

January 3, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on January 3, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on December 3, 2023 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) updated the Commissioners on activities of his organization. He introduced a new employee, Joni Brecka, who is the new marketing director for SCCDP.

Lauri Sherman, Executive Director of BRIDGES, updated the Commissioners on activities of the organization.

Those officials present for their monthly meeting with the Commissioners were Gary Petersen, Ann Dobesh, Emily Manning and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to approve the minutes of December 27, 2022.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the claims for the period through December 23, 2022.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 2022					
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,607.05	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$3,136.50
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$38.90	BAUER BUILT INC	EQ	\$14,175.52
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$18,718.61	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,899.62
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$480.00	CENTRAL STATES HYDRAULIC	EQ	\$584.06
BOB BARKER COMPANY	SE	\$353.20	DALE JOHNSON ENT, INC	SU	\$38,764.88
BRENNAN, NIELSEN...LAW	SE	\$1,123.25	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$30,873.85
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$46.39	LANCASTER CO ENGINEERING	SE	\$36,587.40
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES INC	SU	\$105.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$33.99	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO INC	SE	\$119.28
CATTLE BANK & TRUST	SE	\$38.80	RUBBER INC	SU	\$1,087.78
DES MOINES STAMP MFG	SU	\$74.15	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	SE	\$616.57
E 911	SE	\$37,100.67	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$55.76
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$2,611.54	WALNUT CREEK REPAIR	SE	\$85.00
FARM & HOME PUBLISHERS	SU	\$1,250.00	GEHRING CONST & READY MIX	SU	\$18,966.59
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$1,649.70	SHARON HAMBEEK	SE	\$525.16
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$315.25	MERLES FLOWER SHOP INC	SE	\$95.53
GALLS LLC	SE	\$118.07	NE NAT GUARD MUSEUM	FE	\$86.00
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$28.00	NE RURAL RADIO ASSOC	FE	\$130.00

GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,488.85	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$1,322.31
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$561.00	CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY	FE	\$500.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$881.86	EAST HILLS INN & SUITES	TR	\$3,500.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,995.54	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$4,046.80
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$6,585.41	KIDWELL INC	EQ	\$1,935.00
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$43,134.53	STALKER RA	SE	\$148.00
NE ASSN EMERG MGMT	FE	\$50.00	AWARDS UNLIMITED, INC	SU	\$150.60
NE STATE BAR ASSOC	FE	\$301.50	GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	EQ	\$519.68
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$138.56	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$199.99
ORKIN LLC	SE	\$147.00	JONES BANK	SE	\$50.00
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$1,021.25	LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$343.04
SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$606.00	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$336.27
SEW CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$97,934.96	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$126.00
SEWARD CO TREASURER	SE	\$80.00	DEPT HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$4,433.60
SPORTS EXPRESS INC	SU	\$5.50	ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTNG	SE	\$115.00
ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,152.00	SALARIES		\$273,148.85
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,232.77	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$360.07	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
TWIN RIVERS HEALTH CARE	SE	\$90.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$1,123.88	DELTA DENTAL		
VISA	FE	\$2,472.36	VSP VISION		
VOSS LIGHTING	SU	\$388.30	WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with the Jana Hughes, newly elected State Senator for the 24th District on issues involving the county, attended the Four Corners Health District meeting, met with Matt Starkey about the county fleet vehicles, worked with HR on a personnel issue and checked with villages about funds available from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Commissioner Vrbka had no report but thanked the members of the Board during his tenure on the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Culver thanked Commissioner Vrbka for his work on the Board and reported he worked on a Seward/Saline Solid Waste issue, received comments about road issues, and met with Jana Hughes on legislative issues.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he didn’t have any meeting this week but the organizations he represents are preparing for the 2023 year.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he will attend the Seward City Council meeting this coming week.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to accept the 2nd quarter Investment Report from the Seward County Treasurer.

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

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3726 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

Resolution No. 3726 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

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

DESCRIP	CUSIP#	MARKET VALUE
SARPY CNTY NE SAN &IMPT	80377XDE1	\$ 150,000.00

Whereas: County deposits must be protected at all times.

Therefore, this County Board accepts the above security pledging by the Jones Bank as of 12/29/2022.

Moved by: Vrbka Seconded by: Zabrocki Dated: 01/03/2023
Ayes: Darrell Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Robert Vrbka,
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 Ahmic to accept the resignation of Tera Koetter who was elected Clerk of the District Court for the 2023-2026 term.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to appoint Sheila Lueders as Clerk of the District Court for the 2023-2026 term.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on infrastructure grants. She and Terry Wicht, Seward County Highway Supt., are meeting with an engineering firm to discuss infrastructure grants applicable for Seward County.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:10 a.m.

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

In regard to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds item on the agenda, Chris Shipley, representing the Village of Bee, was present to explain a lift station project for the Village of Bee. He stated the village is requesting County ARPA funds. Commissioner Ahmic asked several questions about the projects that Bee had mentioned previously. Shipley stated that the Village of Bee is willing to use their ARPA Funds for this project.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve ARPA funds \$133,861.21 for the Village of Bee for their Lift Station Renovation Project.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was in attendance to ask the Commissioners to approve a Task Order Agreement for a project near Beaver Crossing.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3727 in regard to approving a Task Order Agreement for Project BRO-7080(55) Beaver Crossing Southeast.

RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT –
BK2271

Seward County
Resolution No. 3727

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 Olsson, Inc. wish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to provide Environmental 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 Environmental Services agreement between Seward County, Nebraska and Olsson, Inc.

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7080(55)

NDOT Control Number: 13521

NDOT Project Description: Beaver Crossing Southeast

Adopted this 3rd day of January 2023 at Seward Nebraska.

Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Robert Vrbka, Darrell J. Zabrocki,
John K. Culver, Chair 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, County Clerk

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

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director was present to inform the Commissioners that the City of Milford would like to be included in the Interlocal for the Zuercher program. Because the Zuercher program is run via an interlocal, the Commissioners and other stakeholders will have to sign to approve it. Hatfield stated there would be no costs to the other stakeholders of the Interlocal and that the City of Milford would incur all costs associated with having the Zuercher program.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign Addendum # 1 adding the City of Milford as a party to the Interlocal Agreement for a Cooperative Public Safety Computer Program with Butler, Saline and York Counties and the Cities of Seward and York.

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, and Wicht were present to discuss a wage for a former employee who applied for a current job opening in the Road Dept. Sanchez said the person had voluntarily resigned in July of 2022.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to hire a former employee and to start at the last hourly wage of \$20.29, which was the wage he was earning when he left.

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

During the ARPA Funds item on the agenda, Ahmic led discussion and reported that she was asked questions by the county auditor about ARPA expenditures and recited some updates from the villages of Pleasant Dale, Utica, and Staplehurst. The County Attorney's Office is looking through the RFP for broadband for Seward County, but Ahmic suggested to have someone look through it that is familiar with Broadband issues. She stated that ARPA funds can be used to pay for this service.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 10, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 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 - Approve minutes of January 3, 2023
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

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9:00 a.m.

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2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
4. Discuss/Action – Appoint Office Liaisons, Make Committee Appointments, and Set Officials’ Deputies’ Wages
5. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of January 3, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
7. Discuss/Action - Commissioners Reports
8. Expenditure Intention for Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds
9. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
10. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
11. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 17, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Appoint Spirited Member for Seward County on the Four Corners Health District Board

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – 2022/2023 Yearly Reports for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture from the Seward County Weed Control Superintendent

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 10:24 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, 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 10th of January 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

January 10, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

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Present: Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, John Culver, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky
County Treasurer: Jacob Zlatkovsky

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 Equalization.

Zabrocki nominated Culver.

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

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

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

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

Zabrocki nominated Ahmic.

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

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

Jake Zlatkovsky, County Treasurer and Sherry Leising, Deputy County Treasurer, were present to request approval of requests for tax exemption by non-profits.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the following tax exemptions:

NAME	YEAR	VEHICLE	VIN #
ST PATRICK’S CHURCH	2005	CARRY-ON TRLR	4YMUL08165M024810
ST JOHN LUTHERAN	2017	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAZGMFG6H1191727
SCHOOL	2014	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAZGYFG8E1196656
	2011	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAZGYFG5B1131226

MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE	2018	NISSEN ALTIMA	1N4AL3AP8JC271693
	2013	DODGE PU W/SNOW BLADE	3C6LR5ATXDG4586109
	2016	CHEVROLET SILVERADO	1GCHK29U21E314767
	2011	DUMP TRAILER	4ZEDT1427B1079203
	2005	CARRY-ON TRAILER	NA
ST GREGORY THE GREAT	2009	FORD PICKUP	1FTSX21RX9EA51504
SEMINARY	2012	DODGE VAN	2C4RDGB8CR419688
	2005	CHRYSLER VAN	2C4GP54L75R460930
	2001	H & H TRLR	4J6US08151B031100
	2010	BMW X5	5UXFE4C56AL381460
MILFORD ASSEMBLY OF	2007	TURTLE TOP BUS	1GBJG31U461253106
GOD CHURCH	1995	PACE AMERICAN ENC TRLR	E5105A
ST VINCENT DE PAUL	2007	INTERNATIONAL BUS	4DRBUAAP37B348660
CHURCH	2017	FORD VAN	1FMZK1ZM0HKA98343
GREAT PLAINS	1999	FORD BUS	1FDWE30S8XHB45857
COMMUNITY CHURCH	2000	DODGE RAM VAN	2B5WB35Z8YK159364
GOOD SHEPHERD	1999	HAULMARK TRLR	16HCB1016XH056503
LUTHERAN CHURCH	2007	CARRY-ON CARGO TRLR	4YMCL12107G070354

Concordia University Vehicle Listing – 12/2023			
Year	Make	Type	VIN#
1996	Chevy	4WD Pickup	1GCGK24R2TZ216459
1999	Chevy	Venture	1GNDX03E7XD230052
2000	Chevy	Van	1GAHG39R2Y1165399
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
2014	Ram	Cargo Van	2C4JRGAG0ER202834
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: Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Marilyn Hladky, County Assessor, presented tax list corrections for the Commissioners review.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve Tax List Corrections # 381-22R, 392-22R, 383-22R, 384-22R, 385-22R, 386-22R, 387-22R, 388-22R, 389-22R, 191-22P, 192-21P, 193-22P.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Change of Valuation Notices for Brandon Luebbe.

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 24, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

- 1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Discuss/Action – Approve minutes of December 27, 2022
- 4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of January 10, 2023
- 5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

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

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 24th day of January 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

January 10, 2023
Seward County Board of Commissioners

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County of Seward) ss.

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County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

Affirmative vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, 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.

Zabrocki nominated Ahmic.

