would like to use \$3.00 from the allotment that was given for the Employee Appreciation Dinner. Maria Hatfield stated that as a member of the Employee Appreciation Dinner Committee, she felt frustrated that this idea was not mentioned prior to planning the Appreciation Dinner. Zabrocki stated he felt that maybe not everybody had to receive a door prize and some expenses could be less. The goal is that this Team Building should help with morale and communication between employees/supervisors within an office/department.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve \$8.00 per employee for a Team Building event per department.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed a lease for the Southeast Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to occupy a portion of the Courthouse.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the lease with Southeast Nebraska CASA to occupy a portion of the 3rd floor of the Courthouse.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners briefly discussed budgets.

The Board discussed infrastructure related grants. Ahmic led discussion and said she **was able to get into Seward County's Account and looked through the various grants.** She did not see anything infrastructure related, but did see something about historical archiving.

The Commissioners had discussion about ARPA.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the jail inspection, met with the HR Dept., did some work looking for grants, and got a report about a tree in an abandoned cemetery.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he received an email that someone was trying to get into his email account and received calls from a resident about Cordova annexation.

Commissioner Culver reported he talked to the Highway Supt. about an employee meeting for the Road Dept., received emails from the City of Seward and went to the jail inspection.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he checked on roads.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a meeting with the Illuminate Seward project, sat through a cyber security Zoom meeting, had two meetings with dept. heads, went to two counties as a representative for NIRMA, received a call about zoning, and participated in the jail inspection.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 6, 2022 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 August 30, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Update on National Opioid Settlement
7. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 13, 2022

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Bid Opening for a Box Culvert Project C80(675) on Old Cheney, East of 252nd

Discuss/Action – Bid Opening for a Box Culvert Project C80(644) on 252nd south of Old Cheney

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn 11:22 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, 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 6th day of September 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

September 6, 2022

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 6, 2022 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 6, 2022 at 8:30 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.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP), and Harrison Helmer, Executive Director of BRIDGES, updated the Commissioners on activities of their organizations. Donna Hendrickson was also in attendance to introduce herself as a new member of the SCCDP staff.

Those officials updating the Commissioners on activities of their offices were Ann Dobesh, Marilyn Hladky and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of August 30, 2022.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she received a call about a nuisance property, talked to a UNL Representative and helped Assessor with a letter of communication about unreported property.

Commissioner Vrbka said he received complaints about [pivot] water over the road.

Culver reported he had contact with the Assessor, went to a Road Dept. Training session, and received phone calls.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will have an Extension Board Meeting this week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he viewed a NIRMA round table event via Zoom and went to a Highway Dept. meeting.

The Commissioners discussed inventories and each took an office inventory, to which they are liaison, to check.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3705 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

RESOLUTION NO. 3705 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank desires to pledge the following securities as of 09/01/2022:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CUSIP#</u>	<u>AMOUNT PLEDGED</u>
FNMA	3136G4ZT3	\$ 499,750.00
	TOTAL PLEDGED	\$ 499,750.00

WHEREAS: County deposits need to be fully protected. Therefore, let it be resolved, the above pledge by the Jones Bank is approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic 09/06/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, updated the Commissioners on the National Opioid Settlement. She noted that she received an email noting the amount of the settlement for Seward County which was \$4,400.00.

The Commissioners discussed the missile base silo project with UNL. Ahmic stated they are wanting to have an additional contractor, Bockmann Inc, assist with the drying out of the area they are wanting to occupy in order to have the stairs replaced.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve Bockmann Inc. to help with the mud and water removal starting Sept 6, 2022.

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

Commissioner Zabrocki led discussion that he had with our liability insurance carrier, namely Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (NIRMA) concerning the Missile Base Project. They suggested acquiring certificates of insurance, a hold harmless agreement and a memo of understanding. Zabrocki said he talked to the County Attorney and she stated she could draft a hold harmless agreement if she is given more information. Drafting a memo of understanding will be difficult in order to make it so that it encompasses the whole project. The Commissioners stated ensuring the County is protected, through all the various steps of the project is the ultimate goal.

Marci Fehlhafer, Executive Director of CASA, was present to discuss leasing part of the 3rd floor of the Courthouse.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the lease agreement for office space with CASA.

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

Discussion was held about removing the carpet in the leased area of the courthouse. CASA will hire a company to come and remove the carpet if it is in their budget.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to removed carpet and anything else needed to accommodate the new offices of CASA.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:25 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:30 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open bids for a Box Culvert Project C80 (675) on Old Cheney east of 252nd.

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

Bids were received from: General Excavating and Van Kirk Bros Contracting.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open bids for a Box Culvert Project C80(644) on 252nd south of Old Cheney.

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

Bids were received from: General Excavating and Van Kirk Bros Contracting.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for August 2022 in the amount of \$46,661.87.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Sheriff Fee and Mileage Reports for August 2022 in the amount of \$1,527.00 and \$1,123.72 respectively.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:43 a.m.

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

Ann Dobesh, Extension Agent, was present to discuss the offer from the insurance for the Extension Office van that was damaged in the June hailstorm. She stated the vehicle has 82,000 miles on it and has some rust.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to approve accepting the offer from the county insurance carrier for the Extension Office Van for a total loss of the vehicle for \$10,112.00 and place the proceeds into the Extension Office Sinking Fund.

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

The Commissioners briefly discussed infrastructure related grants.

The Commissioners briefly discussed some county projects for which American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds may be used.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:52 a.m.

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

Spencer Conradt, 911 Director, was present to give information about installing an emergency exit door near his office. Currently, there is only one way to exit the 911 Center and it is to an area that contains quite a lot of electrical utilities. Installing this door would make another exit available for the center. Chairman Culver suggested they contact the State Fire Marshall to ensure the installation of this door is approved by their standards.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:04 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:15 a.m.

Sheriff Mike Vance was present to discuss the purchase of the Homeland Security Investigations Criminal Interdiction Task Force -West building and property. He was at the Commissioners meeting last week when he was asked to find answers to two questions. He furnished a letter from the Dept. of Treasury and gave answers to those questions about purchasing it.

1. If the county decides to sell the building, any money above the purchase price would not have to go to the Drug Fund.

2. If the building is retained, it would have to be used by a government entity. Deputy Attorney Armstead had further questions about the information Vance received and will contact the person who informed Vance to get something in writing.

The appraisal of the building was discussed as well as the price of the building.

Moved by Vrbka to purchase the Homeland Security Investigations Criminal Interdiction Task Force-West building and property.

Commissioner Vrbka withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Ahmic stated she felt the issue needed to be tabled since there are many questions about it to which Commissioners Schmieding and Culver agreed. Schmieding asked if a counter offer has been offered.

The Commissioners asked Armstead to clarify any issues she has after receiving information about selling the building if we no longer have a use for it.

On the livestreaming item on the agenda, Armstead said she has had some requests for it. Culver stated he feels that it would possibly disrupt the meeting.

Raegan Hain, a member of the public, stated she would like to see meetings live streamed. Schmieding says he wants to be transparent, but with our website, everyone can follow the agenda and agrees, it can be disruptive. Zabrocki said he watched **another county's meeting** and would be open to trying it. Ahmic said she can see both sides but would discourage active participation. Vrbka wondered if the technology would be troublesome. Derek Bargmann, Seward City Clerk, gave information on how the City of Seward does it. He stated they make a video and upload it to YouTube. Sheriff Vance said he would not be comfortable with some of his information he gives at meetings being on YouTube.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to not have the meetings live streamed until more information is available.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 13, 2022 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 23, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 13, 2022 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 6, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Claims through the period of September 2, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Missile Silo Project Update
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 20, 2022

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – **Purchase of "Homeland Security Investigations Criminal Interdiction Task Force – West" Buildings and Property**

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 11:06 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 13th day of September 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

September 13, 2022
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 13, 2022 **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 13, 2022 at 8:30 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 Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of August 23, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Assessor to send Change of Value Notices and authorize the Chairman to sign accompanying letters with the notices.

Parcel #	Name	Legal Description	Reason
800007905	Richard & Karen Eberspacher	NE 1/4 32-10-2	Omitted Property
800003780	Alan & Geraldine Sleight (Co-Trustee)	# SWw 1/4 NW 1/4 11-10-3	Omitted Property

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 27, 2022 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 13, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 8:46 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, 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 27th day of September 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

September 13, 2022

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

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The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on September 13, 2022 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of September 6, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the claims through the period of September 2, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2, 2022

ACCURATE CONTROLS	SE	\$1,856.36	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,000.08
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$43.46	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$714.55
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$73.57	TWIN RIVERS HEALTH CARE	SE	\$90.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$18,760.23	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,697.01
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	UT	\$89.75	VISA	FE	\$157.71
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	WELLS FARGO FIN LEASING	FE	\$198.15
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$13,278.29	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,024.84
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$363.00	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$3,644.50
JERRY CLINCH	SE	\$1,064.00	KENNETH PANKOKE	SE	\$568.42
CULLIGAN	SE	\$89.00	TOPPING OUT INC	EQ	\$3,559.71
DON'S PIONEER UNIFORMS	SE	\$72.28	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$48,128.02
E 911	FE	\$30,448.67	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FE	\$6.27
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$589.72	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$2,819.03
ESCOBAR INTERPRETING	SE	\$50.00	KRIHA FLUID POWER	SU	\$17.87
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$2,975.83	MAINELLI WAGNER	SE	\$26,364.50
JOHN FILIPPI DDS D-ABFO	SE	\$1,300.00	MILLER SEED	SU	\$1,500.00
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SU	\$764.92	NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UT	\$51.95
GRNUP, LLC	SE	\$700.00	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$74.99
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$410.35	NMC, INC	EQ	\$9,390.50
INDOFF INC	SU	\$13.99	POWERPLAN	EQ	\$2,053.94
JEO CONSULTING GRP	SE	\$1,536.25	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$11,839.95
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,064.74	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$128.97
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	FE	\$131.48	TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	SE	\$173.25
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$36.02	UTICA PARTS AND SERV	SE	\$60.20
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$459.40	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$74.37
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$127.50	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.60
VISUAL EDGE IT	SU	\$43.23	MIDWEST ENGINEERING	SE	\$6,595.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$516.74	APCO INTERNATIONAL	SU	\$17,000.00

MIPS INC	SE	\$2,329.68	KEEP NEBRASKA BEAUTIFUL	FE	\$440.00
DORISA MORRIS	SE	\$78.75	SEWARD CO AG SOC	FE	\$500.00
NAYLOR & RAPPL LAW	SE	\$788.50	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$124,129.94
NE ASSN OF COUNTY EXT BRD	FE	\$100.00	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$140.99
NEBRASKA SHERIFFS ASSOC	FE	\$260.00	AWARDS UNLIMITED	SU	\$85.30
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$17.00	FIRST WIRELESS	UT	\$1,934.86
NORFOLK LODGE & SUITES	TR	\$328.47	JONES BANK	SE	\$150.00
ONESOURCE	SE	\$219.50	JW AUTO SALES	EQ	\$78,366.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$149.40	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$689.12
ORKIN LLC	SE	\$147.00	YORK COUNTY EMA	SE	\$27,113.15
PAC N SAVE	SU	\$106.56	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$400.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$175.00	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$4,813.00
C. JO PETERSEN	SE	\$69.99	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$2,189.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$165.00	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$35.02
QUADIENT LEASING USA	FE	\$81.98	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$336.00
QUADIENT, INC	SU	\$62.99	ENCARTELE INC	SE	\$2,281.82
RIXSTINE TROPHY CO	SU	\$140.74	SALARIES		\$275,526.22
SEWARD COUNTY COURT	FE	\$688.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$525.33	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	SE	\$33.99	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$205.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$147.74	VSP VISION		
SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$7,829.75	WADDELL & REED		
ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,152.00			

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she received calls about roads and zoning, attended the City of Milford meeting, the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Southeast District meeting, and met with Laura McDougall of Four Corners Health District. She also stated she was elected as the Vice President of the NACO Southeast District Assn.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he received comments about an upcoming zoning action and met with constituents about culverts.

Commissioner Culver reported he met with constituents about culverts and received communication in regard to roads and an upcoming zoning action.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the NACO Southeast District meeting and a Region V meeting. He will have the SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) meeting and Visitors meeting this next week

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, Seward Planning Commission meeting, the NACO Southeast District meeting, and will participate in a session about Tax Increment Financing (TIF), and received a call about an upcoming zoning action.

Matt Starkey, Veteran's Service Officer, was present to ask if flags can be changed for the POW/MIA Day on September 16, 2022.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve flying the POW/MIA flags at the County Courthouse on September 16, 2022.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for August 2022 in the amount of \$4,858.83.

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

During the Missile Base Project update item on the agenda, Ahmic stated she talked to a representative of UNL and suggested agreements be in place for further action on the Missile Base Project. The representative stated no further action is planned at this time. Making new stairs for the missile site allows them to inspect it and then apply for grants to enable them to start further projects.

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion about infrastructure grants for the county. She learned information about possible grants at the NACO Southeast meeting. Ahmic also stated she found a grant for historical archiving. The grant could cover costs for digitizing historical records such as the school census records which are in the custody of the County Clerk. Since the deadline is in October, it will be planned in the coming year and then submitted next year. Culver stated he received comments about a tire-recycling grant and asked if the Road Dept. would apply for a grant. It has been several years since the last tire recycling event has been held in Seward County.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to give a recommendation for awarding culverts for a project on Old Cheney east of 252nd and on 252nd road south of Old Cheney.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to award the bid to Van Kirk Contracting for Culvert Project # C80(675) on Old Cheney East of 252nd in the amount of \$445,841.15 and for Culvert Project # C80(644) on 252nd Road south of Old Cheney in the amount of \$264,475.60.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners had no updates for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:33 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Treasurer, Bob Dahms and Deputy County Treasurer, Sherry Leising, were present to discuss **the carpet in the Treasurer's Office**. It was recently cleaned and the carpet is now loose. They would like to request the carpet now be removed **in the Treasurer's main office, Dahms'** office and the adjacent office where there are copy and mail machines. Commissioner Ahmic stated ARPA money could be used for this. Moving furniture in the main office and finding someone to remove the carpet and glue was discussed. Coordinating with the CASA organization, who is also removing carpet in their office, was mentioned.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:52 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. on a Conditional Use Permit for an Agricultural Processing Distribution Center located in the SW ¼ of Section 24 Township 11 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Darek Kouma, the applicant of the permit gave information on the proposed Processing Distribution Center.

Those speaking at the public hearing in favor of said permit were:
Andy Schulting of Nutrient Advisors, a representative of Settje Services & Engineering Inc., Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, Steve Martin with the Alliance for the Future of Agriculture in Nebraska organization.

Those residents also speaking in favor of the project were Merlyn Nielsen and Raegan Hain.

Speaking against the project was Stacey Owens, Shannon Owens, Sharon Owens, Wendy Wettstead, Joan Gloystein, and Trisha Sams.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to close the public hearing at 11:13 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Commissioner Ahmic stated that because a petition of signatures was submitted by Shannon Owens, according to zoning regulations, the signatures need to be reviewed before a decision is made by the Board of Commissioners. A decision on the approval or denial of said permit **will be decided at the next Commissioner's meeting.**

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open the Public Hearing at 11:17 a.m. on a Conditional Use Permit/Development Permit to construct and operate a Tower located in the NW ¼ of Section 5 township 10 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Chris Riha, Site Acquisition Specialist for Industrial Tower West, spoke in favor of said Conditional Use Permit.

No one spoke against said application for a Condition Use Permit.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to close said public hearing at 11:20 a.m.

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

The Commissioners completed the Findings of Facts as required by the Seward County Zoning Regulations.

Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, gave information about the Planning Commissioner recommendation of approval of said permit.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3706 in regard to approving a Conditional Use Permit/Development Permit to construct and operate a Tower located in the NW ¼ of Section 5 township 10 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3706 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS INDUSTRIAL TOWER WEST LLC. dba VIAERO WIRELESS has applied for a Conditional Use/Development Permit to construct and operate a 150ft lattice telecommunications tower, and

WHEREAS The property is described as in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 5, Township 10 North, Range 1 East, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the application at a regular meeting August 15, 2022, and

WHEREAS Notice of the public hearing was published in the Seward County Independent, the Milford Times, and

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission recommended Approval of the Conditional Use Permit, by a vote of 5 In Favor, 0 Against, and 4 Absent and Not Voting, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to consider the application at a regular meeting September 13th, 2022, and,

WHEREAS Notice of the public hearing was published in the Seward County Independent, the Milford Times and

WHEREAS x No one appeared to oppose said Conditional Use
___ Individuals appeared to oppose said Conditional Use
___ No one appeared to support said Conditional Use
 x Individuals appeared to support said Conditional Use,
___ Individuals appeared without commitment, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve x or ___ deny the Conditional Use/Development Permit, for Industrial Tower West LLC. dba VIAERO Wireless for a Wireless Communication Tower on a tract of ground located in part of the Northwest 1/4 of, Section 5, Township 10N, Range 1E. Precinct L, Seward County, Nebraska.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic 09/13/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
Johns K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF
CONDITIONAL USE/DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

REQUEST BY APPLICANT
INDUSTRIAL TOWER WEST (dba) VIAERO WIRELESS

THIS MATTER came before the County Board of Commissioners on the request of the Applicant for a CONDITIONAL USE/DEVELOPMENT PERMIT. Public hearing was held on the 13th day of September 2022. Notice of said hearing was publicized on the 23rd day of August 2022.

THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS recommends to:

 X approve the conditional use permit
 deny the conditional use permit

With a Roll Call Vote of: 5 For 0 Against 0 Absent Not Voting

Upon Review of all necessary facts, the Seward County Board of Commissioners makes the following findings that the application is for the Installation and Use of a **Telecommunications Tower, and therefore subject to Seward County's Comprehensive Plan** and Land use Matrix of the Seward County Zoning Regulations, which states: Article 8: Section 8.01 Radio, Television and Wireless Communication towers.8.0101 Intent. To regulate towers, telecommunications facilities, and antennas in the county in conformance with the Communications Act without prohibiting or tending to prohibit any person from providing wireless service. Promote and encourage shared use.

Upon Review of all the necessary facts, the Seward County board of Commissioners makes the following findings that:

1. Y The use, in all other respects, conforms to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located.
2. Y The use has adequate water, sewer, and drainage facilities.
3. Y The use is in harmony with the character of the area and the most appropriate use of the land.
4. Y The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, moral, comfort, or general welfare of the county.
5. Y The use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood.
6. Y The use will not impede the normal and orderly development of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district.
7. Y The use has adequate utilities, access roads, and drainage facilities.

8. Y That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets.
9. Y The use does not include noise, which is objectionable due to volume, frequency, or beat unless muffled or otherwise controlled.
10. Y The use does not involve any pollution of the air by fly-ash, dust, vapors or other substance which is harmful to health, animals, vegetation or other property or which can cause soiling, discomfort, or irritation.
11. Y The use does not involve any malodorous gas or matter, which is discernible on any adjoining lot or property.
12. Y The use does not involve any direct or reflected glare, which is visible from any adjoining property or from any public street, road, or highway.
13. Y The use does not involve any activity substantially increasing the movement of traffic on public streets unless procedures are instituted to limit traffic hazards and congestion.
14. Y The use does not involve any activity substantially increasing the burden on any public utilities or facilities unless provisions are made for any necessary adjustments.

Specific Findings of fact: X Allowable in TA-1 District. Currently Zoned in TA-1

The Conditional Use Permit is applicable to the Tower Only.

Every item, dish or antenna mounted on this tower, or boxes mounted on the ground requires a Separate Development Permit Each.

A Conditional Use Permit may be granted for a Telecommunication Tower in the designated zoning district: The following special conditions have been considered:

1. Y The effects on the adjacent property, traffic.
2. Y The public necessity and advantage.
3. Y The immediate and long-term effect on the environment and the public.
4. Y The concern for public safety.
5. Y The application includes documents to indicate conformance to all applicable governmental regulations and standards.
6. Y The application includes any affidavits or permits from the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, FAA and FCC in the event an approval is required by these agencies.
7. Y A decommission plan

FURTHER recommend specific conditions that are necessary or desirable to address the most appropriate use of the land, the conservation and stabilization of the value of property, the provision of adequate open space for light and air, concentration of populations, congestion of public streets, and the promotion of the general health, safety, welfare, convenience, and comfort of the public

DATED THIS 13th day of September , 2022 .

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Robert Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Darrell J. Zabrocki

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

Motion Carried

Sheriff Mike Vance was in attendance to ask the Commissioners permission to use a county **vehicle by one of the Sheriff's Office employees. Vance said he would like to have his** Task Force Coordinator have use of a vehicle to commute to and from home.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Culver to approve the request from the Sheriff's Office to have the Task Force Coordinator use a county car for commuting.

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

Barb Armstead led discussion on the purchase of the Homeland Security Investigations Criminal Interdiction Task Force – West building and property item on the agenda. She had received written confirmation to some questions the Commissioners had from prior meetings, but she had not received answers to all.

Moved by Vrbka to purchase the Homeland Security Investigations Criminal Interdiction Task Force – West building and property.

Ahmic stated she felt we needed the information not yet received about the sale of the property. There were questions about the appraisal and whether a lower amount could be offered for the building and that another appraisal would be beneficial. It was noted that we need to know what the building can be used for in the future if conditions change.

Commissioner Vrbka withdrew his motion.

The Commissioners decided that another appraisal is warranted. Chairman Culver will contact the County Assessor to help get a suggested name for someone who appraises commercial property. Armstead will get information that **wasn't obtained prior to today.**

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to seek a 2nd appraisal for the Task Force property in conjunction with the Chairman, County Assessor and Sheriff.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 12:33 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

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

The Chairman re-stated the executive session was for pending litigation.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to come out of Executive Session at 12:43 p.m.

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

The Chairman stated the Executive Session was for pending litigation and no decision was made.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 20, 2022 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 13, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Res. – Allow Jones Bank to Pledge Additional Securities
7. Discuss/Action – Res. – Allow Jones Bank to Withdraw Pledged Securities
8. Discuss/Action – Inventories of Seward County
9. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
10. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds

11. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 27, 2022

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res./Findings of Facts - Conditional Use Permit for an Agricultural Processing Distribution Center located in the SW ¼ of Section 24 Township 11 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 12:54 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 20th day of September 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

September 20, 2022

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

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The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on September 20, 2022 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 minutes of September 13, 2022.

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

Raegan Hain commented on the Conditional Use Permit that is being considered at **today's meeting**.

Marilyn Hladky, County Assessor, updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she spoke with the Public Transit Director about grant reporting, attended the Planning Commission meeting, received calls about a conditional use permit, and worked on an issue involving well permits. She also noted a lock has been placed on the Missile Base silo.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he received some comments about roads, attended the Ag Society meeting and worked on county office inventories.

Commissioner Culver reported he talked to people about a conditional use permit, talked to the Highway Supt., attended a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting, a Seward/Saline Solid Waste meeting, and checked on a road issue. He also noted an email about a tree being donated to the County.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a meeting with Region V and the SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SEND) meeting. He has a Visitors Committee meeting later today. He noted he also had people talk to him about a conditional use permit issue.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he dealt with various correspondences about a conditional use permit issue and finished checking office inventories. He also talked with the County Treasurer and the Highway Supt. He went to the Beaver Crossing

- 5. Y The use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood.
- 6. Y The use will not impede the normal and orderly development of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district.
- 7. Y The use has adequate utilities, access roads, and drainage facilities.
- 8. Y That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets.
- 9. Y The use does not include noise, which is objectionable due to volume, frequency, or beat unless muffled or otherwise controlled.
- 10. Y The use does not involve any pollution of the air by fly-ash, dust, vapors or other substance which is harmful to health, animals, vegetation or other property or which can cause soiling, discomfort, or irritation.
- 11. Y The use does not involve any malodorous gas or matter, which is discernible on any adjoining lot or property.
- 12. Y The use does not involve any direct or reflected glare, which is visible from any adjoining property or from any public street, road, or highway.
- 13. Y The use does not involve any activity substantially increasing the movement of traffic on public streets unless procedures are instituted to limit traffic hazards and congestion.
- 14. Y The use does not involve any activity substantially increasing the burden on any public utilities or facilities unless provisions are made for any necessary adjustments.

Currently Zoned A-1

This Conditional Use Permit is applicable to this site only.

A Conditional Use Permit may be granted for an Agricultural Processing Facility in the designated zoning district: The following special conditions have been considered:

1. ____ The effects on the adjacent property, traffic.
2. ____ The public necessity and advantage.
3. ____ The immediate and long-term effect on the environment and the public.
4. ____ The concern for public safety.
5. ____ The application may include documents to indicate conformance to all applicable governmental regulations and standards.

FURTHER, the Board of Commissioners recommends the following specific conditions that are necessary or desirable to address the most appropriate use of the land, the conservation and stabilization of the value of property, the provision of adequate open space for light and air, concentration of populations, congestion of public streets, and the promotion of the general health, safety, welfare, convenience, and comfort of the public

Dated this 20th day of September 2022.

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Misty Ahmic, Robert Vrbka, Darrell Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Voting No: Vrbka

Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3708 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

Resolution # 3708 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, The JONES BANK desires to pledge the following security, as of 9/6/22, to the Seward County Treasurer

DESCRIP	CUSIP #	AMNT PLEDGED
Douglas Co. School #59	259353PL8	\$ 200,000.00

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.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Zabrocki
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding
John K. Culver, Chairman of the Board
Date Adopted: September 20, 2022
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3709 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities.