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

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding 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: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic, Culver Motion carried

2023 Commissioner Committees			
<u>Liaison to Co Offices</u>		<u>Commissioner Culver</u>	<u>Commissioner Zabrocki</u>
Aging Director	Hain	Agenda	BRIDGES Board Member
Assessor	Culver	Blue Valley Community Action Brd	City of Seward liaison
Attorney	Ahmic	Courthouse Closing	E911 Board Member
Bldg. & Grounds	Schmieding	Crete NE Joint Airport Zoning Brd	Fourth of July Committee
Clerk	Culver	E911 Board Member	SouthEast Nebraska Dev Dist
County Court	Culver	Local Emergency Planning(LEPC)	GA & CM Cases/Updates - Alt
Dist. Court	Culver	Safety Committee Board Member	Buildings & Grounds Liaison - Alt
E-911 Center	Zabrocki	Seward/Saline Solid Waste Mgmt Brd	Blue Valley Community Action - Alt
Emergency Manager	Culver	Lower Platte South Liaison - Alternate	Crete NE Joint Airport Zoning Brd-Alt
Extension Office	Schmieding		
Human Resources	Hain		
Highway Supt.	Hain/Culver	<u>Commissioner Ahmic</u>	<u>Commissioner Schmieding</u>
Probation	Zabrocki	CASA Board Member	Region V Mental Health Brd Member
Public Defender	Schmieding	Legislature	Seward Co Visitors Comm/Tourism
Sheriff (inc. jail)	Hain	Planning & Zoning Board Liaison	Southeast NE Dev. District - Alt
Surveyor	Culver	Seward County Chamber & Dev Part.	
Treasurer	Schmieding	Veterans Service Committee	
Veterans/Pub Transit	Ahmic	GA & CM Cases/Guideline updates	
Zoning/Weed	Ahmic	Region V alternate	
		Seward/Saline Solid Waste Mgmt Brd-Alt	
		Upper Big Blue Liaison - Alternate	
Board of Comm Chair	Culver	<u>Commissioner Hain</u>	<u>Entire Board Committees</u>
Vice Chair	Ahmic	Abandoned Cemeteries	Budget Authority & Budget/Finance
		Aging Services Commission Member	Hwy Dept. Equipment & Shops
Board of Equal Chair	Culver	Fair Board liaison	including Bridge & Personnel
Vice Chair	Ahmic	Four Corners Health Dept.	Insurance inc. NIRMA
		Lower Platte South NRD Liaison	One & Six Year Road Plan

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to set the hourly wage for the Deputy of the Assessor, Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and Treasurer for 2023 at \$31.54 per hour and the Deputy of Elections at \$29.57 per hour and in no event shall the annual wage of the deputy be less than \$53,300.00, 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 Attorneys at 80% and Deputy Public Defender at 80% of his/her respective official and no less than as per State Statute and to set the Special Deputy Attorney at 64% of the County Attorney's salary based on available funding.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of January 3, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Abstain: Hain

Motion Carried

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., and Sheriff Mike Vance updated the Commissioners on activities of their offices/department.

Melissa Grantski was present to discuss the request of closure of roads for the Big Blue Mile Shoot Out in 2023.

Sheriff Vance and Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., reported on any comments they had received from previous events.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the request to close 462nd Road for the Big Blue Mile Shoot Out event on June 2 & 3, 2023 with a contingent day of June 4, 2023 for a rain date.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Milford City Council meeting, updated the Commissioners on Broadband information, met with Staplehurst representative and state representatives about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), attended the retirement party for Bob Dahms, went to Clatonia to learn about Gage County's initiative about broadband, received an update from UNL about the Seward County Missile Base Silo project, had a call with BNSF about a railroad crossing, met with the Highway Supt. and Mark Mainelli about grants, attended an FCC webinar with NACO and SENDD, and read through legislative bills that have been introduced.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the Highway Supt., Asst. Highway Supt. and the County Surveyor on a road issue, met with various Road Dept employees introducing herself as a new Commissioner and attended the Utica Village Board meeting.

Commissioner Culver reported he also met with Highway Supt., Asst. Highway Supt. and County Surveyor on a road issue, is keeping track of new legislative bills and worked on the issue of road job descriptions. He stated he met with the Emergency Manager in regard to the tornado shelter and reviewed grant information about the Missile Base silo. He also said he went to the swearing-in ceremony for officials elected for the 2023-2026 term and reported on the Public Defender vacancy.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he met with the Treasurer's Office about their flooring project, attended the retirement party for Bob Dahms and a Region V meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the City of Seward Council meeting and Planning Commission meeting, attended the retirement party for Bob Dahms, the swearing-In ceremony, a NIRMA educational session and FCC broadband meeting via Zoom. He also received a 911 complaint.

Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator/Weed Supt., was present to request permission to approve her annual reports for the Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture.

There was discussion about funds budgeted for noxious weed control.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the 2022/2023 annual reports for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture from the Seward County Weed Control Superintendent.

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, was present to discuss modifications to the Highway and Assistant Highway Superintendent job descriptions. There was lengthy discussion about the changes proposed and the expectations of the personnel already in these job classifications. Grammar and other minor changes were requested and the final draft of the job descriptions will be on the agenda next week for approval.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, along with Jacob Jennings, presented the RFP for the Seward County Broadband project. They described the efforts they made in developing the RFP. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, questioned some of the wording in the RFP which was resolved.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Updated Draft of the Seward County Broadband RFP.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for December 2022 in the amount of \$12,300.50.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for October 2022 in the amount of \$1,163.00 and \$649.67.

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

Moved to Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for December 2022 in the amount of \$58,636.81.

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

The Commissioners talked about funds we have received from the Federal Government from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve to set aside \$100,000 of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds for broadband expenditures for Seward County.

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

Ahmic led discussion on the Infrastructure Related Grants agenda item. Ahmic stated she and Terry Wicht met with Mark Mainelli to talk about grants available. Projects from multiple counties can be “bundled” together for a grant. She said that current guidelines of the grant state that \$2.5 million is the minimum that can be asked for a grant. She said that we have probably 5-6 bridges that could qualify for a grant and would total over the minimum, so we wouldn’t have to bundle with another county. The grants are 80/20% match. There is a process that would need the County coming up with a plan in order to apply for a grant that would costs approximately \$250,000. The money would be for engineering costs in order to make a plan and it was suggested that APRA funds be used for it. It was stated that the villages have all been helped with County ARPA funds and no funds have been used for any large projects of the County.

On the ARPA agenda item, Ahmic gave information about an application for County ARPA funds from the Village of Cordova. They had originally received County ARPA Funds and because of inflation, they have requested an additional \$6,890.13.

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

9:00 a.m.

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Highway Supt. Request to go out for letting for Paving Projects C-80 (687) South of Goehner on 364th for 400 ft and C-80 (676) South of Milford on 238th Road to the County Line.

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 17th day of January 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

January 17, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on January 17, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on January 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the claims through the period of January 6, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JANUARY 6, 2023					
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,578.31	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$237.94
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	EQ	\$374.63	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$7,127.75
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$19.09	SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	SE	\$3,111.42
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$339.45	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,479.79
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$20,213.79	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$714.61
BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$695.39	UTICA BODY & PAINT	SE	\$400.00
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$360.00	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$89.95
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$407.13	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	EQ	\$2,965.03
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$9,639.13	VISA	FE	\$1,479.59
CLERK DIST COURT ASSOC	FE	\$125.00	WELLS FARGO FINAN LEAS	FE	\$198.15
CLERK OF THE DIST COURT	SE	\$576.00	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,105.13
CULLIGAN	SE	\$475.19	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$4,708.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,305.68	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$6,489.60
ENGINEERED CONTROLS	EQ	\$6,385.00	GRAINGER	SU	\$26.49
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	EQ	\$104.97	HAMPTON INN	TR	\$359.85
ESRI	SE	\$713.97	JEO CONSULTING GROUP	SE	\$572.50
KEARNEY HOSPITALITY	TR	\$1,919.20	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FE	\$83.00
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$2,268.13	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$13,989.36
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SU	\$313.82	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	EQ	\$848.69
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$130.40	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$206.28
HALL COUNTY COURT	SE	\$1.50	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$74.99
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$19.33	NMC, INC	FE	\$4,819.66
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$62.35	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$1,831.00
HERPOLSEIMERS	SE	\$810.78	POWERPLAN	EQ	\$3,596.81
KEARNEY INVESTMENT	SE	\$209.90	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$2,832.47
HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$752.98	RUBBER INC	SU	\$150.51
IHS PHARMACY	SU	\$326.61	TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	SE	\$130.58
INDOFF INC	SU	\$13.98	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$48.68
JONES BANK	SE	\$17.18	CHAPTERS BOOKS & GIFTS	SU	\$92.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,550.90	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING	SE	\$213.75
KONICA MINOLTA P F	SE	\$226.23	NE RURAL RADIO ASSOC	FE	\$130.00

LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$56.63	SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$72.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$130.00	JEANNE WIEMER	SE	\$129.00
RELX INC	SE	\$213.00	NIXON RESTAURANT & PROP	EQ	\$2,000.00
LOWER PLATTE WEED MGT	FE	\$200.00	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$9,756.25
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$63.43	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$137.50
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$538.05	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$96.00
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$126.00	MORGAN CAMPBELL	SE	\$256.97
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$3,264.40	ART ON DISPLAY	FE	\$920.00
MIDWEST CARD AND ID	EQ	\$1,067.05	BURMEVES LLC	EQ	\$4,500.00
VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$69.50
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,329.68	FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$7,924.93
NE ASSN CO ASSESSORS	FE	\$60.00	IDEMIA IDENTITY	EQ	\$354.09
NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$150.00	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$837.50
NE WEED CONTROL ASSN	FE	\$120.00	JR AUDIO	EQ	\$9,695.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$34.50	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	SE	\$78.44
ONESOURCE	SE	\$126.50	SEW CO SHERIFF JUSTICE FNDS	FE	\$16,625.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$25.35	STOP STICK LTD	EQ	\$575.00
PAC N SAVE	SU	\$971.26	STREET COP TRAINING	SE	\$225.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$135.00	TIMECLOCK PLUS, LLC	EQ	\$1,200.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$698.50	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR	EQ	\$2,275.00
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$340.77	TRANSUNION RISK AND ALT	FE	\$400.00
QUADIENT LEASING	FE	\$81.98	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	FE	\$324.19
REDIGER AUTOM	SE	\$70.49	REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$93.79
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$4,969.16	VIGILNET	SE	\$333.60
REGION V SYSTEMS	FE	\$11,638.00	ENCARTELE INC	EQ	\$2,759.81
RIXSTINE TROPHY	SU	\$22.80	SALARIES		\$293,687.16
SEW CO ASSESS REAPPRSL FND	FE	\$20,000.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD COUNTY COURT	SE	\$1,170.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$274.88	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	SE	\$18.50	DELTA DENTAL		
SEW CO SHRFF TREASURY FND	FE	\$10,000.00	VSP VISION		
SEW CO SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$142.00	WADDELL & REED		
SEWARD COUNTY TREASURER	SE	\$20.00			

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., updated the Commissioners on activities of his departments.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a meeting of the Broadband Task Force and a meeting with two other Commissioners on legislative issues. She worked on the Court Appointed Special Advocate non-profit organization and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Commissioner Hain reported she attended the Beaver Crossing Village Board meeting, met with the Deputy County Treasurer, attended the NACO New Commissioner meeting in Kearney, met with the Road Dept. foreman and Highway Supt.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with emails on various subjects, attended the Local Emergency Planning Commission meeting and will attend a Blue Valley Community Action and Seward/Saline Solid Waste Management meeting this week.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Extension Board Meeting and will go to the Visitor's Committee meeting in the afternoon. He noted he will be attending the Chamber of Commerce Banquet later this month representing the Visitors Committee.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he participated in a NIRMA Safety Zoom call, a Broadband Taskforce meeting and helped with a local Boy Scout troop.

The Commissioner recessed at 9:13 a.m.

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

The Commissioners discussed the appointments for the Four Corners Health District Board. Commissioner Hain led discussion that Jordan Folkers has agreed to be on the Board as the Seward County Spirited member. Jordan Folkers was present and gave information about himself.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to appoint Jordan Folkers as the Seward County Spirited Member on the Four Corners Health District Board for the 2023-2025 term.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to appoint Jillian Fickenscher as the Physician member on the Four Corners Health District Board for the 2023-2024 term.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver

Voting No: Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to appoint Elizabeth Papineau the Dentist member on the Four Corners Health District Board for the year 2023.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on the art display in the county buildings item on the agenda. She was contacted by a member of the Seward Arts Council and was asked if we would display a large piece of art in our county offices. She had a sample of it and said it was 12' x 9' and it is comprised of 12 different tiles. The Seward Arts Council said they would pay to hang it. Ahmic had looked for a space and said there was a wall in the Justice Center where half of it could be placed and the other half possibly in the courthouse. Schmieding asked what we would do if other artists would want to display art. Zabrocki asked that since this is a historical building, he did not feel the genre of art was appropriate. He also worried about the insurance in case there is damage. Ahmic replied that the Arts Council would insure it. She said we could take only ½ of it if that is what we want. Culver said he did not feel it belonged in the historical courthouse. Ahmic also said she felt it was a little dark and this would brighten it up. Hain stated she felt it would bring character to the building.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to display ½ of the artwork given by a member of the Arts Council in the Justice Center on the south wall of the 1st floor with the understanding that they will hang it and insure it.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding

Motion Carried

Voting No: Culver

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to discuss two Road Projects.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Highway Supt. to go out for letting for Paving Projects C-80 (687) South of Goehner on 364th for 400 Ft and C-80 (676) South of Milford on 238th Road to the County line.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Road Dept. credit card limit to be increased to \$25,000 for 60 days in order to bid on an air compressor on Purple Wave.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed updated Highway Superintendent and Assistant Highway Superintendent job descriptions. Carina Sanchez, HR Director, was present to give the latest edits from the discussion last week. Hain thanked Sanchez in her work in updating the new descriptions.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Ahmic to approve the new Highway Superintendent and the Assistant Highway Superintendent job descriptions.

Affirmative Vote: Culver, Ahmic, Schmieding, Hain

Voting No: Zabrocki

Motion Carried

The Commissioners talked about an employee who is requesting an increase in vacation accrual. Sanchez reported this employee was working extra due to a shortness of staff and that someone was on FMLA leave. Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to report that it was an extremely difficult to let someone off since they were four employees short. Schedules have been adjusted to help with this problem. There have been staff members out on Covid leave as well.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve the request for Detention Center Employee #0158 to increase a maximum vacation accrual limit for 6 months retroactive to 1/1/2023 and allow 160 hours of vacation.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3728 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

RESOLUTION NO. 3728 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CUSIP #</u>	<u>MARKET VALUE</u>
FHR 5188 LG	3137H5JT5	\$ 909,800.49
FHR 5206 PE	3137H6PZ2	\$ 888,136.23
FN CB1131	3140Q1HH2	\$ 931,333.68

WHEREAS, County deposits must be protected at all times.

THEREFORE, This County Board accepts the above security pledging by the Jones Bank as of 01/17/2023.

Dated this 17th day of January 2023.

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

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

Sheriff Mike Vance was present to request the Road Dept. mechanics help with preventative maintenance on patrol vehicles. He said it would save money and had already talked to the Road Dept. about it. Wicht said as long as the Sheriff's Office would pay for the filters and oil, they could do it. There would be a charge for the Road Dept. to do it and Wicht said he would have to talk to his mechanic to decide what the charge would be. It was questioned if the Road Dept. had time to do it. Actual costs will be decided and the Commissioners will discuss it at a later date.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3729 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities.

RESOLUTION NO. 3729 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank & Trust desires to withdraw the following securities:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CUSIP #</u>	<u>MARKET VALUE</u>
FHR 5194 PC	3137H5T31	\$ 1,830,258.58
FHR 5188 LG	3137H5JT	\$ 909,800.49
FHR 5206 PE	3137H6PZ2	\$ 888,136.23

WHEREAS: County will still be fully protected at all times.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved, the above withdrawal by the Jones Bank is approved by this County Board as of 01/17/2023.

Dated this 17th day of January 2023.

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

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3730 in regard to authorizing the Treasurer to invest funds for Seward County.

RESOLUTION NO. 3730 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to have surplus funds invested.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved, the Seward County Treasurer is given the authority to invest Seward County surplus funds within the parameters of the State Statutes; and the Seward County Treasurer is the Investment Officer of Seward County.

Dated this 17th day of January 2023.

Moved by: Ahmic

Seconded by: Zabrocki

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Marvin Havlat was present to discuss his address to be changed to Sunrise Road and not 175th Road. He stated that he has a business called Sunrise Native Seeds. Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, was present and stated no address can be given that is on a minimum maintenance road. The Commissioners informed Mr. Havlat that he would have to pay for bringing the minimum maintenance road up to standards if he wants to have his address listed at Sunrise Road.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:27 a.m.

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

Lindsay Swanson and other representatives of Windstream were in attendance to present an updated proposal to the Commissioners for a new phone system for Seward County. An individualized bill, costs per office and number of phones were discussed. Windstream was asked to get a current count of phones and report back.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded 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: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Culver Motion carried.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the following depositories for Seward County funds for 2023 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 (NFIT) both administered by Union Bank & Trust.

Affirmative vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Culver Motion carried.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain 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: Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to name the Seward County Independent and the Milford Times as the official newspapers for Seward County and sewardcountyne.gov as the official Seward County website.

Affirmative vote: Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion carried.

Discussion was held about Commissioner liaisons for the Road Department.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Schmieding to appoint Terry Wicht as the Seward County Highway Supt. for 2023 as per State Statute 39-1501 RSS 1943.

Affirmative vote: Culver, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic

Voting No: Hain

Motion carried.

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

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

During discussion on Infrastructure Related Grants, Ahmic stated she was waiting for the Hwy Supt. to select 5-6 bridges that would total at least \$2.5 million that could be included in the grant. Jon Regnier, Assistant Highway Supt., was present to give the information as to which bridges could be included in the grants.

During Disbursement of ARPA Funds item on the agenda, Ahmic gave information about funds given to villages and stated that there are multiple projects still waiting for bids. Sharon Powell from Utica was present to give information about the Village of Utica projects.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 24, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 27, 2022
4. Discuss/Action – Approve minutes of January 10, 2023
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 24, 2023 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 17, 2023

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 January 31, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Village of Staplehurst request for County ARPA Funds

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 11:31 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, 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 January 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

January 24, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on January 24, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on January 24, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
 Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
 County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
 County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky
 Deputy 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 Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of December 27, 2022.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver

Abstain: Hain

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve the tax exemption for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and School for a 2010 Ford Econoline Van VIN# 1FBSS3BL7ADB03264.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve Tax List Correction # 194-22P and 390-22R.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Change of Valuation Notices for 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 for Michael & Mary Chris Fiala.

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

Motion Carried

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on February 14, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of January 24, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 8:51 a.m.

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

Motion Carried

State of Nebraska)

County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 14th day of February 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

January 24, 2023
Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on January 24, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on January 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
 Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
 County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of January 17, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, and Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, updated the Commissioners on activities of their offices.

Eric Hofer, Building and Grounds Supt., was present to discuss the insurance reimbursement for hailstorm damage to a department pickup. Hofer stated the insurance company wanted to total the pickup but offered a slightly lesser amount if we were to keep the pickup and only have liability insurance. It was Hofer’s recommendation that we accept the lesser amount and keep the pickup.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the insurance reimbursement of \$4,583.00 for a 2000 Chevrolet 2500 pickup belonging to the Building and Grounds Dept. and have it insured for liability only.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:
Commissioner Ahmic reported she spent time reading newly introduced legislation and talked to the president of Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) about testifying at hearings. She attended a Legislative event for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) organization, discussed county closing procedures for the Public Transit Dept., met with Tim

Curtis and the Zoning Administrator about his address, had a sub-committee meeting with the Assessor and others about Zoning Issues, met with the Detention Center Director about requests from other counties for salary information, and attended a Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Hain reported she contacted the Sheriff and Detention Center Director about various issues, met with Road Dept. employees and their foremen, attended the State Fair Board event in Kearney, checked a road project and talked to a State Road Project Representative. She attended the Planning & Zoning meeting and talked to a Staplehurst representative about ARPA projects.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Blue Valley Community Action Board meeting, met with Road Dept. employees, attended a Solid Waste Management meeting, and received various correspondences.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Visitors Committee meeting and will meet with Extension Office personnel later in the week. He also stated he received comments about roads.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a 4th of July meeting, met with Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) representatives, participated in a NACO webinar, attended BRIDGES Board meeting, met with Road Dept. foremen and checked a road project.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, brought an agreement for the Commissioners consideration. She stated that money was received from a grant in regard to recidivism and substance abuse in jails. The cost of the program is \$12,000 with \$5,000 being paid from the grant money and the rest to be paid out of the Commissary Fund.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Wellbeing Initiative, Inc. for programming services at the Detention Center with \$5,000 being paid from the grant money and the rest to be paid out of the Commissary Fund.

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

Jake Zlatkovsky, County Treasurer, and Sherry Leising, Deputy County Treasurer, were present to give information about the Semi-Annual Report.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3731 in regard to accepting the County Treasurer’s Semi-Annual report.

RESOLUTION NO. 3731 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 in the County per State Law.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that it is noted the report for the period of time covering 07/01/2022 to 12/31/2022 was submitted. This County Board declines comment until audited by the County Auditor.

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by: Ahmic 01/24/2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chairman of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the County Clerk’s updated Schedule of Fees.

SEWARD COUNTY CLERK SCHEDULE OF FEES

COUNTY CLERK

Plat Books	\$ 30.00
Marriage License	\$ 25.00
Certified Copy of Marriage License	\$ 9.00
Photocopies	\$.25 per page
Photocopies Mailed	\$.50 per page
Photocopies Faxed	\$ 1.50 per page
Photocopies Emailed	\$ 1.50 per document
Written UCC and EFS Lien Searches	\$ 4.50

ELECTION COMMISSIONER

Certified Voter Card	\$ 3.00
List of Registered Voters – Hard Copy	\$.01 per name
List of Registered Voters – Digitally	\$ 5.00 per 500 names or part thereof
List of Registered Voters – Labels	\$ 7.50 per 500 or part thereof in addition to list cost

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Documentary Stamp Tax	\$ 2.25 per Thousand of Consideration
Instrument Filing Fee	\$ 10.00 1 st Page; \$6.00 additional page
Certified Copy of Instrument	\$ 1.50 per page
Certificate of Discharge (DD214)	No Fee
UCC and EFS	\$10.00 1 st page, \$0.50 additional page
UCC Continuation and Amendment	\$10.00 1 st page, \$0.50 additional page
UCC Terminations	No Fee
Federal Tax Lien	\$ 20.00
State Tax Lien	\$ 20.00
CD of Filed Documents	\$200.00/month

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

The Commissioners discussed the address for Tim Curtis at 750 and 766 Bamboo Trail. He had previously come to the Board and asked for a new address. At that time, zoning regulations did not provide for addresses to be changed. Since that time, regulations have now been changed. Ahmic, Deputy County Attorney, Barb Armstead and Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, visited with Mr. Curtis on the issue. After some discussion, Armstead gave the recommendation that at this point, since Mr. Curtis has changed his address with multiple agencies, and there wasn't a clear indication that he had *not* been told to use Bamboo Trail as an address, a resolution could be passed letting him use the address he requested.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at 10:04 a.m., it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

Culver restated that the reason for Executive Session was for a personnel issue.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to go out of Executive Session at 10:21 a.m.

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

Chairman Culver stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

Ahmic stated that next week, a resolution will be on the agenda in regard to the subject of Tim Curtis' address.