Resolution # 3709 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, The JONES BANK desires to pledge the following securities pledged to the Seward County Treasurer

DESCRIP	CUSIP #	AMNT PLEDGED
CUSTER CO NE26	231764BM2	\$ 210,054.60
WHEAT BELT PWR	96254LKE3	\$ 205,434.60
FNMA 15YR	3140KSCT2	\$ 632,365.56
FNMA 15YR	3140X95A9	\$ 803,949.93
FRLMC 20YR	3133KTPT1	\$ 738,928.35
TOTAL WITHDRAWN		\$ 2,590,733.04

Whereas: the county funds will remain fully protected. Therefore, let it be resolved, the above withdrawals are approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Schmieding
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding
John K. Culver, Chairman of the Board
Date Adopted: September 20, 2022
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Seward County 2022 inventories of the following offices:

Aging Services	Assessor	Attorney
Clerk	Commissioners	County Court
Custodian	District Court	District Judge
E911	Emergency Manager	Extension Office
Fleet	Highway Supt.	Human Resources
Jail	Pretrial Diversion	Probation
Public Defender	Public Transit	Real Estate
Road Dept	Sheriff	Surveyor
Treasurer	Veterans	Victim Advocate
Weed/Zoning		

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

Ahmic led discussion about infrastructure related grants. She stated new grants were released but do not pertain to Seward County. Also discussed was the grant session at the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) meeting held two weeks ago.

There was no new information for the Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. The Commissioners discussed the cost of the body scanner that has been requested to be paid out of ARPA Funds and also costs involved with removing **flooring in the Treasurer's Office and the new CASA Office on the 3rd** floor of the Courthouse.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 27, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Hearing for adoption of the Seward County 2022-2023 Budget

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 27, 2022 are as follows:

Convenes as soon as the Budget Meeting is over

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of September 13, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 27, 2022 are as follows:

Convenes as soon as the Board Equalization meeting is over

4. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
5. Pledge of Allegiance
6. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of September 20, 2022
7. Discuss/Action – Claims through the period of September 16, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

8. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
9. Commissioners Reports
10. Discuss/Action – Tree Donation by the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce **partnering with Nebraska's Natural Resource Districts**
11. Discuss/Action – Res. – Seward County Budget for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year
12. Discuss/Action – Res. – Tax Request for the Seward County Budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year
13. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
14. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
15. Discuss/Action – Agenda for October 4, 2022

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:40 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 27th day of September 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

September 27, 2022
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 27, 2022 **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 27, 2022 at 8:30 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 Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open the Public Hearing at 8:30 a.m. to hear questions or comments in regard to the adoption of the Seward County 2022-2023 budget.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

No one was present at said public hearing.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to close the Public Hearing at 8:32 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 8:33 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, 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 4th day of October 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

September 27, 2022
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 8:33 a.m. on September 27, 2022 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 27, 2022 at 8:33 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 Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of September 13, 2022.

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

Hladky gave information about a parcel of property that was exempt and now has been sold to a non-exempt owner and the process needed to make it a taxable parcel.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize a change the valuation notice for Parcel # 800229450 to make it taxable.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to accept the letter from Craig and Annie Adamek requesting a refund.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka for Tax List Corrections 369-20R & 370-21R.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Service Contract with Vangard Appraisals, Inc. for the 2022 Archive in the amount of \$2,800.00.

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

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 11, 2022 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 27, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

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

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, 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 11th day of October 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

September 27, 2022 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 27, 2022 **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 27, 2022 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 minutes of September 20, 2022.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve Seward County claims through the period of September 16, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

ADP LLC	SE	\$2,981.35	CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERV	EQ	\$47,311.35
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$147.97	DALE JOHNSON ENT, INC	SU	\$50,463.22
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$222.82	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$79.70
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$19,143.79	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$151.04
BERN'S BODY SHOP	SE	\$903.52	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$11,327.16
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$940.09	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$390.00	MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$35.00

BOB BARKER COMPANY	SE	\$25.76	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$1,324.46
BOBS MOBIL	SU	\$30.00	NEWMAN SIGNS	SU	\$2,817.81
CAMPBELL CLEANING	S	\$190.00	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,501.44
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$29.87	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$30,423.52
CHARTER COMMUN	UT	\$407.13	SEWARD ELECTRONICS	SE	\$77.50
CUMMINS SALES	EQ	\$639.64	VERIZON CONNECT	UT	\$368.28
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX	SE	\$585.83	WALNUT CREEK REPAIR	SE	\$190.00
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$17,455.76	CATTLE BANK & TRUST	FE	\$138,271.81
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$258.64	JONES BANK	FE	\$138,271.81
GAME ONE	SU	\$139.39	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$82.50
GREAT PLAINS COMMUN	UT	\$883.85	YORK COUNTY COMMUN	SE	\$356.40
HAMPTON BY HILTON	TR	\$384.00	CHAPTERS BOOKS & GIFTS	SU	\$71.37
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$837.70	FAST MART INC	SU	\$50.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$130.33	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	SE	\$48.63
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$21,375.27	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$78.14
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$131.48	DELTA DENTAL OF NE	FE	\$29.97
LIFEGUARD MD, INC	SU	\$160.00	VISION SERVICE PLAN INS	FE	\$23.29
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$2,902.73	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$196.70
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$271.23	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$795.90
MIPS INC	SE	\$351.00	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$96.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$160.00	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$143.50
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$93.00	ART ON DISPLAY	SE	\$740.00
NE LABOR LAW POSTER SERV	SE	\$109.50	COAST TO COAST SOL	SE	\$1,034.86
NE LAW ENFORCE TRAINING CT	SE	\$72.00	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$531.50
ODP	SE	\$283.81	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$119.24
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$4.29	FAST FORENSICS LLC	SE	\$5,450.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$56.00	GALLS LLC	SE	\$94.92
PER MAR SECURITY SERV	SE	\$508.08	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$770.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$37.34	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$1,187.96
PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$2,384.00	SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO	SE	\$133.77
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$1,123.75	TRANSUNION RISK & ALT	SE	\$462.80
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$25.50	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$1,160.81
R W RICHARDS SERVICE	SE	\$20.00	VIGILNET	SE	\$13.90
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$212.16	NEBRASKA APCO/NENA	FE	\$75.00
SEWARD CO TREASURER	FE	\$10.00	NEMAHA CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SE	\$26.19
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$1,284.97	TERESA RHODES	SE	\$50.00
ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTNG	SE	\$719.28	ST OF NE DAS COMMUN	SE	\$704.00
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$3,041.02	TRITECH SOFTWARE SYS	EQ	\$9,292.27
TELMATE LLC	SE	\$56.00	SALARIES		\$280,464.76
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	SE	\$360.07	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
UNIV OF NE LINCOLN	SE	\$2,317.09	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL LIFE INSURANCE		
VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$502.74	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SU	\$20.00	DELTA DENTAL		
VISA	FE	\$6,521.37	VSP VISION		
WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,653.13	WADDELL & REED		
ZABKA PERDUE FUNERAL	SE	\$725.00			

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

Motion Carried

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., and Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, updated the Commissioners on activities of their departments.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she received a call from SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SEND) for grant planning, talked to Miller and Associates, CPA about American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) details, received two calls regarding zoning, and several calls about the Joint Public Hearing also known as the Postcard Bill Hearing.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he announced that Norris Public Power is building new lines in the western part of the county.

Commissioner Culver reported he received calls concerning roads, a call from Miller & Associates in regard to ARPA, and presented information about the County Budget at the LB644 Joint Public Hearing.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he **attended a Visitor's meeting** and will have an Extension Board meeting this coming week. He also received calls from constituents concerning last **week's meeting**.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the City of Seward Council meeting, a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) seminar via Zoom, and a BRIDGES Board meeting.

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht and Mark Mainelli of Mainelli and Associates were present to update the Commissioners on the following projects:

1. **C80 (867) 400' of Paving South of Goehner**
2. C80 (257, 685 & 686) Paving West of Staplehurst
3. C80 (646) Sunrise Road and South on 224th Rd.
4. C80 (611) Replace pipe in Road Dam on Davey Road East of 210th Rd.
5. C80 (677) Replace Bridge Deck on Branched Oak East of 266th
6. C80 (678) Two Miles of Pavement on 252nd and Old Cheney

Sheriff Mike Vance was present to discuss an insurance payout option for two patrol vehicles damaged in the June hailstorm. The county insurance carrier offered funds to repair the vehicles, but according to Vance, the vehicles are about ready to be sold due to high mileage.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to accept the insurance payout option for the 2019 Ford Explorer for \$ 16,381.11 with the proceeds to go into the **Sheriff's Sinking Fund**.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to accept the insurance payout option for the 2019 Dodge Charger for \$14,948.50 with the proceeds going back in the **Sheriff's Drug Fund**.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, 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, was present to ask for a county vehicle as transportation between home and work. Hatfield stated she is on call 24/7 and is called out for emergency situations. Commissioner Zabrocki said he contacted other counties and they do not provide a vehicle for their Detention Center Director. Treasurer Bob Dahms spoke in opposition to said request.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to deny the request for a county owned vehicle for a detention center employee.

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

Voting No: Vrbka

Hatfield was also present to ask the Commissioners to award the bid for the body scanner. She recommending awarding the bid for a body scanner to Tek84 for \$159,000 plus 1 year of maintenance for \$7,500 for a total of \$166,500.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to award the bid to Tek 84 for the base price of \$159,000 with 1 additional year of maintenance at a price of \$7,500 for a total of \$166,500 and funds for payment to come out of ARPA.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:13 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:15 a.m.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. to discuss a strategy session.

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

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 4th day of October 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

October 4, 2022

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 October 4, 2022 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 October 4, 2022 at 8:30 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.

Harrison Helmer, Executive Director of BRIDGES, updated the Commissioners on activities of his organization and those activities of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership.

Those officials present for their monthly meeting with the Commissioners were Marilyn Hladky and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing meeting on September 27, 2022.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of the regular Commissioners meeting of September 27, 2022.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic gave information about the Four Corners Health Dept., met with a Seward Genealogical Society representative, and reported she researched the Sunny Side Gas Station property.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he received complaints about roads and gravel, received information about a bin in the county right-of-way and questioned handicapped parking in areas around the Justice Center.

Commissioner Culver reported he received calls on road issues.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he worked on details for organizing a tree planting for the tree donated to the County and to be placed at the National Guard Armory on Oct. 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. He also went to an Extension Board Meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he has worked with the HR Office about training, participated in an information meeting about Tax Increment Financing (TIF) via Zoom,

attended a luncheon about leadership at Concordia, met with the Treasurer, and attended the Village of Utica meeting.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership Membership Agreement.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership Funding Disbursement Agreement in the amount of \$58,350.00.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka **to accept the Seward County Treasurer's 1st** Quarter Investment Report.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the resignation from Tera Koetter, Clerk of the District Court effective October 16, 2022.

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

The Commissioners discussed infrastructure grants. They noted that Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) is getting information on grants for Nebraska counties.

The Commissioners briefly discussed projects in the various small communities that have not received Seward County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:02 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:15 a.m.

Donna Hendrickson and Leann Miller representing the Seward Christmas Festival Committee were present to request to use of the Courthouse Square for decorating a Christmas tree in November and having live reindeer and lighting of a Christmas Tree on November 26, 2022 with courthouse public restrooms available on that day and permitting to have the Santa house on the Courthouse property through the holiday season.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request for use of the Courthouse Square for decorating a Christmas tree in November and having live reindeer and lighting of a Christmas Tree on November 26, 2022 with access to the courthouse public restrooms available on that day and permitting to have the Santa house on the Courthouse property through the holiday season.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:19 a.m.

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

Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, was present to discuss the request to use Seward County ARPA funds for a door installation into the E911 Center. Currently there is not a 2nd exit from the center and installation of this door would provide for that. Conradt has contacted the State Fire Marshall who has approved the 2nd door installation plan.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the request to use Seward County ARPA Funds for a 2nd door installation in the E911 Center which was approved by the Nebraska State Fire Marshall in the amount of \$4,884.00.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:36 a.m.

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

The Commissioners discussed a possible revision for a Declared Emergency Policy. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, led discussion on the options she drafted as

possible changes. The present policy needs to be clarified since an instance happened a few months ago where just the Courthouse was closed due to the City of Seward having water problems. Option 1 would request the employee to use comp time or vacation time for the time the building is closed. Option 2 would give the other employees not affected by the emergency comp time equal to the time the employees were not able to be at work because of the emergency. Many officials stated they were not in favor of having the employees use their comp time or vacation. There was lengthy discussion about fairness, cost, length of emergency, and availability of working remotely. It was decided to not change the current policy.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to ask the Board to approve two different documents.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Tek 84 Quote for a whole-body scanner in the amount of \$166,500.00.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign Solutions Service Agreement with Encartele for Voice, CID and Broadcast Devices for the Detention Center.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to give information about a Surplus Property Disposal Request for the Road Dept. A generator was on the list of items that was from a prior contractor and left on county property. That item was taken off the list of **surplus items until the County Attorney's Office can research it.**

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign a Surplus Property Disposal Request for the Road Dept.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 11, 2022 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 27, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Set 2022-2023 Levies for Seward County Entities
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 11, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of October 4, 2022
4. Discuss/Action - Claims through the period of September 30, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Authorize Chairman to sign Agreement with BRIDGES
8. Discuss/Action – Appoint a representative to the Rising Stars Leadership Program hosted by the Seward County Chamber & Partnership Dev.
9. Discuss/Action – Meeting on November 8, 2022 – Election Day
10. Discuss/Action – Vacancy of the Clerk of the District Court Position
11. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
12. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
13. Discuss/Action – Agenda for October 18, 2022

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 10:50 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 11th day of October 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

October 11, 2022
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 11, 2022 **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 11, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Deputy County Assessor: Tanya Woolsey

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 Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of September 27, 2022.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve Tax List Correction 190-22P.