Sheriff Mike Vance was in attendance to discuss a contract with the Village of Pleasant Dale for law enforcement services.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Village of Pleasant Dale contract for law enforcement services.

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

The Commissioners discussed the First Amendment for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the Cordova Lift Station Project Agreement. Cordova has requested additional County ARPA funds for the completion of their Lift Station Project.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the First Amendment to the Cordova Life Station Agreement for Seward County ARPA Funds in the amount of \$6,890.13.

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

In regard to the Infrastructure Grants item on the agenda, Ahmic led discussion and said she had talked with the Highway Supt. who had a list of bridges that would qualify for the infrastructure grant. That information will be given to an engineer to look at. Ahmic stated that we need to get all the information ready because the deadline is in the Spring, and especially if we have to work with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Commissioner Ahmic also reported that no responses have been received for broadband grants. After talking to some of the companies, they feel they can get the grants themselves without going through the county. They could use the funds in areas that they want to instead of how we would direct them if they were to respond to our RFP. Correct data to show Seward County has broadband issues was discussed.

In regard to the ARPA item on the agenda, Commissioner Hain stated she had talked to the Village of Staplehurst representatives about a project. The project was financially large and they had been working with SENDD. They have now decided to ask for County ARPA funds for smaller projects. Ahmic stated she had talked to representatives from the Village of Pleasant Dale about their project.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 31, 2023 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 24, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through January 20, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Res. – Address of Tim Curtis for 750 and 766 Bamboo Trail
8. Discussion Only – Salary Analysis Study for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year
9. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
10. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
11. Discuss/Action – Executive Session - Personnel
12. Discuss/Action – Agenda for February 7, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Cullen Bauer/4th of July Committee - Request permission to hold the Craft Show on the 4th of July on the Courthouse Lawn and asking for the Restrooms to be Unlocked from 6 am to 6 pm

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 11:06 a.m.

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 31st day of January 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

January 31, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on January 31, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on January 31, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of January 24, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Sherry Schweitzer updated the Commissioners on a legislative hearing concerning Voter ID at which she will be testifying.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve claims through the period of January 20, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JANUARY 20, 2023					
ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	BRENT SCHLUCKEBIER	SE	\$3.76
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,569.15	SECRETARY OF STATE	FE	\$20.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$34.93	SEWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$35.81
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$19,968.75	SEW SHRF TREASURY FND	FE	\$130.54
BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$19.97	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$126.00
BERN'S BODY SHOP	SE	\$363.70	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTNG	SE	\$785.28
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$8,659.99	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,350.34
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$173.79	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	SE	\$360.07
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$46.39	US BANK EQUIP FIN	EQ	\$167.99
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$33.99	UTICA BODY & PAINT	SE	\$400.00
COBBLESTONE HOTEL	TR	\$115.42	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$1,079.32
COMFORT INN	TR	\$109.95	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	FE	\$20.00
CONTINUUM	FE	\$3,400.00	VISA	FE	\$1,873.03
CUMMINS SALES	EQ	\$604.06	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,057.46
JACK DANIEL	SE	\$28.76	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$1,181.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$174.48	ALL ROAD BARRICADES	EQ	\$51.45
EGAN SUPPLY CO	SU	\$59.50	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$3,239.46
JENNIFER EICKHOFF	SE	\$28.16	GREGORY DUNLAP	SE	\$1,363.00
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$12,071.37	HYDRAULIC EQUIP	SU	\$14.02
FEHLHAFERS INC	SE	\$75.00	BRIAN & BRUCE IHDE	SE	\$882.45
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$32.00	INTERSTATE POWER SYS	EQ	\$2,684.68
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,488.85	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$25,507.87
HALL COUNTY COURT	SE	\$3.00	CHAD KOEHLER	SE	\$460.00
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$460.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$70.00	NE ASSN CO ENG/HWY SUP	FE	\$110.00
KEARNEY INVEST CORP	SE	\$129.95	ROSE EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$4,500.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$212.17	JERREL ROTH	SE	\$996.25
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,297.07	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	SU	\$923.87

RYAN KRENK	SE	\$16.26	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$770.65
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$1,134.41	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$57.68
LAW ENF RISK MGMT GRP	FE	\$150.00	GROW NEBRASKA	FE	\$129.00
LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$853.18	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$1,749.60
STEPHANIE LUEBBE	SE	\$11.26	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$2,061.80
MARLIN MATULKA	SE	\$45.50	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$1,675.00
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$72.09	TRUCK VAULT INC	EQ	\$2,715.60
SUE MEDINGER	SE	\$11.26	ART ON DISPLAY	FE	\$1,660.00
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$405.75	A1 AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$3,735.07
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$954.12	BLUE TO GOLD LLC	FE	\$895.00
MID STATES ORGAN CRIME	FE	\$150.00	GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SU	\$272.40
MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$17.29	HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$188.55
MIPS INC	SE	\$122.20	QUINTEN JORDAN	SE	\$800.00
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$605.31	MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$220.22
KRYSTEL NABER	SE	\$17.92	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$888.00
NEBRASKA DEP OF AG	FE	\$90.00	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$352.55
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$411.00	CONNIE LANGUEIN	SE	\$50.00
NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL	FE	\$120.00	ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$704.00
DALE NIEMANN	SE	\$6.25	SALARIES		\$289,817.02
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$56.92	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SCOTT PEKAREK	SE	\$13.76	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$132.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
RADIOLOGY ASSOC	SE	\$94.48	DELTA DENTAL		
REGION V SYSTEMS	FE	\$5,136.00	VSP VISION		
ZOE RICHERT	SE	\$8.75	WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she has kept up on Legislative activity, attended a webinar for CASA, attended an Early Childcare Education Task Force for Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), and attended a Broadband task force meeting.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the Sheriff's Office employees, the County Clerk and Four Corners representatives on various matters. She reported she received calls about road conditions, had meetings with HR and attended a Road Foremen meeting.

Culleen Bauer, representing the 4th of July Committee, was present to request use of the Courthouse lawn on the 4th of July.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve using the Courthouse Lawn on the 4th of July for the craft show and to have the restrooms unlocked from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

Commissioners Reports (Cont.):

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a 911 Board meeting, met with Clerk of the District Court and Bailiff on various matters, and received various correspondences.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Chamber of Commerce Banquet and the Visitors Committee meeting. He also was in contact with the Extension personnel, the City of Seward Tree Board officials and the Upper Big Blue NRD about a tree planting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) Board meeting, a 911 Board meeting, a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) meeting and received a call from the local probation Office in regard to possible legislative changes. He also reported on a Broadband Task Force meeting.

County Treasurer, Jake Zlatkovsky and Deputy County Treasurer, Sherry Leising were present to explain the tax sale process.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3732 in regard to the steps for the tax sale.

Resolution # 3732 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 2023 and certain classes of IOLL's.
- d. A public tax sale will be held the first Monday in March which is 3/6/2023, on all unpaid taxes and specials.
- e. On or before April 1st 2023, the County Treasurer will present to the Board a listing of taxes and specials sold along with those remaining unsold. This will be the certification of the tax sale.
- 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, will direct the Treasurer to write the unsold taxes in the name of the County using a date of 4/1/2023 to 4/15/2023.
- h. The Board also directs the County Attorney to foreclose on those taxes which have been three or more years 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 2023.
- 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.

Moved by: Hain Seconded by: Schmieding 01/31/2023

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to accept the List of Delinquent Taxes and Special Assessments for advertisement from the Seward County Treasurer.

ADVERTISING LIST FOR PUBLIC SALE SEWARD COUNTY

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING:

LOTS AND TRACTS OF LAND IN SEWARD COUNTY, SAID PUBLIC SALE WILL COMMENCE THE FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH (03/06/2023) BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9A.M AND 4 P.M., EXCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE UNTIL ALL TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LISTED ON THIS ADVERTISING LIST HAVE BEEN OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC. INTEREST, ADVERTISING, AND OTHER RELATED COSTS WILL BE ADDED AT THE TIME OF THE PURCHASE OF TAXES AND, OR SPECIALS.

ON THOSE PROPERTIES, UPON WHICH A PREVIOUS COUNTY TAX SALE CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN WRITTEN, THE COUNTY CERTIFICATE MAY BE PURCHASED. THOSE
PROPERTIES WHICH WOULD FALL UNDER THE REGULATIONS FOUND IN SECTION 362 OF THE US BANKRUPTCY CODE HAVE BEEN OMITTED FROM THE ADVERTISING LIST, AND/OR OTHER EXCEPTIONS AS DETERMINED BY LAW

THE AMOUNTS ARE AS THURSDAY AT 5P.M., PRIOR TO PUBLICATION, THE AMOUNTS ARE EXCLUSIVE OF ACCURED INTEREST AND OTHER RELATED COSTS ON * ONE SIDE INDICATES SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ON THE PROPERTY TAX SALE MARCH 6,2023

DISTRICT	PARCEL	MULTIYEAR	LEGAL	TOTALDUE
SEWARD	800039246	1/2	SEWARD 21-11-3 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 #TL 207 4.21 AC	\$3,332.37
SEWARD	800073282	1	SEWARD ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 10 #LOTS 1 & 4 - TL 39	\$701.80
SEWARD	800073495	1	SEWARD ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 10 LOT 12 & TL 21	\$1,680.74
SEWARD	800076885	1	SEWARD BOYES & SOUTH SEWARD ADD BLK 2 LT 1 ADMN RPLT LTS 9 & 12	\$1,545.70
SEWARD	800077148	1/2	SEWARD CANNON ADDITION BLOCK 2 LOT 5~	\$1,251.95
SEWARD	800087739	1	SEWARD HUGHES ADDITION BLOCK 2 LOT 4 & S 107' LOT 5	\$981.66
SEWARD	800090012	1	SEWARD MARY R SPEAR'S ADDITION BLOCK 4 LOT 17	\$720.30
SEWARD	800092678	1	SEWARD SUNNYSIDE ADDITION BLOCK 1 S 194' LOT 2~	\$875.64
SEWARD	800093593	1	SEWARD 21-11-3 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 TL 224 .248 AC	\$2,757.40
SEWARD	800100409	1	SEWARD COUNTRY CLUB ADDITION BLOCK 1 LOT 3	\$6,755.58
SEWARD	800102991	1	SEWARD SOUTHCREST SUBDIVISION PARCEL 1 IN LOTS 3 & 4	\$8,153.88
SEWARD	800208366	1	SEWARD HM&R ADD BLK 35 LOT A ADMIN REPLAT OF LOTS 4-9	\$1,059.10
BC	800046870	1	BEAVER CROSSING ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 4 LOTS 16 & 17	\$570.36
BC	800046900	1	BEAVER CROSSING ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOTS 6-7 & #LOTS 4-5	\$198.08
BC	800047001	1	BEAVER CROSSING ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 6 LOTS 6-7	\$1,372.86
BC	800047087	2022-46 1/2	BEAVER CROSSING ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 6 W 37 1/2' TLS 31-32	\$173.69
BC	800047354	2021-043 1/2	BEAVER CROSSING MRS ROSS NICHOLS' SUBD OF BLK 9 O T LTS 11 -12	\$318.76
BC	800047788	1	BEAVER CROSSING DIMERY'S 2ND ADD BLK 18 LT 1 & N 26' LT 2	\$1,910.76
BC	800048091	1	BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BLK 2 LTS 3-4 & N 10' LT 5	\$132.32
BC	800048660	1	BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BLK 9 LT 2	\$173.04
BC	800216083	1	BEAVER CROSSING PIONEER TOWNSITE BLK 10 TRACT III REPLAT OF LT 1	\$487.34
BC	800228955	1	BEAVER CROSSING DIMERY'S 2ND ADD BLK 18 S 22' LOT 2 & N 13' LT 3	\$36.38
BEE	800050541	1	BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOTS 1-6	\$833.10
BEE	800050681	1/2	BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 7 LOTS 1-3	\$231.20
BEE	800051084	1	BEE ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 11 LOTS 15-17	\$486.56
BEE	800105230	1/2	BEE 14-12-3 SW 1/4 #TL 44, .13 AC	\$30.07
BEE	800231215	1	BEE DUFFEK SUBDIVISION LOT A .20 AC	\$923.76
CORDOVA	800052064	1	CORDOVA ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 6 LOTS 17-20	\$534.52
CORDOVA	800059905	1	CORDOVA ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 8 LOT 8 & S 1/2 LOT 9	\$74.68
GOEHNER	800054466	1	GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 2 LOTS 10-11	\$941.02
GOEHNER	800054679	2022-0421/2	GOEHNER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 5 LOT 10	\$154.32
GOEHNER	800102649	1	GOEHNER 17-10-2 #WRHSE LT 1, ALL 2 & W 24'OF LT 3,OLD DP AREA , 1.61 AC	\$1,189.00
MILFORD	800062523	1	MILFORD D & C ADDITION BLOCK F LOTS 21-22	\$1,347.96
MILFORD	800062760	1	MILFORD D & C ADDITION BLOCK H LOT 12	\$1,019.00
MILFORD	800063430	1/2	MILFORD JOHNSON'S 2ND ADDITION BLK 1 LT 6, S 35' LT 5 & N 40' LT 7	\$1,707.75
MILFORD	800063732	1	MILFORD LAUNE'S ADDITION BLOCK 2 LOTS 3-4	\$1,293.68
MILFORD	800066146	1	MILFORD SWEASEY'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 8 LOT 4 & E 1/2 LT 5	\$2,659.18
PDAL	800002725	1/2	PLEASANT DALE 35-10-4 #NE 1/4 SE 1/4 10.37 AC	\$1,384.95
PDAL	800057384	1/2	PLEASANT DALE VAN ANDEL'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 3 LOT 3	\$1,076.19
STAPLEH	800057457	1/2	STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 4 LOT 6 & W 1/2 LOT 5	\$648.66
STAPLEH	800057589	2021-063 1	STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 6 LOTS 5-7 & W 67' LOTS 8-10	\$339.38
STAPLEH	800057597	1	STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 6 E 75' LOTS 8-10	\$654.74
STAPLEH	800058038	1/2	STAPLEHURST ORIG TWN BLK 12 S 1/2 W 30' LT 5 & S1/2 LT 6 (TAX LOT 26)	\$493.74
STAPLEH	800058119	1	STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 LOT 11	\$577.18
STAPLEH	800058143	1	STAPLEHURST ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 W 1/2 LOT 12 OR TLS 16-17	\$477.24
UTICA	800068807	2022-0381/2	UTICA UTICA ADDITION BLOCK 17 E 1/2 LOT 8	\$290.14
UTICA	800068823	1/2	UTICA UTICA ADDITION BLOCK 17 E 1/2 LOT 9 OR TL 23 & W 1/2 LT 10	\$482.08
UTICA	800068831	2022-0441/2	UTICA UTICA ADDITION BLOCK 17 W 1/2 LOT 9 OR TL 24	\$210.90
UTICA	800069641	1/2	UTICA WRIGHT'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 29 LOT 6 & W 20' LOT 5	\$719.85
UTICA	800071638	1	UTICA 30-11-1 MANWEILER'S SUBDIV IN SE 1/4 LOT 9 1 AC	\$1,029.52
P	800231345	1	16-9-4 #W 1/2 SW 1/4 26.6 AC	\$3,547.76
P	800022130	1/2	35-9-4 E 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 20 AC	\$2,403.85
P	800022270	1	36-9-4 TRACT IN SW 1/4 NW 1/4 4.10 AC	\$571.10
P	800228015	1	24-9-4 #E 1/2 NE 1/4 64.51 AC	\$2,059.98
P	800228750	1/2	35-9-4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 & W 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 60 AC	\$673.99
O	800015932	1/2	1-9-3 TL 28 S OF RIVER NW 1/4 SW 1/4 2.74 AC	\$91.11
O	800018788	1/2	27-9-3 #S 1/2 W 1/2 SW 1/4 21 AC	\$1,617.15
GROVER	800055764	1/2	GROVER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 LOTS 1-6	\$17.61
GROVER	800055772	1/2	GROVER ORIGINAL TOWN BLOCK 12 LOTS 7-18	\$428.26
GROVER	800055950	1/2	GROVER FIRST ADDITION BLOCK 5 LOTS 1-12	\$28.89
GROVER	800055977	1/2	GROVER FIRST ADDITION BLOCK 7 LOTS 1-6	\$17.61
GROVER	800056000	1/2	GROVER FIRST ADDITION ALL BLOCK 8 & ADJ VAC ST	\$54.72
O	800251415	1/2	11-9-3 THORNRIDGE WEST ADDITION IN NW 1/4 LOT 2	\$2,710.98
J	800004663	1	21-10-3 TRACT IN SE 1/4 SW 1/4 5 AC	\$3,015.50
J	800216105	1	27-10-3 NELY COR NE 1/4 NE 1/4 10.26 AC	\$763.02
P	800020189	1/2	7-9-4 #SW 1/4 152.16 AC	\$5,536.95
P	800227535	1/2	7-9-4 #W 1/2 W 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 2.49 AC	\$648.74
I	800001648	1	22-10-4 S 1/2 SE 1/4 80 AC	\$4,712.58
I	800002679	1/2	35-10-4 #S 1/2 NE 1/4 61.52 AC	\$2,550.51
I	800002849	1/2	36-10-4 #SW1/4 NW1/4 & #SE1/4 NW1/4,133.43 AC	\$2,469.30
P	800019644	1	2-9-4 NE4 NW4 & #S2 NW4 & #SW4 NE4,#S2 NW4 & #SW4 NE4,143.04 AC	\$4,854.82
I	800099354	1/2	26-10-4 #E 1/2 SE 1/4 72.48 AC	\$1,048.43
I	800229615	1/2	35-10-4 #N 1/2 NE 1/4 54.56 AC	\$1,443.47
B	800025334	1	19-12-3 TRACT IN SE 1/4 SE 1/4 4.53 AC	\$3,557.02
B	800025865	1	29-12-3 S 1/2 NW 1/4 80 AC	\$2,892.28
B	800025938	1	30-12-3 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 40 AC	\$2,290.90
C	800028929	1	35-12-2 TRACT 160' X 140.72' IN NW 1/4 NE 1/4 .52 AC	\$1,050.12
G	800039947	1	27-11-3 PEKAREK SUBDIVISION IN W 1/2 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 5.25 AC	\$2,306.84
TAMORA	800059204	1	TAMORA DAILEY'S ADD & ORIGINAL TOWN BLK 14 LOTS 9-12	\$79.16
TAMORA	800059212	2022-057-1	TAMORA DAILEY'S ADD & ORIG TWN BLK 14 N 30' LOT 13 OR TL 22	\$4.64

TAMORA	800059301	1	TAMORA	MOWRY'S & ORIGINAL TOWN BLK 16 LTS 1-6	\$481.62
TAMORA	800059670	1	TAMORA	29-11-2 #TL 7 IN SW 1/4 & 1/2 ADJ VAC ALLEY~	\$46.62
TAMORA	800108132	1/2	TAMORA	29-11-2 E 1/2 OF N120' OF TAX LOT 30 IN SW 1/4	\$307.14
TAMORA	800208307	1	TAMORA	DAILEY'S 2ND ADDITION BLOCK 2 N 120' OF S 254.9'	\$51.40
TAMORA	800209567	2022-056-1/2	TAMORA	DAILEY'S ADD & ORIGINAL TOWN BLK 13 LT 13	\$36.70
C	800224272	1/2	32-12-2	#N 1/2 W 1/2 W 1/2 NW 1/4 10.01 AC	\$1,619.72
G	800231235	1	34-11-3	JARECKI ADDITION IN S 1/2 SE 1/4 LOT 2 10.01 AC	\$1,903.80
J	800003179	1	4-10-3	TRACT IN NW 1/4 SE 1/4 1.53 AC	\$533.44
J	800003918	1/2	13-10-3	N 495' OF E 440' OF W 1199' OF NW 1/4 NE 1/4 5 AC	\$1,533.39
H	800103793	1	16-11-4	#E 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 12.80 AC	\$1,290.72
H	800208145	1/2	32-11-4	#N 1/2 NE 1/4 & #N 1/2 N 1/2 S 1/2 NE 1/4 40.83 AC	\$502.72
M	800012070	1	18-9-1	#E 1/2 SE 1/4 20.04 AC	\$1,052.20
L	800008758	1	10-10-1	#SE 1/4 NE 1/4 1.52 AC	\$472.64
C	800028473	1/2	30-12-2	#S 1/2 E 1/2 SW 1/4 22.54 AC	\$943.55
L	800216199	1	8-10-1	#S 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 11.28 AC	\$3,511.40
M	800012313	1	22-9-1	N 1/2 SW 1/4 & #NW 1/4 238.5 AC	\$11,502.30
					TOTAL \$136,236.73
SPECIAL					
UTICA	800068807		UTICA	ADDITION BLOCK 17 E1/2 LOT8	\$978.24
UTICA	800068831		UTICA	ADDITION BLOCK 17 W1/2 LOT 9 OR TL 24	\$978.24
MILFORD	800064356		LAUNE'S	3RD ADD BLK5,LTS 5-6 & E 1/2 LOT 7, MILFORD	\$50.93
					TOTALS \$138,244.14

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

Matt Starkey, Veterans Service Officer and Public Transit Director brought two agreements for the Commissioners to approve.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to accept the Updated Seward County Public Transit ADA Plan.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Updated Seward County Public Transit Title VI Plan.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt. was present to ask the Commissioners sign a lease for a skid loader.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign a 1 Year lease for a Skid Loader with Arvest Equipment Finance for \$8,150.00 with a start date of 1/13/2023 and end date of 1/13/2024.

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

The Commissioners talked about the resolution to a situation for Tim Curtis. He had requested a new address in 2021. Although the Commissioners didn't approve it, the Zoning Administrator notified other entities such as the post office that the Commissioners had approved it.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3733 in regard to allowing Tim Curtis to use Bamboo Trail as his address.

RESOLUTION NO. 3733 SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the street address for the properties located in Section 32 Township 10 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m. taking access off of 210th Road were assigned the street address of "766 - 210th Road," with each residence being assigned a separate unit number as follows:

(766): 766- 210th Road, Unit 10, Milford, Nebraska

(750): 766- 210th Road, Unit 20, Milford, Nebraska

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2021, the current property owners of the residences at those addresses requested that the Seward County Board of Commissioners ("Board") rename the addresses to "Bamboo Trail"; however, the Board took no action on the request;

WHEREAS, on or about February 2, 2022, the Seward County E-911 Center and the Seward County Assessor were erroneously notified by the Seward County Zoning Administrator that the street name to the above properties had been changed to "Bamboo Trail," with each address being assigned a number:

766- 210th Road, Unit 10, was changed to 766 Bamboo Trail,
Milford, Nebraska

766- 210th Road, Unit 20, was changed to 750 Bamboo Trail,
Milford, Nebraska

WHEREAS, the E911 Center and Seward County Assessor updated the addresses accordingly and modified their records to reflect the Bamboo Trail addresses, and have been utilizing them since that time;

WHEREAS, in approximately March 2022, the owner(s) of the above properties notified the United States Postal Service of the above address reassignments. USPS changed the addresses without notification from the proper authorities and have been utilizing the new addresses;

WHEREAS, the property owners have changed all of their personal and official correspondence and documentation to the Bamboo Trail addresses, and have mapped the Bamboo Trail address to Google;

WHEREAS, given the period of time during which these addresses have been used in official capacities and because a portion of the change was made due to the actions of an official with Seward County, although erroneously, Seward County recognizes that it would be burdensome to and cause undue confusion and expense to revert to the prior 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, Seward County recognizes that it would be burdensome and cause undue confusion and expense 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 in Section 32 Township 10 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m. previously named 766 - 210th Road, as Bamboo 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:

766- 210th Road, Unit 10, is now 766 Bamboo Trail, Milford, Nebraska

766- 210th Road, Unit 20, is now 750 Bamboo Trail, Milford, Nebraska

DATED THIS 31st day of January, 2023.