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

There was lengthy discussion about not receiving a budget from the Village of Bee in order to set a levy for them. Deputy County Attorney Barb Armstead recommended setting the same tax request as last year.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3713 in regard to setting levies for Seward County entities.

Resolution 3713 of the
Seward County Board of Equalization

WHEREAS, Pursuant to State Statute 77-1601, each County Board of Equalization shall each year, on or before the 15th of October levy the necessary taxes for the current year if within the limit of the law, AND,

WHEREAS, These levies shall include the amounts for operations of county government and shall also include all levies necessary to fund tax requests certified and authorized as provided in sections 77-3442 to 77-3444.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Seward County Board of Equalization hereby levies the taxes as requested and certified, for the various political subdivisions as set forth in Exhibit A attached and incorporated by reference herein.

Dated this 11th day of September 2022

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

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

Woolsey updated the Commissioners on activities of the **Assessor's** office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 25, 2022 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 11, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 9:05 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 25th day of October 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

October 11, 2022
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 9:10 a.m. on October 11, 2022 **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 October 11, 2022 at 9:10 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of October 4, 2022.
 Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the claims for the period through September 30, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$123.46	SEWARD CO SHERIFF UNCOL FEES	FE	\$345.00
AGING SERVS FUND	FE	\$21,183.00	SEWARD CO TREASURER	FE	\$110.00
AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$696.00	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$342.86
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$20.62	SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	SU	\$142.15
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIP	EQ	\$90.00	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,527.75
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SU	\$173.09	SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORP	EQ	\$3,031.40
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$19,666.96	S. E. NEBRASKA DEVELOP. DIST	FE	\$12,022.00
BIZCO INC	EQ	\$27,237.52	ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	SE	\$448.00
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$566.58	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$3,129.77
BRENNAN...LAW OFFICES	SE	\$1,146.25	VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO	SU	\$5,488.00
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	EQ	\$910.87
CEDARS	SE	\$218.25	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,689.62
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$12,720.11	VOLZKE FUNERAL HOME	SE	\$1,085.00
CLERK OF THE DIST COURT	SE	\$524.00	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	FE	\$198.15
CONNER PSYCH SERVICES	SE	\$385.00	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,017.39
DES MOINES STAMP	SU	\$117.20	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$3,005.50
DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	SE	\$31,339.91	YORK CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$25.90	ACE IRRIGATION	EQ	\$10,144.00
E 911	SE	\$57,056.67	ARVEST EQUIP FINANCE	FE	\$6,175.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$748.39	KENNETH E PANKOKE	SE	\$583.56
EHLERS ELECTRONICS	SE	\$110.00	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$141.06
KEARNEY HOSPITALITY	TR	\$245.90	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$135,553.77
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$271.00	FEHLHAFERS INC	SE	\$40.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS	EQ	\$730.14	HYDRAULIC EQUIP SERV	SE	\$260.98
HOBSON AUTO	SE	\$361.99	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$34,655.22
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$479.51	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
INDOFF INC	SU	\$813.87	NE EQUIPMENT	SE	\$11.81
JEO CONSULTING GROUP	SE	\$1,263.12	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$51.34
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,088.91	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$74.99
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$20.62	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO	EQ	\$950.22
MADISON CO SHERIFF	SE	\$46.28	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	SE	\$307.30
MAXIMUS INC	SE	\$2,600.00	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$29,858.50
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$26.00	SEWARD ELECTRONICS	SE	\$23.99
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$127.50	THE SHOP, INC	SU	\$250.00
MID-AMERICAN INS	FE	\$46,679.48	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.48
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$877.84	ASPEN EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$5,630.00
MILWKEE CO CLRK CIR CRT	SE	\$30.21	AGING PARTNERS	SE	\$244.44
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,329.68	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$170.10
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$352.98	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$387.10
ONESOURCE	SE	\$128.50	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$219.80
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$406.21	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$5,795.07
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$65.00	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$5,354.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$50.00	N TEXAS TOLLWAY AUTH	TR	\$22.38
PHELPS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.00	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUN	SE	\$150.00
PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	SU	\$140.80	SPEC TRAINING SERV	SE	\$539.90
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$4,759.50	MIDLANDS CONTRACTING	SE	\$23,319.05
QUADIENT LEASING USA	FE	\$81.98	LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$277.54
KEARNEY LODGING	TR	\$158.00	SALARIES		\$288,548.74
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$1,503.14	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$20,012.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SAUNDERS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO CHAMBER	SE	\$58,350.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$707.00	VSP VISION		
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$252,377.50	WADDELL & REED		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$80.56			

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

Motion Carried

During public comment Raegan Hain made comments about the Geocharged Project on Highway 34 near Tamora.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, updated the Board about activities of his office.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Emergency Manager to apply for the Emergency Manager Performance Grant.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Milford City Council meeting, a meeting with the Zoning Administrator and a representative of JEO, met with a sub-committee of the Planning Commission, met with the HR Dept., started a genealogy grant, attended a meeting with Zoning Administrator about spraying a noxious weed with a drone.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he researched road complaints and turned in information to the Assessor's office.

Commissioner Culver reported he worked with various emails he received.

Commissioner Schmieding reminded everybody about the tree planting at the National Guard Museum on October 17, 2023. He attended an Extension Board meeting and will attend the City of Seward Tree Board meeting tonight.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, viewed the last series of a TIF seminar via Zoom, and attended the NIRMA HR Roundtable seminar also via Zoom.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for September 2022 in the amount of \$9,623.61.

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

The Commissioners discussed the NE Dept. of Agricultural Land Owner Drone Spraying Grant. Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, led discussion about the issue. She stated that phragmites, a noxious weed, are clogging up floodways and drainage areas and because of it, the water was not traveling correctly. She stated that there are grants for spraying with drones and said that she has located 30 areas needed to be sprayed. She and Commissioner Ahmic showed pictures of the drone used for spraying some areas in Seward County.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for September 2022 in the amount of \$39,662.52.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3714 in regard to allowing First Bank of Utica to replace a letter of credit.

Resolution No. 3714 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, The FIRST BANK OF UTICA desires to replace an irrevocable letter of credit, number 72404, which expired 10/05/22, and will be replaced by an irrevocable letter of credit, number 76935, in the amount of \$3,450,000.00. The effective date is 10/05/2022. The expiration date is 10/04/2023.

Whereas: County funds need to be fully protected; therefore, let it be resolved, the irrevocable letter of credit replacement is approved by this County Board.

Date Adopted: 10/11/2022

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

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

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, was present to talk about the Rising Stars Leadership Program. The Board stated they thought the program was a very worthy program, but felt that since it starts in a week, it was too soon to find an employee to participate. The cost is \$1,350 for the program and can be paid with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:58 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to have the Board consider the agreements involving **the Goehner Paving to Beck's Hybrid** project.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request to sign the Economic Opportunity Agreements for Project C-80(687) **Goehner Paving to Beck's Hybrid**.

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

The Commissioners discussed the vacancy of the Clerk of the District Court Position. Tera Koetter, Clerk of the District Court, is resigning October 16, 2022. The current Deputy, Sheila Lueders, was present and said she would be willing to be appointed Clerk of the District Court for the remainder of the term, which ends January 4, 2022.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to appoint Sheila Lueders, Deputy Clerk, as Clerk of the District Court for the remainder of the term effective October 17, 2022.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with BRIDGES from July 1 2022 to June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$11,500.

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

The Commissioners discussed the November 8, 2022 meeting. The County Clerk asked that the Board have a limited agenda due to November 8th being Election Day.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to set a limited agenda for November 8, 2022.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign a Surplus Property Disposal Equipment Request for the Emergency Manager.

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

During Infrastructure Related Grants discussion, Commissioner Ahmic reported that she has helped the Seward County Genealogical Society with preservation of school records.

During Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds item on the agenda, Ahmic reported that the new Garland Village Clerk contacted her about County ARPA grants. Ahmic helped them with information about applying for funds.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 18, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of October 11, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for October 25, 2022

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn 10:21 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka Zabrocki Ahmic Schmieding 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 18th day of October 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

October 18, 2022
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 18, 2022 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 October 18, 2022 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 Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Bob Dahms, County Treasurer, was present to give information about the Certification of Distress Warrants.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to accept the County Treasurer's Certificate of Distress Warrants to be collected by the Seward County Sheriff.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Road Dept. team building event, received constituent calls about dumping and also about a vacant property, attended the Planning Commission meeting and attended the tree planting at the Nebraska National Guard Museum by the NRD and Nebraska Arbor Assn.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended the Ag Society meeting and received correspondence from a constituent.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Flag Raising of Beck's Seed Company, attended the going away event for the former Clerk of the District Court, the swearing in of the new Clerk of the District Clerk, received various correspondences, and looked for on-line grants.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the tree planting at the Nebraska National Guard Museum, attended the Extension Board meeting and will attend the Visitors Committee meeting soon.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Beaver Crossing Board of Trustees meeting, the Flag Raising of Becks Seed Company project, a Road Dept. Team Building

event, the Swearing-In of the new Clerk of the District Court, the Broadband Task Force meeting, the tree planting at the Nebraska National Guard Museum, a Broadband Task Force meeting, met with BRIDGES personnel, and will attend the Seward City Council tonight.

Ann Dobesh, Extension Agent, was present to give information for a replacement vehicle for the Extension Office. Their previous vehicle was damaged by the June 2022 hailstorm. She is utilizing the University of Nebraska bidding process and had two vehicles in mind that would work for their use.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford Explorer at a cost of \$37,647.00.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:28 a.m.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to open the bids at 9:30 a.m. for the Seward County Courthouse elevator upgrade.

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

One bid was received from TK Elevator.

The awarding of the bid will be on next week's agenda.

The Commissioners discussed infrastructure related grants. Discussion centered around broadband grants and if a company is willing to run fiber into a residence.

There was a short discussion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:43 a.m.

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

Sheriff Mike Vance was present to talk to the Board about purchasing a property for the Homeland Security Investigations Criminal Interdiction Task Force West for \$806,000.00. He supplied an agreement signed by the seller and a title insurance certificate.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Culver to authorize the purchase of the Homeland Security Investigations Criminal Interdiction Task Force West Property for \$806,000.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Culver, Ahmic, Schmieding

Voting No: Zabrocki

Motion Carried

Sheriff Vance also stated that the City of Milford has only one police officer at the current time.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 25, 2022 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 11, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 25, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of October 18, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through October 14, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
 6. Commissioners Reports
 7. Discuss/Action – Res. – Allow Jones Bank to withdraw Pledged Securities
 8. Discuss/Action – Accept Zoning Dept. Fee Report for Aug. 2022-\$2,400
 9. Discuss/Action – Accept Zoning Dept. Fee Report for Sept. 2022-\$1,425
 10. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
 11. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
 12. Discuss/Action – Agenda for November 1, 2022
- 9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award Courthouse Elevator Upgrade Bid

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:07 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 25th day of October 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

October 25, 2022

County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

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The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on October 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, 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 Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of October 18, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve Claims for the period through October 14, 2022, except Claim #221000210 in the amount of \$255.72, which was pulled at the request of the department that submitted it.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH OCTOBER 14, 2022

ACCURATE CONTROLS	SE	\$1,856.36	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$222.92
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,646.80	JEO CONSULTING GROUP	SE	\$297.50
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$9,114.94	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$16,374.56
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$113.91	NEWMAN SIGNS	SU	\$775.72
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$102.63	NMC, INC	EQ	\$24,511.99
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$20,870.52	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,380.17
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,103.13	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO	SE	\$68.94
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$360.00	REED ELECTRIC	SE	\$1,131.21
BLUE VALLEY COMM ACTION	SE	\$14,059.00	RUBBER INC	SU	\$586.09
BUFFALO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SE	\$6.00	SID DILLON	EQ	\$1,891.77
BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$56.96	THE SHOP, INC	SU	\$350.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$33.99	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE CO	SE	\$437.33
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$407.13	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	UT	\$770.65
CONTINENTAL ALARM	SE	\$291.50	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$128.06
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$102.16	SID DILLON CHRYSLER	EQ	\$24,190.00
JENNIFER EICKHOFF	SE	\$27.50	GERKENSMEYER FARM	SE	\$125.00
ELECTION SYS & SOFTWARE	SU	\$13,472.82	HOLLY MATZKE	SE	\$62.50
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$17,301.75	ROBERT MATZKE	SE	\$62.50
GALLS LLC	SE	\$123.89	NEBR TOURISM COMMISS	FE	\$225.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,248.90	JOANN SIECK	SE	\$125.00
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$119.00	SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$1,000.00
GRNUP, LLC	SE	\$700.00	DELTA DENTAL OF NEB	FE	\$29.97
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$534.04	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$38,536.57
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$560.69	VISION SERVICE PLAN INS	FE	\$23.29
HOBSON AUTO	SE	\$64.00	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$1,625.00
KEARNEY INVEST CORP	SE	\$359.80	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$134.86
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$212.17	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$1,625.00
INTAB	SE	\$34.85	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$1,500.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$21,280.46	STALKER RA	EQ	\$9,195.00

KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	FE	\$131.48	BOBS MOBIL	SE	\$200.00
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$21.28	CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURC	SU	\$642.77
LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$1,830.10	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$196.50
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$103.07	CULLIGAN	SE	\$82.75
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$213.00	KEARNEY HOSPITALITY	TR	\$989.55
JENNIFER NANTKES	SE	\$13.75	FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$819.07
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$4,501.41	GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	EQ	\$1,270.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$90.00	HD ARMS LLC	EQ	\$1,100.00
PAC N SAVE	SU	\$472.44	JONES AUTOM	EQ	\$336.36
PEREZ INTERPRETING	SE	\$100.00	JONES BANK	SE	\$350.00
QUADIENT, INC	SU	\$1,500.10	LYNN PEAVEY CO	SE	\$114.15
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$11,638.00	MIDWEST AUTOM	EQ	\$1,945.33
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,686.90	VISUAL EDGE IT	SU	\$39.99
SEWARD CO ROAD FUND	FE	\$500,000.00	PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$35.00
SEWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	SE	\$18.50	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$465.29
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$126.00	US BANK EQUIP FIN	FE	\$167.99
ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCOUNT	SE	\$760.00	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$683.13
STREET COP TRAINING	FE	\$199.00	911 CUSTOM	SE	\$2,376.80
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$7,479.78	APCO INT'L	SE	\$361.00
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$1,074.62	NAT'L EMER NUMBER ASSN	FE	\$147.00
TRITECH SOFTWARE SYS	EQ	\$9,868.57	ENCARTELE INC	SE	\$2,614.71
TWIN RIVERS HEALTH CARE	SE	\$45.00	SALARIES		\$305,084.53
VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$16,450.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	SE	\$690.21	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SU	\$20.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
VISA	FE	\$1,910.88	DELTA DENTAL		
WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,571.32	VSP VISION		
CATERPILLAR FIN SERV	EQ	\$279,509.73	WADDELL & REED		
DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$114,947.44			

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

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked with the Zoning Administrator and Deputy County Attorney on a plat vacation, worked with the Genealogical Society on a grant project, received a call about Windstream Fiber, continues to work on the Sunny Side Gas Station clean up project, attended a Public Transit department gathering, and worked on some American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects with Public Transit and the Village of Cordova.

Commissioner Vrbka had nothing to report.

Commissioner Culver attended a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, worked with Solid Waste Management, and dealt with various correspondence.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Visitors Bureau Meeting and met with the Extension Office.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Seward City Council Meeting, the NIRMA Convention in Kearney and a BRIDGES Meeting.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3715 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities.

RESOLUTION NO. 3715 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank desires to withdraw the following securities as of 10/17/2022:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CUSIP#</u>	<u>MARKET VALUE</u>
FFCB AGENCY	3133EMUS9	\$ 436,165.12
FNMA AGENCY	3136G4ZT3	\$ 420,873.83
FRLMC 20 YR	3133KYUZ0	\$ 694,067.62

TOTAL PLEDGED \$ 1,551,106.57

WHEREAS: County deposits will still be fully protected after the withdrawal. Therefore, let it be resolved, the above withdrawal of securities by the Jones Bank is approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Schmieding 10/25/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Robert Vrbka,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Zoning Fee Report for August 2022 in the amount of \$2,400.00.

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

Eric Hofer, Building & Grounds Superintendent, was present to discuss the bid from TK Elevator for the modernization of the Courthouse elevator for \$184,829.00. Parts for repairs of the current Courthouse elevator are no longer available, so modernization is necessary in order for it to be maintained. Culver suggested paying for this from the Inheritance Fund, rather than ARPA Funds as had previously been suggested, in order to save those funds for the communities in the county to utilize.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the bid from TK Elevator for the modernization of the Courthouse elevator, to be paid out of the Inheritance Fund.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to accept the Zoning Fee Report for September 2022 in the amount of \$1,425.00.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Sheriff's Fee & Mileage Report for August 2022 in the amount of \$1,627.00 and \$988.20 respectively.

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

The Commissioners Recessed at 9:25 a.m.

The Commissioners Reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, presented a short form plat, a vacation of a plat and resolutions for both for the Commissioners consideration. She gave information about the **Planning Commission's recommendation.**

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3716 in regard to approving Brad Subdivision in O Precinct in the NW ¼ of Section 23, Township 9 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3716 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Bradley E. and Roxanne L. Roth own 20.0 acres of land and have applied for a Short Form Plat, and described as a tract of land in the Northwest 1/4 of, Section 23, Township 9N, Range 3E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the BRAD SUBDIVISION and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on October 17th, 2022, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended to approve the BRAD SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat, with a vote of 8 For, 0 against, and 1 Absent and Not Voting, and

WHEREAS No one appeared to oppose the subdivision
___ Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision
 No one appeared to support the subdivision
___ Individuals appeared to support the subdivision
___ Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve or Deny the BRAD SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3716.

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Zabrocki 10/25/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Robert Vrbka,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3717 in regard to vacating Curtis Addition in I Precinct in the NW ¼ of Section 32, Township 10 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m., to include Findings of Facts created for this particular vacation.

RESOLUTION NO 3717 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Owner Tim Curtis has applied for a Revocation to VACATE the CURTIS ADDITION SHORT FORM PLAT SUBDIVISION, described as a tract of land in the Northwest ¼ of, Section 32, Township 10N, Range 4E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on October 17th, 2022, to consider the Revocation of the CURTIS ADDITION SHORT FORM PLAT SUBDIVISION, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Revocation to VACATE the CURTIS ADDITION SHORT FORM PLAT SUBDIVISION. with a vote of 8 For, 0 against, and 1 Absent and Not Voting, and

WHEREAS No one appeared to oppose the revocation
___ Individuals appeared to oppose the revocation
___ No one appeared to support the revocation
 Individuals appeared to support the revocation
___ Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve , Deny _____ the Revocation of the CURTIS ADDITION SHORT FORM PLAT with Resolution NO: 3717.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic 10/25/2022
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Robert Vrbka,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF
VACATION OF PLAT OF RECORD

REQUEST BY:
APPLICANT
_TIM CURTIS_____

THIS MATTER came before the Board of Commissioners on the request of the Applicant for a VACATION OF PLAT OF RECORD. Public Meeting was held on the 25th day of October 2022.

THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS recommends to

 X Approve the Conditional Use Permit
 Deny the Conditional Use Permit

With a Roll Call Vote of: 5 For 0 Against 0 Absent Not Voting

Section 3.06 Vacation of Plat of Record. 3.06.01 Conditions: A subdivider may make application to the Planning Commission to vacate any plat of record under the following conditions:

1. The Plat to be vacated is a legal plat of record.
2. Vacation of the subdivision will not interfere with development of, nor deny access via public thoroughfare to, adjoining properties or utility services or other improvements.
3. Vacation of the subdivision will not be contrary to the Comprehensive Plan.

3.06.02 Procedures: The owner or owners shall present a proposal to the Planning Commission, containing the legal description of the subdivision and calling for vacation thereof. The Planning Commission shall study the proposal and shall send recommendations to the County Board of Commissioners. The County Board of Commissioners shall approve or deny the proposal. If the proposal is approved, it shall then be recorded in the office of the Seward County Register of Deeds. All fees for the recording of such vacation shall be paid by the subdivider.

Upon Review of all the necessary facts, the Seward County Board of Commissioners makes

the following findings that:

Specific Findings of fact X Allowable in A-1 District.
Currently Zoned A-1

FURTHER recommend specific conditions that are necessary or desirable to address the most appropriate use of the land, the conservation and stabilization of the value of property, the provision of adequate open space for light and air, concentration of populations, congestion of public streets, and the promotion of the general health, safety, welfare, convenience, and comfort of the public.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2022.

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Misty Ahmic, Robert Vrbka, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding

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

Motion Carried

Bob Dahms, Treasurer, was present to inform the Commissioners that he will be retiring on **January 4, 2023, and that this year's annual audit will also include the period of time from July**

1, 2022 through when the State Auditors' field work is complete. This will allow the incoming Treasurer to have up-to-date books to begin the new term. If there is nothing major or reportable found in the audit, there will not be an increase in fees; however, if something is to be found, the State will provide an estimated cost to research and make recommendations as to corrective action.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve allowing the State Auditors Office to include the period from July 1, 2022 through the time their audit is complete in their upcoming 2021-2022 fiscal year audit.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed infrastructure related grants. Ahmic stated that the Genealogical Society grant for school record preservation is completely written, and just waiting on the final details before being submitted. Broadband grants were discussed, and Ahmic stated that she would like an update from Jonathan Jank from Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership on this.

During the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) discussion, Ahmic stated that the Village of Cordova project is complete. The village submitted the final statements for the county portion of payments to be paid on the next claims day.

Sheriff Vance asked if the new door for the E911 Communications Center was going to be paid using ARPA funds. He said he would like to pay for that out of the drug fund, so the ARPA funds can be used for other projects.

The Commissioners Recessed at 9:58 a.m.

The Commissioners Reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, was present to discuss increasing the 2023 Medical Flexible Spending amount. The current 2022 maximum contribution amount is \$2,850. Sanchez stated that the IRS set the new 2023 maximum contribute limit amount to \$3,050.00, but the county is not required to change. She also said that the Commissioners can choose whether to allow a 2.5 month grace period at the end of the year for employees to use their remaining balance, or allow them to carry over \$600 instead. Employees currently have the 2.5 month grace period at the end of the year to use whatever balance they have remaining in the flex spending account.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to increase the 2023 Medical Flexible Spending Amount to the maximum allowed by the IRS, being \$3,050, and to continue to offer the 2.5 month grace period option.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners Recessed at 10:10 a.m.

The Commissioners Reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Terry Wicht, Highway Superintendent, was present to request the Chairman sign the contract with Van Kirk Brothers Contracting for Box Culvert Projects C-80(644) and C-80(675). Van Kirk Brothers Contracting has already been awarded these projects.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the chairman to sign the contract with Van Kirk Brothers Contracting for Box Culvert Projects C-80(644) and C-80(675).

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

Motion Carried

Wicht led the discussion about requesting approval to draft an ordinance for no engine braking on county roads. Culver asked Sheriff Vance about the enforcement of this ordinance if no officers are present. The board discussed various pros and cons to drafting an ordinance, as well as different conditions to include in said ordinance. Ahmic stated that she is not in favor of a county wide ordinance, and she would like to know how other counties handle this. Culver stated he would like this to be an ongoing agenda item to discuss the various components of this.

Forrest Siebken, Milford Police Chief, along with Sheriff Vance were present to discuss an agreement with the City of Milford for temporary assistance of the Milford Police Dept. It was previously mentioned that the City of Milford only had one police officer at the current time. Siebken stated that he is struggling to find personnel, but does currently have two part time officers besides himself. He said there are times when there is no coverage, and during those times, **they're relying on the Sheriff's Department to assist. If there is** a major incident and Sheriff Vance has to take deputies from the county to assist, he and Chief Siebken will work together. **Siebken thanked the Sheriff's Department for their help.**

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 1, 2022 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 October 25, 2022
Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action - Authorize Eric Hofer to sign Blended Agreement with TK Elevator for Courthouse Elevator Upgrade
7. Discuss/Action – No Engine Braking on County Roads
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for November 8, 2022

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

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, 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 1st Day of November 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

November 1, 2022
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 November 1, 2022 **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 November 1, 2022 at 8:30 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.

Those from the public making comments to the Commissioners were Raegan Hain, Harrison Helmer, Executive Director of BRIDGES and Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP).

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of October 25, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked on the Genealogical Society grant, worked with Matt Starkey on a project, went to a sub-committee meeting for SCCDP, and received calls about the possible ordinance involving engine braking.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he received calls about engine braking.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a 911 Board meeting, received phone calls about engine braking, road problems and culverts, and worked on **a Veteran's Office Project**.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he received phone calls about engine braking and roads conditions. He said he has an Extension Board meeting this coming week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he participated in a leadership training, attended the 911 Board meeting and will have a Seward City Council meeting tonight. He also received emails about engine braking.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Buildings and Grounds Supt. to sign the Modernization Proposal and Work by Others Proposal with TK Elevator for the Courthouse elevator upgrade.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3718 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

Resolution No. 3718 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

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

Description	CUSIP Number	Market Value
DOUGLAS CO SID	25934JBC9	\$315,000.00

Whereas, County deposits must be protected at all times,

Therefore, this County Board accepts the above security pledging by the Jones Bank as of 10/26/22.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Schmieding
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Resolution #3718
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk
Dated this 1st Day of NOVEMBER, 2022

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3719 in regard to authorizing the Chairman to sign the Year End Certification of the Highway Supt.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE
YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF
COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
2022

Resolution No. 3719

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2501 through 39-2505 detail the requirements that must be met in order for a county to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each county must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment(s) of the County Highway Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form; and

Whereas: The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the county highway superintendent's appointment, i.e., meeting minutes showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable) and Class of License (if applicable), the type of appointment, i.e., employed or under contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another county and/or incorporated municipality), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the County Board authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form by the County Board Chairperson.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Seward County is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form(s).