Moved by: Ahmic

Seconded b: Zabrocki

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Roxanne Knutson, Assistant HR Director, was present to discuss assigning a commissioner appointee as a member to the Grievance Board. According to the Personnel Policy, the commissioner appoints a member to the Grievance Board followed by a representative appointed by the department heads and then the employees appoint two members. The Commissioners discussed several suggestions.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to appoint Spencer Conradt as the Board's appointee to the Grievance Board until June 2023.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed the Salary Analysis Study for the 2023-2024 agenda item. HR Director, Carina Sanchez and Knutson were in attendance. Culver suggested making a small advisory committee to find data for the analysis. He said getting data for those who did not get a wage increase like some departments did last year should be considered first. Knutson said they have already requested data from seven counties for those positions. She said that since it takes time to organize a committee and set parameters for it, maybe the data HR is collecting would work for now. Knutson said it has roughly 40 positions that were not looked at last year. She stated she hoped the \$2.00 raise would have helped somewhat with the salaries for those positions. Ahmic suggested to also have HR put some work into what would be the *annual* raise for 2023-2024 and reported on a response from NACO about a survey for all county positions for Nebraska.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by for Schmieding to go into Executive Session at 10:04 a.m. for personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation(s) of the individual.

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

The Chairman reiterated that the reason for the Executive Session was for personnel.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to go out of Executive Session at 10:49 a.m.

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

The Chairman stated that during Executive Session, no action was taken.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to go into Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. for personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation(s) of the individual.

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

The Chairman reiterated that the reason for Executive Session was for personnel.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to come out of Executive Session at 12:20 p.m.

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

The Chairman stated that during Executive Session, no action was taken.

Maria Hatfield and Sanchez presented information about the temporary part time Correction Officer Position item on the agenda. Sanchez stated a former employee wanted to be employed part time to help with the Detention Center since they are 4 employees short.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to allow for the hire of a Correctional Officer for less than 20 hours and the person would start at the starting wage for that position.

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

Sheriff Vance was present to update the Commissioners on the Task Force Operations since Vance first started office. He gave statistics such as amount of drugs confiscated, stolen cars recovered, firearms recovered, currency seizures, etc. He gave information on the problems they see currently and stated the total monetary impact on organized crime was valued at \$43,338,310.

The Commissioners recessed at 12:37 p.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 12:42 p.m.

The Commissioners discussed the snow removal item on the agenda. Commissioner Hain stated she was contacted by a school board member about bus routes and when roads are being plowed. She stated that the school supts. have, in previous years, met with the Highway Supt. about bad weather so they can communicate about school closings. Ahmic stated that there should be communication every year about bus routes since every year they change. Anthony Luebbe stated if bus routes are plowed first, then other main roads that are busy but not a bus route will be plowed later. A meeting will be set up between the parties in the near future that will enable better communication.

The Commissioners then discussed the National Opioid Settlement on the agenda. Deputy County Attorney, Barb Armstead led discussion and gave information on it.

In regard to Infrastructure related grants, Ahmic stated she and the Highway Supt. are going to an engineer's office to discuss the bridge projects that can be part of grants. Information was also given about grants for broadband.

In regard to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), no new request was received from a local entity for County ARPA Funds.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on February 7, 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 January 31, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

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 February 14, 2023

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 1:12 p.m.

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

State of Nebraska)

County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 7th day of February 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

February 7, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on February 7, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on February 7, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Lauri Sherman, Executive Director of BRIDGES, updated the Commissioners on their activities this month.

Those officials who updated the Commissioners on the activities of their office were Kathy Ruzicka, Ann Dobesh, Brittney Emerson, Carrie Gottschalk and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of January 31, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic helped the Highway Supt. connect to a person that can help with tree trimming, watched Legislative hearings, attended the NIRMA Roundtable webinar, met with representatives of Maenelli Wagner & Associates with the Highway Supt., and received calls from constituents.

Commissioner Hain reported she checked out a road project on Bluff Road regarding trees, met with Road Dept. personnel during meeting, met with the Highway Supt and foremen and three school supts. She also is doing research on the County Safety Manual in regard to safety vests, etc. and she participated in a Zoom session with NIRMA and Continuum'.

Commissioner Culver reported he met with a Dept. head on legislative issues, gave information about some bills in the legislature, worked with our IT representative on a phone system proposal and a new panic button system, and will attend a meeting with auditors this coming week.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he met with the HR Director on a county matter, checked out some road conditions and has an Extension Board meeting this Wednesday. He also mentioned updates for the Arbor Day celebration.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the NIRMA Roundtable webinar, spent time with the Asst. Road Supt., checked on a road matter involving trees, attended a Highway Dept. Meeting, and will attend a Seward City Council meeting this evening.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to ask the Board to consider an agreement for a road project.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3734 in regard to authorizing the Chairman to sign the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Project BRO-7748 (1) Beaver Crossing Southeast for an increase of costs in the amount of \$2,541.68.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to amend the previous motion to include the total amount of the project now being \$160,264.62.

Affirmative Vote on the amendment: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT – BK1704
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1

SEWARD COUNTY
Resolution No. 3734

Whereas: Seward County and JEO Consulting Group, Inc. 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, Inc. 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. 1 between Seward County and JEO Consulting Group, 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 7th day of February 2023 at Seward Nebraska.

Ayes: Raegan Hain, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell J. Zabrocki,

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Board/Council Member Hain
Moved the Adoption of said resolution
Member Zabrocki 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 on the motion as amended: Hain, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver
Motion Carried

The Sheriff Fee Report for November 2022 will be on the agenda next week.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk's Fee Report for January 2023 in the amount of \$50,028.55.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for January 2023 in the amount of \$30,621.13.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman sign the Compliance letter for the Seward County 2021-2022 Audit.

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

Clark Kolterman, Chairman of the Seward County Visitors Bureau presented information on the organization and how they promote Seward County for visitors with advertising and grants for local businesses/organizations.

Commissioner Hain led discussion on the letter of Support for Civic & Community Center Financing Fund Grant. Hain said this was for the Village of Staplehurst is going to apply for a grant for a Recreation Center and has asked for a letter of support.

Commissioners discussed the letter of support.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve signing a letter of support for a Civic & Community Center Financing Fund (CCCFF) Grant for a recreation center for the Village of Staplehurst.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:57 a.m.

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

Lindsay Swanson and Scott Barnett of Windstream were present to give an updated proposal for a new updated phone system.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Corrective Action Plan for the Seward County 2021-2022 Fiscal Year audit.

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

The Commissioners discussed addressing for Bamboo Trail. Ahmic led discussion that in a previous resolution adopted last week, the numbering system for an address was incorrect. Due to that, a resolution needs to be adopted amending the previous resolution.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3735 in regard to amending Resolution No. 3733 pertaining to an address change.

RESOLUTION NO. 3735
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2023, the Seward County Board of Commissioners passed Resolution No. 3733 regarding renaming a portion of 210th Road to Bamboo Trail;

WHEREAS, due to a numbering error in the unit numbers, Resolution 3733 needs to be amended;

WHEREAS, this Amended Resolution No. 3735 replaces Resolution No. 3733 in its entirety;

WHEREAS, the street address for the properties located in Section 32 Township 10 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m. taking access off of 210th Road were assigned the street address of "766 - 210th Road," with each residence being assigned a separate unit number as follows:

766- 210th Road, Unit 10, Milford, Nebraska
766- 210th Road, Unit 20, Milford, Nebraska

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2021, the current property owners of the residences at those addresses requested that the Seward County Board of Commissioners ("Board") rename the addresses to "Bamboo Trail"; however, the Board took no action on the request;

WHEREAS, on or about February 2, 2022, the Seward County E-911 Center and the Seward County Assessor were erroneously notified by the Seward County Zoning Administrator that the street name to the above properties had been changed to "Bamboo Trail," with each address being assigned a number:

766- 210th Road, Unit 10, was changed to 750 Bamboo Trail, Milford, Nebraska
766- 210th Road, Unit 20, was changed to 766 Bamboo Trail, Milford, Nebraska

WHEREAS, the E911 Center and Seward County Assessor updated the addresses accordingly and modified their records to reflect the Bamboo Trail addresses, and have been utilizing them since that time;

WHEREAS, in approximately March 2022, the owner(s) of the above properties notified the United States Postal Service of the above address reassignments. USPS changed the addresses without notification from the proper authorities and has been utilizing the new addresses;

WHEREAS, the property owners have changed all of their personal and official correspondence and documentation to the Bamboo Trail addresses, and have mapped the Bamboo Trail address to Google;

WHEREAS, given the period of time during which these addresses have been used in official capacities and because a portion of the change was made due to the actions of an official with Seward County, although erroneously, Seward County recognizes that it would be burdensome to and cause undue confusion and expense to revert to the prior 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, Seward County recognizes that it would be burdensome to and cause undue confusion and expense 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 in Section 32 Township 10 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m. previously named 766 - 210th Road, as Bamboo 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:

766 210th Road, Unit 10, is now 750 Bamboo Trail, Milford, Nebraska
766 210th Road, Unit 20, is now 766 Bamboo Trail, Milford, Nebraska

DATED THIS 7th day of February 2023.

Moved by: Zabrocki

Seconded by: Ahmic

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

In regard to the Infrastructure Related Grants, Ahmic stated she and the Highway Supt. worked together and did find grant(s) available. She stated there were bridges that were identified that would be good projects for these grants. There is one bridge that is on the Seward/Butler County line that needs to be replaced and could be a project for a grant. Ahmic also talked about the Broadband RFP that was recently issued and said only one company responded to it.

During the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) discussion, Ahmic said she talked to a Pleasant Dale representative and will hear back from them soon. They are about ready to open bids and will get on the Commissioners agenda after that time to ask for County ARPA funds.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on February 14, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of January 24, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on February 14, 2023 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 7, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through February 3, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Accept Sheriff Fee & Mileage Report for November 2022 - \$1,303.00 and \$887.78
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
10. Discuss/Action – Jail Inspection
11. Discuss/Action – Agenda for February 21, 2023

9:05 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open bids for Paving Project C-80(687) South of Goehner on 364th Rd for 400 ft

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open bids for Paving Project C-80(676) South of Milford on 238th Rd to the County Line

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res. – Short Form Plat Comes Acres in Precinct F in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26 Township 11N Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. – Revocation of the Plat of Burkey 2nd Addition in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25 Township 9N Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Great Plains-New Phone System for Seward County

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 11:43 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 February 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

February 14, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)

County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on February 14, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on February 14, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Hain to approve the minutes of January 24, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve Tax List Corrections 391-18R, 392-19R, 393-20R, 394-21R and 395-22R.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to authorize the Assessor to send out County Board of Equalization Notices to William Beckler.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 February 28, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 14, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:51 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, 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 28th day of February 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

February 14, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on February 14, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on February 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of February 7, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the claims for the period through February 3, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH FEBRUARY 3, 2023					
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,557.47	SMPC, LLC	FE	\$330.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$195.86	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,446.75
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$31.18	ST OF NE DAS COMMUN	SE	\$448.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$367.52	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$4,997.38
AMERICAN INSTIT JUSTICE	FE	\$1,300.00	SUE SYLWESTER	SE	\$100.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$18,793.06	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$1,039.64
BECKY BAKER	SE	\$109.61	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR	SE	\$7,620.48
BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$190.73	TWIN RIVERS HEALTH CARE	SE	\$45.00
BIZCO TECHNOLOGIES	SE	\$153.90	UNIVERSITY OF NE LINCOLN	SE	\$5,512.94
BOB BARKER CO	SU	\$938.77	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,266.68
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$46.39	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	SE	\$198.15
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,014.38
CATTLE BANK & TRUST	SE	\$38.80	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$199.50
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$11,365.48	YORK CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50
CLERK OF THE DIST CRT	SE	\$360.00	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	SE	\$538.69
CLINCH LAW FIRM	SE	\$655.50	DALE JOHNSON ENT, INC	SU	\$5,820.93
CULLIGAN	SE	\$10.00	BRIAN FORAL	SE	\$486.22
E 911	SE	\$37,100.67	FRONTIER COOPERATIVE	SU	\$32,878.67
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$489.09	RONALD STACHURA	SE	\$500.00
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SE	\$121.96	HEARTLAND TIRES & TREADS	EQ	\$708.85
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$6,825.24	HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT	SE	\$21.86
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SE	\$577.68	INLAND TRUCK PARTS CO	EQ	\$478.78
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$147.00	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$15,775.98
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$271.00	KERFORD LIMESTONE CO	SU	\$8,312.39
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$99.84	KRIHA FLUID POWER CO	SE	\$4.63
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$64.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$245.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$569.13	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$212.11
SUE IMIG	SE	\$333.17	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$74.99
JENNIFER JOAKIM	SE	\$1,843.00	NMC, INC	SE	\$15,280.13
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,094.04	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$111.47

KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$368.18	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$36.06
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$7.35	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$792.61
LANCASTER YOUTH SERV CNTR	SE	\$3,243.00	REED ELECTRIC	SE	\$778.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$1,471.66	SEWARD CO CLERK	FE	\$280.00
RELX INC	SE	\$213.00	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	SE	\$255.39
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$121.50	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$74.78
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$43,620.64	MILES PARTNERSHIP	FE	\$3,000.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,377.48	SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$700.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$240.00	GARRY MASON	SE	\$1,000.00
NEBR PUB HLTH ENVIR LB	SE	\$315.00	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$121.10
NEBR STATE FIRE MARSHAL	SE	\$360.00	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$137.50
NE U.C. FUND	FE	\$980.00	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$433.30
PAT OHLMANN	SE	\$50.00	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$213.50
ONESOURCE	SU	\$119.50	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$193.50
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$65.00	RELENTLESS LLC	FE	\$1,000.00
PEREZ INTERPRETING	SE	\$100.00	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$837.50
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$89.00	MIDWEST DOOR	EQ	\$4,884.00
CA MARKETING, INC	SE	\$800.61	OLYMPIC EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$4,656.00
PLATTE VALLEY PRINTING	SU	\$29.99	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$1,535.06
QUADIENT LEASING USA	SE	\$231.00	SEWARD CO ROAD	SE	\$2,940.90
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$180.45	SHELLBACK TACTICAL	SU	\$7,692.01
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$730.00	SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO	SE	\$508.81
BECKY REISINGER	SE	\$50.00	NE EMERG SERV COMM ASSN	FE	\$150.00
RIXSTINE TROPHY	SU	\$59.59	NEMAHA SHERIFFS OFFICE	SE	\$106.78
RUTT'S MECHANICAL SERV	SE	\$1,287.27	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$240.00
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$25.23	SHAFCOM	SE	\$239.94
GRANT SCHLOTMAN	SE	\$300.00	ENCARTELE INC	SE	\$1,104.90
SEC OF STATE - ELECTIONS	FE	\$10.00	SALARIES		\$274,801.73
SEWARD COUNTY COURT	SE	\$842.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$390,907.73	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NSURANCE		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,489.54	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	FE	\$59.10	DLTA DENTAL		
SEW CO SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$200.00	VSP VISION		
SEWARD LUMBER & HOME	SU	\$176.84	WADDELL & REED		
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	SU	\$357.67			

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for November 2022 in the amount of \$1,303.00 and \$887.78 respectfully.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign the Broadband Consulting Agreement with Universal Broadband Consulting Ltd. with the cost coming from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to open the bids for the Paving Project C-80(687) South of Goehner on 364th Road for 400 Ft.

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

Bids were received from: Werner Construction, Gehring Construction, K2 Construction and MTZ Construction.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to open bids for Paving Project C-80(676) South of Milford on 238th Road south to the county line.

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

Bids were received from: Gehring Construction, Garcia-Chicoine Enterprises, MTZ Construction and Ten Point Construction.

The awarding for both of these projects is on the next week's agenda.

Rebecca Hasty, a member of the public, commented during the public comment period on sex trafficking in Nebraska and the need to publicize the issue of this problem.

Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, brought two items for the Commissioners consideration and gave information about the Planning Commission recommendations.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3736 in regard to the approval of Comes Acres short form plat in F Precinct in the SW ¼ of Section 26 Township 11 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3736 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Nathan A. Comes and Dakota L. Comes owns 15.0 acres of land and has applied for a Short Form Plat, and described as a tract of land in the Southwest ¼ of, Section 26, Township 11N, Range 2E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the COMES ACRES Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS the Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on January 23rd, 2023, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission recommended to approve the COMES ACRES Short Form Plat, with a vote of 8 For, 0 against, and 1 Absent 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 X , Deny the COMES ACRES Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3736 .

Moved by: Hain Seconded by: Ahmic 02/14/2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3737 in regard to the Revocation of the plat of Burkey 2nd Addition in the SE ¼ of Section 25 Township 9 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3737 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Owner Timothy A. Burkey, and Sidney D. Burkey have applied for a Revocation to VACATE the BURKEY 2nd ADDITION Short Form Plat, described as a tract of land in the Southeast ¼ of, Section 25, Township 9N, Range 2E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on January 23rd, 2023, to consider the Revocation of the BURKEY 2nd ADDITION Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Revocation to VACATE the BURKEY 2nd 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.
☒ 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 ☒, Deny ☐ the Revocation of the BURKEY 2nd ADDITION Short Form Plat with Resolution NO: 3737.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Hain 02/14/2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

In regard to the presentation from Great Plains Communications on a phone system, Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, advised not to hear any presentation until it can be determined if the purchase of a new phone system has to go out for bids.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, was present to ask for the Commissioners support of the Seward Downtown Revitalization Project. Jank said they would like to place signs on two corners of the courthouse square. One sign that would be a "Historic Downtown" sign is suggested to be placed on the southeast corner of the square. A "Wayfinding Sign" would be placed on the northeast corner of the square that would give information for some landmarks such as a library or museum. Jank said they would not ask the county for any costs associated with this project. Commissioner Zabrocki stated he would like the signs to keep the aesthetics of the historical look around the courthouse. They will come with a more precise and formal proposal in the future.

Jank was also present for the selection of Prioritization areas of Fiber Optic Construction for a Broadband grant application item on the agenda. A broadband RFI had been submitted and they received one submission from ALLO. A map showing the density of Seward County was provided to discuss the areas needing broadband service.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the areas of prioritization for the Seward County Fiberoptic construction and provide guidance to Allo's Nebraska Capital Projects Fund Application to be the area primarily between 224th and 210th Road east to the County line and north of O Street Road and south of Ridge Road.

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

Ahmic led discussion of the Letter of Support for Nextlink's Nebraska Capital Project Fund Application. Jank gave information on the issue and said that there are quite a few Broadband providers looking into grant applications and asking support for their grant. Discussion was that Nextlink did not respond for the Broadband Taskforce RFI and so they weren't sure they wanted to give a letter of support for them.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to reject the request from Nextlink for a letter of support for a Capital Projects Fund Application for a grant.

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

During the Officials time with the Commissioners, Jon Regnier, Assistant Highway Superintendent, updated the Commissioners on the activities of the Road Dept. Anthony Luebbe also commented on the large tree that fell on a road near Milford.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she went to the Milford City Council meeting, attended the exit audit meeting, the Veteran's Committee meeting, researched the phone system issue, met with Allo and Windstream representatives, talked with the Nebraska Fire Marshall, NDEE and worked on zoning regulations in regard to demolition of a neglected property. Ahmic stated

she has also worked on the Public Defender position and suggested possibly entering into an Interlocal with another county for the services a Public Defender provides.

Commissioner Hain reported she participated in a NACO training for new county officials and attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for two businesses in Seward County. She attended the Beaver Crossing Village Board meeting, talked with SENDD representatives about grant matters, had a meeting with the Aging Service staff, attended the Road Dept foremen meeting, and participated in the Four Corners Board meeting.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the audit exit interview and has been involved in a Cyber Security process offered by the Secretary of State. He will be attending the safety committee meeting this afternoon where they will be discussing panic buttons, worked with HR on the vacancy of the Public Defender position and received emails from constituents.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he had talked to HR about the vacancy of the Public Defender, attended the Extension Board meeting and a Region V meeting. He also met with some 4-H Club leaders on a project.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, followed up with Probation on the new phone issue, had two Broadband Taskforce meetings, attended the chainsaw training for the Road Dept., went to the Seward City Planning Commission. He also worked on some BRIDGES matters, attended the Foremen meeting, and had a meeting with HR.

Commissioner Schmieding asked if he could sign a letter of support for a grant as a commissioner, but since it was not on the agenda for the Board to act on, no permission was granted.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the infrastructure grants item on the agenda. It was stated that they are waiting for information from Butler County on a potential bridge project. Ahmic stated she helped representatives in Gage County concerning the grant portal.

The Commissioners discussed the American Rescue Planning Act (ARPA) funding. Hain said Staplehurst is working on a project and she continues to ask Goehner if they have a project for which they would like to use County ARPA funding. Ahmic heard from representatives from Pleasant Dale and Milford on the projects already approved for County ARPA funding.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on February 21, 2023 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 14, 2023

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 February 28, 2023

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award bids for Paving Project C-80(687) South of Goehner on 364th Road for 400 ft.

Discuss/Action – Award bids for Paving Project C-80(676) South of Milford on 238th Road to the County Line

Discuss/Action – Res. – County Bridge Match Agreement with NE Dept of Transportation for BRIDGE Project C008001405

Schmieding is absent at 11:45 a.m.

The Board recessed to go to the jail for a quarterly inspection at 11:47 a.m.

The Board re-convened at 12:04 p.m. at the Seward County Justice Center.

Schmieding is present at 12:04 p.m.

Ahmic is absent at 12:04 p.m.

The Board made their quarterly inspection of the Detention Center.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 12:22 a.m. from the Seward County Detention Center.

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 21st day of February 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

February 21, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on February 21, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on February 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

Absent: Member: Raegan Hain

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 February 14, 2023.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Seward County Broadband meeting and a meeting with CASA, helped the Treasurer's office with their Sam.gov account, talked with a Universal Broadband Consulting representative, and attended an SCCDP meeting via Zoom.