Adopted this 1st day of November, 2022 at Seward, Nebraska.

County Board Members

Ayes: John K. Culver, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell J. Zabrocki

County Board Member Schmieding
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Ahmic Seconded the Motion
Roll Call 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

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

The Commissioners discussed **the "No Engine Braking on the County Roads"** item on the agenda. They noted that all Commissioners received some type of correspondence against adopting an ordinance for this. Zabrocki said that he had received a complaint about it and said he was just bringing it to the Board. Ahmic stated she felt that if somebody has an idea about something, having a conversation about it and dealing with the individuals involved with the issue is a way to solve it. Both Commissioners Schmieding and Vrbka said they would not be in favor of a county-wide ordinance on the issue.

The Commissioners briefly talked about infrastructure related grants, specifically those grants for Broadband.

The Commissioners discussed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Culver stated he was going to go to the Village of Bee, Garland and Pleasant Dale meetings to talk to them about any County ARPA funds they will request to pay for their projects.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to give information about a Surplus Property Disposal Request he submitted for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request for the Road Dept.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:25 a.m.

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

Matt Starkey, Public Transit Director/Veterans Service Officer, was present to give information about a project honoring veterans. November 7–13 is **"Light Up the County in Green to Honor Veterans"** week. He stated that the Nebraska Association of County Officials has highlighted and promoted the project. Commissioner Ahmic said that she thought this was a great opportunity to showcase and honor veterans. She talked to someone who would light up the civil war statute in front of the courthouse in green and suggested other places/villages that could also participate. She would be willing to reach out to the various villages and the National Guard Museum and see if they would help illuminate areas with Green to promote this.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to approve **"Light up the County in Green to Honor Veterans."**

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 8, 2022 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 25, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 8, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 1, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through October 28, 2022

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 9:43 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 8th day November 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

November 8, 2022
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 November 8, 2022 **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 November 8, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Deputy 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 Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of October 25, 2022
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 22, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 8, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:47 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 22nd day of November 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

November 8, 2022

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 November 8, 2022 **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 November 8, 2022 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of November 1, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the claims for the period through October 28, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH OCTOBER 28, 2022

ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$253.14	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,148.81
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$18,751.80	TELMATE LLC	SE	\$276.00
AUTO GLASS NATION	SE	\$1,221.75	THE CHANGE COMPANIES	SE	\$168.75
BLUESTEM NETWORK	UT	\$110.00	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	SE	\$16,005.97
BRENNAN, NIELSEN..LAW	SE	\$3,323.75	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,535.25
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	WELLS FARGO FINAN LEAS	SE	\$198.15
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$734.31	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$996.91
COMFORT INN	TR	\$618.00	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$1,787.00
CONSOLIDATED MGMT CO	SE	\$20.10	KENNETH PANKOKE	SE	\$286.42
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	TR	\$239.90	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$281.38
DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$7.31	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$39,867.43
E 911	FE	\$37,100.67	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$11,405.33
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,068.79	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC	SE	\$4,085.00
ELECTION SYS & SOFTWARE	SU	\$5,614.07	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES INC	SU	\$140.00
ENGINEERED CONTROLS	SE	\$614.26	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	EQ	\$881.44
FIRST WIRELESS	UT	\$1,868.63	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$64.41
GALLS LLC	SE	\$118.07	ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH	SE	\$281.06
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$844.95	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$122.53
GUARDIAN RFID	EQ	\$5,111.89	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.60
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$38.04	APCO INTERNATIONAL	FE	\$4,020.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS	EQ	\$3,549.01	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	SE	\$510.29
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$404.01	MARY MEYER	SE	\$131.50
HOPE CRISIS CENTER	SE	\$13,917.00	NE TOURISM COMM	FE	\$180.00
INDOFF INC	SU	\$61.93	NE TRAVEL ASSOC	FE	\$850.00
JEO CONSULTING GRP	SE	\$1,493.75	RUSS FRAZEY	SE	\$62.35
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,149.00	MICHAEL HAMMOND	SE	\$203.87
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$529.99	HAMPTON INN	TR	\$493.89
LAW ENF RISK MGMT GRP	FE	\$125.00	LA QUINTA INN & SUITES	TR	\$734.65
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$123.25	PETERS, BRIAN	SE	\$9.72
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$45,232.40	TRUCK VAULT INC	EQ	\$2,705.25

MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$867.73	911 CUSTOM	EQ	\$14,418.76
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,329.68	ART ON DISPLAY	FE	\$880.00
KRYSTEL NABER	SE	\$8.75	COAST TO COAST SOLUTIONS	SE	\$1,198.60
NE PUB HLTH ENV LAB	SE	\$105.00	HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$1,061.04
HENRY NIPPER, PH.D	SE	\$1,200.00	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$6,214.08
ORKIN LLC	SE	\$147.00	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$286.64
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$113.40	PICKERILL ENTERPRISES	EQ	\$806,000.00
PLATTE CO CLERK OF DIST CRT	SE	\$11.50	SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO	SE	\$60.00
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$420.80	SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	SE	\$2,601.00
QUILL CORP	SU	\$12.99	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$167.99
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$287.67	UTICA BODY & PAINT	SE	\$400.00
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$214.00	IOWA PUMP WORKS	EQ	\$29,970.25
SECR OF STATE - ELECTIONS	SU	\$10.00	NEMAHA CO SHERIFF	SE	\$68.50
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$647.00	SALAARIES		\$275,164.26
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$170,409.22	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$4.80	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	SE	\$44.20	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEW CO SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$212.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,750.75	VSP VISION		
ST OF NE DAS COMMUN	SE	\$1,152.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 15, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 8, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for November 22, 2022

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 18, 2022 are as follows:

8:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Approve Claims for the period through November 11, 2022

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 9:02 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, 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 15th day of November 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

November 15, 2022
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 November 15, 2022 **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 November 15 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 minutes of November 8, 2022.

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

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, reported on the General Election held on November 8, 2022 for Seward County.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Milford City Council meeting, worked on the newly proposed Zoning Regulations and thanked those who participated in the green lights to honor **veteran's** event. She gave information from Four Corners Health District and reported she attended the Pleasant Dale Village Board meeting and the Veterans Committee meeting.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he has a meeting coming up in the next week.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Bee and Garland Village Board meetings, worked on emails about road concerns and those involving the new Seward County interdiction building. He has a Blue Valley Community Action meeting tonight.

Commissioner Schmieding reported that he, on behalf of the Visitors Committee, attended the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) meeting and a reception honoring Denny Brauer. He also met with the Emergency Manager, attended a Visitors Committee meeting, and a Region V meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, NIRMA Roundtable Zoom meeting, the Emergency Manager Team Building meeting, a training with the Road Dept., the Utica Village Board meeting, a Suicide Prevention Meeting, the Beaver Crossing Village Board meeting, and the Seward City Planning Commission. He received a call about a flag on the courthouse grounds.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for October 2022 in the amount of \$3,560.05.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for October 2022 in the amount of \$32,485.12.

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

Jessica Acosta of Cornhusker United Way was present to give information about assisting those in need. Her information gave examples of ways the non-profit can help with rent, utilities and supplies for young children.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to meet with Title Services of Blue Valley and sign documents in regard to the purchase of the drug interdiction building.

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

The Commissioners briefly discussed infrastructure grants and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Commissioner Ahmic had helped the Seward County Genealogy Society apply for a grant in regard to the preservation of county school records.

Ahmic reported that at the Pleasant Dale Village meeting, she learned that bids for a water project will be opened at the December meeting. After learning the results of the bids, they will come to Seward County with an amount they would like the Seward County ARPA Funds to pay for.

Zabrocki led discussion that a jail inspection should be held. He has an inspection planned for after the meeting which is on the agenda.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:28 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Frank Soe and Lindsay Swanson of Windstream were present to discuss a new phone system for Seward County. Our current system, including the actual phones, are out of contract effective March 2022. They would be replacing servers and phones. They also gave information on the new applications available with the new phones. They will meet with officials and get back to the Commissioners in the near future.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, was present to discuss the West Wing Emergency Shelter which is currently in place. He gave information about the Change Order on the agenda that dealt with the installation. He said that there will be a protocol of when the shelter is locked/unlocked.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Change Order for Atlas Safe Rooms for the West Wing Shelter Pad and concrete sidewalk in the amount of \$4,200.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:51 a.m.

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

Katrina Ramer and Casey Tiemann of the Seward County Attorney's Office were present to give information about a new fee schedule for the Diversion Office.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Updated Fee Schedule for Seward County Diversion.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:03 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:15 a.m.

Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, met with the Board about an employee who has been training new staff and has not been able to take any leave. He is asking that the maximum accrual leave for vacation be increased for this employee.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the requested exemption for the E911 Employee # 2319 to increase maximum vacation accrual limit for 6 months retroactive to 11/1/2022 and allow 260 hours of vacation.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:20 a.m.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present for the Commissioners consideration on some documents.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign a Surplus Property Disposal Request from the Road Dept. requesting to surplus a 1980 Chevrolet Pickup.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to adopt Resolution No. 3720 in regard to a Task Order Agreement for Project BRO-7080 (55) Beaver Crossing SE.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT –
BK2259

Seward County
Resolution No. 3720

Whereas: Seward County is developing a transportation project for which it intends to obtain Federal funds; and

Whereas: Seward County as a sub-recipient of Federal-Aid funding is charged with the responsibility of expending said funds in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; and

Whereas: Seward County and Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. wish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to provide Preliminary Engineering Services for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County that:

John Culver, Chair of the Seward County Board of Commissioners, is hereby authorized to sign the attached Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between Seward County, Nebraska and Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc.

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7080(55)

NDOT Control Number: 13521

NDOT Project Description: Beaver Crossing Southeast

Adopted this 15th day of November, 2022 at Seward Nebraska.

The Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska:

Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Darrell J. Zabrocki,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Board Council Member Ahmic

Moved the adoption of said resolution

Member, Vrbka, Seconded the Motion

Roll Call: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3721 in regard to a Service Agreement for Project BRO-7080 (54) Seward Northwest for the bridge on Bluff Road near the fairgrounds.

RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT –
BK1705 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2
Seward County
Resolution No. 3721

Whereas: Seward County and JEO Consulting Group have previously executed a preliminary engineering services agreement for a transportation project for which the Local Public Agency (LPA) would like to obtain Federal funds; and

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

Whereas: Seward County and JEO Consulting Group wish to enter into a supplemental preliminary engineering services agreement setting out modifications and/or additional duties and/or funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska that:

John Culver, Chair of the Seward County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign the attached preliminary engineering services Supplemental Agreement No. 2 between Seward County and JEO Consulting Group.

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

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7080(54)
NDOT Control Number: 13362
NDOT Project Description: Seward Northwest

Adopted this 15th day of November, 2022 at Seward Nebraska.

The Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska:
Ayes: John K. Culver, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,
Darrell J. Zabrocki

Board Council Member Zabrocki
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Ahmic Seconded the Motion
Roll Call: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

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

The Commissioners recessed until arriving at the Detention Center for the Jail Inspection at 10:45 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at the Detention Center at 11:06 a.m.