Commissioner Culver reported on the closure of county offices last week due to the snowstorm, talked to the District Court Bailiff about a door to her office, attended the NACO County Board Chair workshop, attended the Safety Committee meeting, and will attend a Blue Valley Community Action meeting in Geneva tonight.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended an Extension Board meeting and has a Visitors Committee meeting this week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Broadband meeting, had a meeting with the Highway Supt., and had meetings rescheduled because of the storm.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, was present to discuss the emergency safe room built at the West Wing building. He said there will need to be some caulking done but overall, it is complete. Atlas Safe Rooms Inc. constructed it at a cost of \$46,980.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the invoice from Atlas Safe Rooms in the amount of \$46,980 with funding to come out of County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3738 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

Resolution No. 3738 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

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

Description	CUSIP Number	Market Value
SARPY CNTY NE SAN & IMPT DIST	80376MBJ7	\$360,000.00
DOUGLAS CNTY NE SAN & IMPT DIS	25940CCZ4	\$285,000.00

Whereas, County deposits must be protected at all times,

Therefore, this County Board accepts the above security pledging by the Jones Bank as of 02/21/23.

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by: Zabrocki 02/21/2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3739 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities.

Resolution No. 3739 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Jones Bank desires to withdraw the following security:

Description	CUSIP Number	Market Value
SARPY CNTY NE SAN & IMPT DIST	80388AAY7	\$150,000.00
SARPY CNTY NE SAN & IMPT DIS	80377XDE1	\$150,000.00
FN MA4268	31418DW65	\$953,879.43
FN MA4288	31418DXS6	\$937,445.14

Whereas, County will still be fully protected at all times,

Therefore, Let it be resolved, the above withdrawal by the Jones Bank is approved by this County Board as of 01/17/23.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Schmieding 02/21/2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Wicht, along with Adam Mace of Mainelli Wagner & Associates Engineering Firm was present to give his recommendations for the awarding of bids for two road projects.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to award the bid for Paving Project C-80 (687) South of Goehner on 364th Road for 400 feet to Gehring Construction for \$136,200.10.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to award the bid for Paving Project C-80 (676) South of Milford on 238th Road to the County line to Ten Point Construction for \$447,379.60.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3740 in regard to the County Bridge Match Agreement with the NE Dept. of Transportation for Bridge Project C008001405 in the amount of \$624,102.00.

RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT – BL2348

SEWARD COUNTY
RESOLUTION No. 3740

Whereas: Seward County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain County Bridge Match funds; and

Whereas: Seward County understands that it must strictly follow all State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the 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 project.

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

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

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

NDOT Project Number: STWD-CBMP(7)
NDOT Control Number: 00974F
NDOT Project Name: County Bridge Match Program

Adopted this 21st day of February 2023 at Seward Nebraska.

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

Board/Council Member Zabrocki
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Schmieding seconded the motion
Roll Call: 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

*Agreement is attached and filed with Resolution.

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

Emily Manning of the Extension Office was present to give information for the Board to choose a new member of the Extension Board of Directors.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to appoint Christine Haney to the Seward County Extension Board of Directors representing District 5 for a term starting 1/1/2023 to 1/1/2025.

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

The fee reports for Zoning will be postponed until the week of Feb 28.

The Commissioners discussed Legislative Resolution 1CA that deals with unfunded mandates. It was introduced in the legislature stating no new state law can be passed without the state funding it. Commissioner Ahmic led discussion that attending the hearing for this is showing support. Commissioners Schmieding and Zabrocki indicated they would be able to attend along with Commissioner Ahmic.

The Commissioners also discussed signing a letter of support for a grant application for Southeast Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA).

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve a letter of support for a Southeast NE CASA grant application.

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

Dave Kendle representing the Libertarian Party requested a Special Designated Liquor Permit for a fundraising event.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Special Designated Liquor Permit for the Seward County Libertarian Party for a fundraiser to be held on June 3, 2023 at 1699 Bluff Rd., Garland, NE.

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

In regard to the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Commissioner Culver stated the subject was discussed at a workshop he recently attended. He stated that Jefferson County had applied for a grant and was turned down. The Commissioners discussed the need for help for the villages, cities and counties with the process to apply for grants.

The Commissioners discussed an invoice from the Village of Cordova for a project to be paid by the County ARPA funds. The Commissioners will let them know more information needs to be submitted in order for it to be paid.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:13 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:15 a.m.

Jake Hill and Leroy Trease representing the Village of Pleasant Dale were present to give information about a drinking water project for which they would like to have County ARPA funding.

Moved to Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request from the Village of Pleasant Dale for County ARPA funding for a drinking water project in the amount of \$171,766.54.

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

David Avery of Windstream spoke to the board about Windstream's broadband applications for grants.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on February 28, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 14, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on February 28, 2023 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 21, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through February 17, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Accept the Zoning Administrator’s Fee Report for December 2022- \$1,175.00
8. Discuss/Action – Accept the Zoning Administrator’s Fee Report for January 2023 – \$1,125.00
9. Discuss/Action – Public Defender Vacancy
10. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
11. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
12. Discuss/Action – Agenda for March 7, 2023

9:30 a.m. Hearing – Public Transit Fees
 Discuss/Action – Res. – Public Transit Fees

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Todd Francisco/ALLO – Phone System Demonstration
 and Present Proposal

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 10:31 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: 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 28th day of February 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

February 28, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on February 28, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on February 28, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of February 14, 2023.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve Tax List Corrections 195-20P, 196-21P, 197-22P, 198-22P, 199-21P, 396-19R, 397-20R, 398-21R and 399-22R.

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

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 14, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 28, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Tax List Correction 200-22P
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 9:00 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, 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 March 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

February 28, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on February 28, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on February 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding Zabrocki Ahmic Culver
Abstain: Hain as she was not in attendance at said meeting. Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the claims for the period through February 17, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH FEBRUARY 17, 2023					
ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTNG	SE	\$760.00
ADP LLC	SE	\$3,804.00	STREET COP TRAINING	SE	\$199.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$232.10	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$8,173.56
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$19,656.40	THE CHANGE COMPANIES	SE	\$1,643.41
ART ON DISPLAY	FE	\$30.00	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$821.07
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$7,441.61	ULINE	SU	\$60.00
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$342.00	UNIVERSITY OF NE LINCOLN	SE	\$298.24
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$360.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$971.33
BOB BARKER CO	SU	\$178.40	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SU	\$20.00
BOBS MOBIL	SE	\$70.00	VISA	FE	\$4,908.08
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$46.39	VOLZKE FUNERAL HOME	SE	\$100.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$33.99	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,222.59
CASA	FE	\$31,400.00	ARVEST EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$8,150.00
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$284.56	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$650.70
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	EQ	\$169.99	FREDS AUTO ELECTRIC	SE	\$200.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$291.94	INLAND TRUCK PARTS	EQ	\$713.02
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$14,281.75	KERFORD LIMESTONE CO	SU	\$9,643.76
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$2,514.83	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC	SE	\$9,013.75
GALLS LLC	SE	\$452.65	MEYER AUTOMOTIVE INC	SE	\$64.95
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$883.85	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$383.48
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$720.11	NE EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$291.56
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$169.99	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$1,749.30
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$64.00	ROSE EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$4,500.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$130.33	SHAFFER COMM	SE	\$894.95
IHS PHARMACY	SU	\$155.88	TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	SE	\$269.00
INDOFF INC	SU	\$67.96	ULTIMATE GARAGE DOOR SERV	SE	\$1,206.50
JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$15,849.89	VERIZON CONNECT NWF, INC	SE	\$713.80
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,000.12	MIDWEST ENGINEERING, INC	SE	\$2,496.00
LANGUAGE LINE SERV	SE	\$54.53	SEWARD COUNTY CHAMBER	FE	\$1,500.00

LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$928.71	SEWARD CO HISTORICAL SOC	FE	\$1,500.00
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$224.01	DELTA DENTAL OF NEBRASKA	SE	\$118.70
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$543.97	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$102,076.54
MID-AMERICAN INS	FE	\$44,537.90	A1 AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$750.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$965.73	BLUE TO GOLD LLC	SE	\$225.00
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$658.51	MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$1,920.99
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$320.00	POSITIVE CONCEPTS	SE	\$457.16
NE ASSN CO TREASURERS	FE	\$50.00	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$214.46
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$93.00	TRANSUNION	SE	\$573.40
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	SU	\$190.76	VIGILANT SOLUTIONS	FE	\$1,200.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$58.67	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$128.14
PAC N SAVE	SU	\$309.05	VIGILNET	SE	\$291.90
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$122.95	ATLAS SAFE ROOMS	EQ	\$46,980.00
PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	SE	\$52.80	JUSTIN HAJEK	SE	\$4,389.21
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$384.75	IOWA PUMP WORKS	SE	\$6,890.13
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$16.00	SALARIES		\$286,616.99
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$1,712.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$101,106.52	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$377.30	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD CO TREASURER	SE	\$10.00	VSP VISION		
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$29.29	WADDELL & REED		
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$126.00			

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

Sherry Schweitzer updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she has been researching various legislative bills, attended a Broadband Taskforce meeting via Zoom, worked with the Zoning Administrator, attended two CASA Board meetings, researched the Public Defender vacancy, heard back from Butler County about a bridge project, attended the legislative hearing on unfunded mandates, met with representatives from Great Plains Communications, went to the Planning Commission meeting and is working on a Railroad Crossing issue near Milford.

Commissioner Hain reported she provided written testimony at a Legislative Hearing about Unfunded Mandates, attended two meetings with the HR Dept., participated in a call with a representative of Mid-American Benefits, attended a meeting with Road Dept. during Foreman's meeting, and received calls about road conditions after the rain.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, participated in an employee evaluation, received road issue comments, and went to the Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Visitors Committee meeting and attended a legislative hearing with other Commissioners and will have an Extension Board meeting this coming week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, a Broadband meeting via Zoom, the Southeast Nebraska Development District meeting, the 4th of July meeting, BRIDGES meeting, weather spotter training and testified at the Legislature about Unfunded Mandates. He also stated he completed the evaluation of the E911 Director.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman to sign the Shared System Acknowledgement document to allow Milford Police Department access into the Public Safety Software System with Central Square.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Zoning Administrator's Fee Report for December 2022 in the amount of \$1,275.00.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Zoning Administrator's Fee Report for January 2023 in the amount of \$1,125.00.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:26 a.m.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to open a Public Hearing at 9:30 a.m. on Amending the Fare Schedule for the Seward County Public Transit.

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

Motion Carried

No one from the public spoke at said public hearing.

Matt Starkey, Public Transit Administrator, made comments about the changes in the fare schedule.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to close the Public Hearing at 9:44 a.m.

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

Motion Carried

After discussion during the hearing, Starkey will bring back the new Fare Schedule with clarifying language for the various trip fares for the Commissioners to act on next week.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to discuss a project with Lancaster County on a hard surfaced road on the Lancaster/Seward County line between Branched Oak Road and Rock Creek Road. Wicht had received an estimate from Lancaster County, but had questions about the cost that was given for the project. The Commissioners wanted to be sure that there was money in the Road Dept. budget to pay for this but all agreed this road needs to be repaired.

During the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Commissioner Ahmic stated Butler County is interested in a bridge project on the Seward/Butler County line. Ahmic stated grant money could be used for costs associated with applying for the grant.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:56 a.m.

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, was present to discuss the 2021 Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Payroll Credits. She explained that when employees were on leave due to Coronavirus in 2020 and 2021, they were told that certain public entities could take advantage of credits offered by the Federal Government. Seward County thought that county government was able to use this credit but