They inspected the jail for their 4th quarter visit of 2022.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 18, 2022 are as follows:

8:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve claims for the period through Nov. 11, 2022

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 22, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

4. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
5. Pledge of Allegiance
6. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 8, 2022
7. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 22, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 15, 2022
4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 18, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for November 29, 2022

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at the Seward County Detention Center at 11:30 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 22nd day of November 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

November 18, 2022

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 8:00 a.m. on November 18, 2022 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 November 18, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Bob Vrbka, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Absent: Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding

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 claims for the period through November 11, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH NOVEMBER 11, 2022

ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	VISA	FE	\$3,595.09
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,640.95	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,490.84
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,557.47	CANDICE C WOOSTER LAW	SE	\$4,191.63
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$118.35	CHEMSEARCH	SE	\$1,346.40
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$32.57	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$37,393.72
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$29.97	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$112.05
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$19,503.08	FRONTIER COOP	SU	\$36,392.92
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,912.58	WILLIAM F HARTMANN JR	SE	\$390.00
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$4,060.00	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$40,307.91
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$480.00	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC	SE	\$8,103.13
DENA BUSHNELL	SE	\$190.00	MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$370.00
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$10,907.49	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$253.04
CLERK OF THE DIST CRT	SE	\$427.00	MIDWEST SERVICE	SE	\$3,789.00
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	SU	\$169.99	NEWMAN SIGNS, INC	SE	\$485.66
CONNER PSYCHOLOG SERV	SE	\$385.00	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$74.99
CONTINUUM	SE	\$137.50	NMC, INC	SE	\$10,284.27
CULLIGAN	SE	\$17.25	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,010.00
ANN DOBESH	SE	\$30.00	POWERPLAN	SE	\$5,863.52
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$907.03	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	SU	\$1,963.51
JENNIFER EICKHOFF	SE	\$13.75	REED ELECTRIC	SE	\$1,093.28
ELECTION WORKERS	SE	\$10,878.44	STEPHENSON TRUCK REPAIR	SE	\$2,893.08
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX	SE	\$204.95	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$770.65
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$14,039.22	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$117.39
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$105.00	CATTLE BANK & TRUST	FE	\$570,305.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$238.61	WATSON FURNITURE	SU	\$2,339.63
INDOFF INC	SU	\$79.99	PAT COLDIRON	SE	\$300.16
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,968.83	LIBERTY HOUSE	SE	\$40.03
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$131.48	VALENTINO'S SEWARD	SU	\$218.31
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$37.44	DELTA DENTAL OF NE	SE	\$29.97
LANGUAGELINC INTERPRET	SE	\$140.00	VISION SERVICE PLAN INS	FE	\$23.29
JOCELYN MICHELLE LEMKE	SE	\$285.00	MILFORD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$186.90
HOLLY MATZKE	SE	\$180.00	MOMS MEALS	SU	\$128.73
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$62.62	QUILL CORPORATION	SU	\$59.98
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$1,407.62	SEWARD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$443.10
MIDWEST DOOR	SE	\$561.00	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$96.00

VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$284.90
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$372.79	AURORA POLICE DEPT	SE	\$500.00
JENNIFER NANTKES	SE	\$13.75	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$145.00
NAT'L ASSN OF COUNTIES	FE	\$450.00	GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	EQ	\$895.18
LEKITA NAUDEN	SE	\$38.00	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$159.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$2,810.20	HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$81.84
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$93.00	JONES BANK	SE	\$150.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	SE	\$100.00	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$342.58
PAC N SAVE	SU	\$116.55	MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$55.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$30.00	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$600.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$74.80	NE SHERIFFS ASSOC	SE	\$940.00
PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$2,150.00	TRANSUNION RISK & ALT	FE	\$632.00
QUADIEN FINANCE	SU	\$220.99	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$770.14
QUADIEN LEASING	EQ	\$81.98	VIGILNET	SE	\$104.25
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$30.71	EHLERS ELECTRONICS	SE	\$2,015.00
RUMERY LANDSCAPE	SE	\$89.99	TEK84	EQ	\$166,500.00
KEVIN SCHLENDER	SE	\$190.00	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR	EQ	\$83,173.05
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,185.44	ENCARTELE INC	SE	\$4,132.73
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$215.89	LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR	SE	\$4,603.99
SMPC, LLC	SE	\$1,203.99	SALARIES		\$286,159.68
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$187.97	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTNG	SE	\$162.28	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$4,973.48	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
THAYER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$29.79	DELTA DENTAL		
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$1,074.67	VSP VISION		
VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$82.93	WADDELL & REED		
VIRTUAL GURUS	SE	\$20.00			

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Culver

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 22, 2022 are as follows:
8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 8, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 22, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 15, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Approve minutes of November 18, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Accept Resignation of Corey Reiman, Public Defender
8. Discuss/Action – Res. – Modify Investment Policy regarding Investment Reports
9. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
10. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
11. Discuss/Action – Agenda for November 29, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss Only – Possible Abandonment of Sunrise Road (Minimum Maintenance Portion Only) In Section 3 Township 9 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 8:02 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, 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 22nd day of November 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

November 22, 2022
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 November 22, 2022 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 November 22, 2022 at 8:30 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 Ahmic to approve the minutes of November 8, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 13, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 22, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:47 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 13th day of December 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

November 22, 2022
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 November 22, 2022 **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 November 22, 2022 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 Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of November 15, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of November 18, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried
Abstain: Ahmic, Schmieding

A member of the public, Dave Pankoke, expressed concern over contractors who are working in the right of way and also the staffing issues in the Road Dept.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., updated the Commissioners on activity in his department.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she completed the edits for the proposed Zoning Regulations, attended a Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, a Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) meeting and a meeting with **the Veteran's Service Officer** and HR Office about recognizing veterans.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he attended Upper Big Blue NRD and Ag Society meetings and fielded a complaint about ROW.

The Commissioners discussed the possible abandonment of a portion of Sunrise Road (minimum maintenance portion only) in Section 3 Township 9 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m. Ahmic led discussion that she was asked if a driveway could be placed on it since it is a minimum maintenance road. She stated the minimum maintenance sign is faded so that a person cannot tell what kind of sign it is. Vrbka gave some information on the history of abandoned roads. Discussion was held about abandoning a road vs. minimum maintenance roads. Wicht was present and was asked that he go through and maintain the road once a year and put up a new "**Minimum Maintenance**" sign that is not faded. Vrbka will research the history of the road and report to Wicht if he finds evidence the road was abandoned.

Commissioner Zabrocki led discussion about a broadband Task Force Invoice from Norris Public Power District related to a Feasibility Study. Since Zabrocki is on a Task Force about broadband he looked into the invoice as received for \$1,000. He stated that this was part of the process the Task Force took and can be paid with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Zabrocki stated that a Request For Information (RFI) has been issued and a Request For Proposal (RFP) will be sent out soon. He stated that new grant funding will be available soon and we will be more prepared by doing this work before the money is available. The Commissioners discussed the benefits of having this study and will find more information and discuss it at a future meeting.

Treasurer, Bob Dahms and Deputy Treasurer, Sherry Leising were present to discuss a resolution they would like the Commissioners to consider passing. They gave information about interest and current yields due to inflation.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution # 3722 in regard to modifying the Investment Policy regarding Investment Reports.

Resolution No. 3722 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

Whereas, with the inverted yield curve, liquid assets are 40+% total fund balance. And, whereas, the above negates the necessity of cash flow and cd laddering tabulation.

Therefore, let it be resolved the quarterly investment report reflects: monthly investment earning per financial institution, earnings per fund with a comparison to the past year, amount invested per bank compared to bank amount of pledged securities, and investment performance.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Zabrocki
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell J. Zabrocki,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk
Dated this 22nd day of November 2022

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairperson to sign a Grant Award Contract for Acceptance of SFY 2023 County Justice Reinvestment Grant for Detention Center.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the awarded County Justice Reinvestment grant funds in the amount of \$4,773.00 to be placed in the Commissary Fund.

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

Commissioners Reports (Cont.)

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, received road concerns and worked on getting information in regard to purchasing a new phone system, attended the Planning & Zoning Meeting and met with the title company to sign ownership papers for the Interdiction Building.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he received road concerns and met with the Extension office officials.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the jail Inspection with all the other Commissioners, Seward City Council meeting, attended the HR workshops and attended the 4th of July committee meeting.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the resignation of Korey Reiman, Public Defender, and stated he did a wonderful job while he was in that position.

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

There was short discussion about Infrastructure Grants and the disbursement of the ARPA funds.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. are as follows:

1. Discuss/Action – Convene and announce Open Meetings Act
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Approve minutes of November 22, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discussion Only – Possible Abandonment of Sunrise Road (Minimum Maintenance Portion Only) In Section 3 Township 9 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for December 6, 2022

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 10:16 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 29th day of November 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

grant for up to \$5 million for broadband given through the State for the 1st Congressional District. Chairman Culver stated the agreement did not have any provision in it indicating there would be a cost to Seward County. Culver said he was worried that there would be continuing costs stemming from this agreement. After further discussion, it was decided to submit the invoice for payment.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to discuss two agreements she would like the Commissioners to consider.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Maintenance and Support Agreement with Idemia for the Fingerprint Machine in the Court Security Office.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Contract for Services between Sweney Group LLC and the Seward County Detention Center for PREA Audit.

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

Casey Tieman of the Attorney's Office was present to ask the Commissioners consideration of their updated fee schedule.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the updated fee **schedule for the Seward County Attorney's Office.**

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

The Commissioners briefly discussed Infrastructure grants and the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 6, 2022 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 November 29, 2022
5. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through November 25, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Possible Abandonment of Sunrise Road (Minimum Maintenance Portion Only) in Section 3 Township 9 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for December 13, 2022

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to adjourn at 9:52 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, 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 6th day of December 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,488.85	INTERSTATE POWER SYS	EQ	\$7,562.30
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	TR	\$294.00	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$38,595.03
HSI EMERG CARE SOL	SU	\$37.50	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$54.08
INTL ASSOC ASSESS OFCRS	FE	\$240.00	MUELLER, KALEIGH	SE	\$765.00
J S WURM & ASSOC	SE	\$150.00	OLDE GLORY THEATRE	FE	\$450.00
JEO CONSULTING	SE	\$2,164.37	AWARDS UNLIMITED	SU	\$184.80
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,268.05	RELENTLESS LLC	SE	\$1,875.00
KIRBY ROTH INSURANCE	FE	\$100.00	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$134.99
RYAN KRENK	SE	\$8.13	HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$217.06
STEPHANIE LUEBBE	SE	\$5.63	HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$524.96
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$442.56	HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$81.84
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$165.83	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$7,920.80
MID-AMERICAN INS	FE	\$44,519.44	JONES BANK	FE	\$50.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,329.68	MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$352.57
NE FSMA	FE	\$35.00	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$600.40
NEBR PUB HLTH ENV LB	SE	\$105.00	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,652.38
NEBRASKA SNOW EQUIP	EQ	\$6,450.76	POLICE OFFICERS ASSOC. NE	FE	\$264.00
NEXTLINK AIS	SE	\$110.00	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$114.01
DALE NIEMANN	SE	\$6.25	RADAR ROAD TEC	EQ	\$700.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$19.98	SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$126.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$105.00	ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCT	SE	\$623.00
SCOTT PEKAREK	SE	\$6.88	STREET COP TRAINING	FE	\$225.00
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$160.00	US BANK EQUIP FIN	EQ	\$167.99
REGION V SERVICES	FE	\$9,938.32	US TREASURY/AMENTUM SERV	SE	\$3,449.59
ZOE RICHERT	SE	\$8.75			

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

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic received calls about zoning, phones and internet. She also said she had discussed some America Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) with the Village of Cordova.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he researched road issues.

Commissioner Culver reported he was contacted by a Kinetic representative, performed an evaluation of an appointed official and other employees, and attended the Employee Appreciation Party. He applauded the committee who planned the event.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Appreciation Party and had a Visitors Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported on an event at the Seward National Guard Museum, attended the HR roundtable via Zoom, attended the orientation for the new BRIDGES director, attended the Employee Appreciation party and checked on some roads. He also attended the Utica Village Board meeting and will have a Seward City Council meeting and a NIRMA meeting this coming week.

The Commissioners discussed the abandonment of Sunrise Road (minimum maintenance portion only) in Section 3 Township 9 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m. item on the agenda. Both Culver and Vrbka have researched the issue and said it has always been a minimum maintenance road. Culver stated that the road cannot be abandoned/closed due to adjacent land being landlocked. The Road Dept. has graded it now and will maintain it twice a year and correct signs will be posted.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3723 in regard to allowing Farmers and Merchants Bank to substitute pledged securities.

RESOLUTION NO. 3723 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Farmers & Merchants Bank desires to make the following security substitution:

	Replacing	
Description	Amount	
FNMA #3136GO5K3	\$2,000,000.00	
	With	
FED. FARM CRED BANKS 3133EMSA1	\$1,500,000.00	

WHEREAS: County deposits still will be fully insured.

Therefore, let it be resolved, the above substitution by the Farmers & Merchants Bank be approved by this County Board.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Ahmic
Ayes: Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Adopted: 12/6/2022
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners discussed contracting for the Surveyor position. Currently, a new surveyor was not elected for the term starting January 5, 2023 and the County will need to contract for the position.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Sheriff Fee and Mileage report for September 2022 in the amount of \$1,356.00 and \$736.20 respectively.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for November 2022 in the amount of \$34,282.56

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

The Commissioners briefly discussed Infrastructure Related grants and ARPA disbursements request. Ahmic stated that Cordova questioned the amount we paid using our ARPA funds for their project. She stated costs for the project that Cordova was doing increased and so they will need to come back to the County to ask for additional funds. The Village of Pleasant Dale will also be coming with their application for ARPA funds in the next few weeks.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 9:25 a.m. to discuss a review of Mid-American Benefits Inquiry.

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

Chairman Culver restated the reason for Executive Session was to review a Mid-American Benefits inquiry.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to go out of Executive Session at 9:41 a.m.

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

Chairman Culver stated that while in Executive Session, guidance was provided but no decisions were made.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on December 13, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 22, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 13, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 6, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Accept the Clerk of the Dist. Court Fee Report for November 2022- \$6,293.97
7. Discuss/Action – Authorize the County Clerk to advertise for bids for County Surveyor
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for December 20, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Update on IT Systems outages at West Wing and request Liaison be Appointed to Work with Providers and Schedule Necessary Work

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 9:47 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 13th day of December 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

December 13, 2022
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 December 13, 2022 **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 December 13, 2022 at 8:30 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 Ahmic to approve the minutes of November 22, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on December 27, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 13, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 8:57 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, 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 27th day of December 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

December 13, 2022
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 December 13, 2022 **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 December 13, 2022 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 Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of December 6, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with the Public Transit Director on several issues, and also met with Spencer Conradt, E911 Director. She reported she attended the Milford Council meeting.

Commissioner Vrbka reported that he received some comments about a road problem.

Commissioner Culver reported he has dealt with auditors, checked on roads, received comments from constituents and worked with the County Highway Supt. on a road issue.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he received comments about various subjects from constituents and will have an Extension Board meeting this evening.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, attended a Nebraska Interlocal Risk Management Agency (NIRMA) meeting, and an event at the National Guard Museum.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution 3724 in regard to authorizing the Chairman to sign the 5-Year Master Plan Agreement with the State of Nebraska for Surveying Services for Highway Projects in Seward County

RESOLUTION #3724

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MASTER AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR COUNTY SURVEY SERVICES.

Be it resolved by the Chairperson of the Board of the County of Seward, Nebraska, that:

1. The County shall enter into a 5-year Master Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation concerning a Process for County to Provide Survey Services for Highway Projects within the boundaries of Seward County.
2. The Chairperson of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the County of Seward and the County Clerk is authorized to attest said execution.
3. This Resolution will be marked Exhibit "A" and a copy attached to each Original Agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2022.

John K. Culver, Chairperson of the Board

ATTEST: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign a Lease Agreement with Rose Equipment for a 3-month rental of a Cimline Crack Seal Kettle in the amount of \$4,158 per month.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for November 2022 in the amount of \$6,293.97.

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

Discussion was held about the County Surveyor position. Currently, no one was elected to the Surveyor position for the term starting January 5, 2022. Brian Foral was present to join in the discussion of appointing a surveyor vs. contracting for surveying services. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that the item would be researched by the Deputy County Attorney **and the item will be put on next week's agenda.**

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to discuss continuing Summit Food Service for the inmates of the Detention Center.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the Partnership Agreement with Summit Food Service for the Detention Center.

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

Katrina Ramer of the County Attorney's Office was present to discuss the grant for the 2024 Community Based Juvenile Services Grant Application.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2024 Community Based Juvenile Services Grant Application in the amount of \$92,928.00

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

The Commissioners discussed infrastructure related grants. Ahmic said they will find out more at a meeting along with other counties at the NACO Conference.

During discussion of the American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) agenda item, Commissioner Ahmic stated she helped the Cordova Village Clerk with a new application for County ARPA funds. It was noted that the auditors will audit the fund **and it's** receipts and expenses for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 20, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 13, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Claims through December 9, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Appoint County Surveyor for the term starting Jan. 5, 2023
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for December 27, 2022

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – **Request Former Deputy of Sheriff's Office/K9 Handler be able to purchase K9**

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Lindsay Swanson/Windstream – Present Proposal to Replace Phone System for Seward County

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 9:58 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, 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 20th day of December 2022.

County Clerk

Chairman

December 20, 2022

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

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The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on December 20, 2022 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 Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to approve minutes of December 13, 2022.

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

Moved by Zabrocki ad seconded by Vrbka to approve the claims for the period through December 9, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH DECEMBER 9, 2022

ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,241.61
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,557.47	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$714.61
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	EQ	\$455.44	US POSTAL SERVICE	SU	\$10,000.00
AGING PARTNERS	SE	\$41,473.00	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$5,000.00
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$38.61	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	SE	\$2,214.07
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SU	\$40.75	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SU	\$20.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$18,651.79	VISA	FE	\$2,659.70
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$4,217.15	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$11,506.92
BLUE360 MEDIA	SE	\$90.75	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$1,824.00
BRENNAN...LAW OFFICES	SE	\$6,953.58	KENNETH PANKOKE	SE	\$323.76
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$407.13	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$39,328.57
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$10,121.56	HEARTLAND TIRES	SU	\$1,207.71
CLERK OF THE DIST CRT	SE	\$543.00	HYDRAULIC EQUIP SERV	SE	\$58.19
COBBLESTONE HOTEL	TR	\$120.87	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$599.98
CORNHUSKER INTL TRUCKS	SE	\$205.00	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$24,656.74
CULLIGAN	SE	\$25.00	LANCASTER CO ENGINEERING	SE	\$1,522.00
DES MOINES STAMP MFG	SE	\$265.05	LOGAN CONTRACTORS SUPPLY	SU	\$681.16
DOUGLAS CO CLRK DIST CRT	SE	\$12.00	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC	SE	\$1,247.50
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF OFFICE	SE	\$15.20	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$2,226.37
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQ	\$988.93	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES	EQ	\$47,596.50
EGAN SUPPLY CO	SU	\$633.70	NE EQUIPMENT INC	SE	\$69.97
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX	SE	\$595.78	NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UT	\$64.41
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$11,411.50	NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL	SE	\$360.00
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$725.92	NMC, INC	EQ	\$10,746.46
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	EQ	\$1,674.37	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,862.15
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$404.01	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$94.05
INDOFF INC	SU	\$894.22	POWERPLAN	FE	\$1,800.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,953.00	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$8,996.92
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$131.48	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$58,499.81

LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$7.31	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	SE	\$600.21
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$809.51	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$770.65
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$26.00	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$104.70
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$119.00	SUE IMIG	SE	\$486.68
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$10,065.02	MILFORD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$109.90
MIDWEST DOOR	SE	\$58.00	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$134.86
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$203.50	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$395.50
NIRMA	FE	\$50.00	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$96.00
NE ASSOC CO ASSESSORS	FE	\$25.00	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$208.60
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$50.00	ART ON DISPLAY	FE	\$1,155.00
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$90.00	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$284.00
NE STATE BAR ASSN	FE	\$280.00	DHHS	SE	\$350.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	SE	\$501.25	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$5,203.28
NEXTLINK AIS	SE	\$184.99	JR AUDIO	EQ	\$9,695.00
ONESOURCE	SE	\$627.00	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	SE	\$51.64
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$150.88	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94
ORKIN LLC	SE	\$846.72	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$291.06
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$30.00	TRANSUNION RISK	FE	\$400.00
PEREZ INTERPRETING	SE	\$300.00	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$304.25
C. JO PETERSEN	SE	\$98.00	VIGILNET	SE	\$48.65
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$1,626.27	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICATE	FE	\$150.00
POSTMASTER	SU	\$85.00	ENGINEERED CONTROLS	EQ	\$4,970.00
QUADIANT LEASING USA	EQ	\$81.98	JEO CONSULTING GROUP	SE	\$1,475.00
QUADIANT, INC	EQ	\$2,340.00	SEWARD CO GENERAL FUND	FE	\$1,000,000.00
RADWEN INC	EQ	\$1,200.00	NEMAHA CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SE	\$22.25
RICKY'S CAFE	SE	\$972.90	ENCARTELE INC	SE	\$4,154.17
RR DONNELLEY	SE	\$136.32	SALARIES		\$272,586.01
SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$206.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$983.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$2,720.66	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO ROAD FUND	FE	\$1,049,376.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEW SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$254.00	VSP VISION		
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$10,225.78	WADDELL & REED		
ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTNG	SE	\$645.00			

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) conference, followed up with the supervisor who manages the county car fleet, worked on address issues, worked on the final review with JEO about newly proposed comprehensive plan, and received a comment about a road issue.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he received a comment about a road issue with a culvert.

Commissioner Culver reported he received some comments about issues with some IT issues.

Schmieding reported he attended an Extension Board meeting and had correspondence with the Public Defender's Office.

Zabrocki reported he attended the NACO convention and will attend the Seward City Council meeting tonight.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:07 a.m.

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

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, brought an agreement for the Commissioner's consideration.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign a Lease and Service Agreement with Eakes for the Printer in the Detention Center.

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

The Commissioners discussed the surveyor position. Brian Foral currently is the contracted surveyor for Seward County for the term ending January 4, 2023. No one

was elected in the General 2022 election, so the Commissioners need to contract for the services again for the next term. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, said she had worked on a contract for it and will forward the contract to the Commissioners and to Foral and the issue will be discussed next week.

The Commissioners discussed the Schedule of Prior Audit Findings item on the agenda. **The Finding is listed as "Segregation of Duties."** Due to many offices not having many employees in their offices, this has been mentioned for many years. The Reason of Recurrence was listed as **"The County has discussed the finding but must consider the cost of adequate segregation of duties when determining the use of tax money."**

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Schedule of Prior Audit Finding.

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

Sheriff Vance was present to discuss his request for a former Deputy of the Sheriff's Office/K9 Handler to be able to purchase the K9. The dog was purchased by Seward County four years ago and his handler is no longer employed with Seward County. **The Sheriff described the cost and use of the K9 and said that it can't be used for multiple services at the current time.**

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to allow the former Sheriff Deputy/K9 handler to purchase his K9 for \$1.00.

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

During the discussion of infrastructure grants, Ahmic stated there was a lot of conversation about them at the NACO Conference. NACO is getting a consultant and the discussion was to bundle the requests for the grants that are available. Pam Dingman, the Lancaster County Highway Supt. said the best application to submit would be to bundle projects that had no problems, such as environmental issues. Terry Wicht, Seward County Highway Supt., is going to put together a list and he and Ahmic will meet with Dingman **to see if our projects could be bundled with Lancaster County's.**

On the discussion about broadband grants, there is a group who will ask for additional information.

During discussion about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Ahmic said she received an application from Bee for a water project. The Commissioners will review the application and representatives of Bee will be asked to come before the board with their request.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:27 a.m.

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

Lindsay Swanson, Carl Wiese, Dean Busch, and Jane Vraspir of Windstream were present to discuss a proposal for a new telephone system for Seward County.

Swanson explained the newly proposed system and the costs associated with it. Chairman Culver asked if the billing could be by department rather than just a total by location. Swanson said yes, they could provide that. She explained the new phone system including the proposed phones, costs and billing. She will come back with a proposal by dept. at a future meeting.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on December 27, 2022 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 13, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 27, 2022 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 20, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman to sign a contract for a County Surveyor for the term starting Jan. 5, 2023
7. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 3, 2023

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:07

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 27th day of December 2022.

County Clerk

Chairperson

December 27, 2022
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 December 27, 2022 **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 December 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of December 20, 2022.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver Motion Carried

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she dealt with an address issue and took a call from a constituent.

Commissioner Vrbka reported he received a comment on the condition of a road.

Commissioner Culver reported he drove the roads and made the decision to close county offices last Thursday, December 22, 2022 and worked with some solid waste questions.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he visited with some constituents in his area.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Seward City Council meeting and drove roads.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Zoning Administrator's fee report for October 2022 in the amount of \$675.00.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic **to accept the Zoning Administrator's fee report for November 2022 in the amount of \$1,80.00.**

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3725 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

RESOLUTION NO. 3725 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CUSIP#</u>	<u>MARKET VALUE</u>
FHR 5194 PC	3137H5T31	\$1,594,601.65

Whereas, County deposits must be protected at all times.

Therefore, this County Board accepts the above security pledging by Jones Bank as of 12/20/2022.

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Robert Vrbka,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

Dated this 27th day of December 2022.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract for a County Surveyor for the term starting January 5, 2023.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to appoint Brian Foral as the Seward County Surveyor for the term beginning January 5, 2023.

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

Ann Dobesh and Emily Manning were present from the Extension Office to request the appointment of Clark Jackson of District 2 to the Extension Board of Directors effective 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2025.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to appoint Clark Jackson from District 2 to the Extension Board of Directors effective 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2025.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:22 a.m.
The Commissioners reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed Infrastructure Related grants and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) disbursements. Ahmic stated that the Village of Cordova submitted an application for the remaining funds allotted to them, and that will be discussed next week during the ARPA discussion.

No one was present from the Village of Bee for the Request for ARPA funds from Seward County item on the agenda.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:37 a.m.
The Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Terry Wicht, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss the easements for Box Culvert projects.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the chairman to sign easements for box culvert project C80(644) which is on 252nd Road, between Old Cheney Road and Denton Road.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the chairman to sign easements for box culvert project C80(675) which is on Old Cheney Rd East of 252nd Road.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:50 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Sheila Beins, County Court Clerk Magistrate, was present to discuss signing the memorandum of understanding with the Nebraska Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation to facilitate transfer of audio-visual equipment. She reported on the venting of the equipment closet and stated that some equipment in the court room will be upgraded.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:10 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Jonathan Jank of the Seward County Economic Development Partnership presented a draft of Broadband Request for Proposal regarding the design, construction, development, operation & maintenance of county-wide fiber optic network for review. He stated that they would like to partner to pursue funding for the project. Ahmic stated that she had some changes she would like made to the request. Jank said he will submit an agenda request to be on the agenda for further discussion next week.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 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 December 27, 2022
5. Discuss/Action – Approve claims through December 23, 2022

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
8. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 10, 2023

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:33 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 3rd day of January 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman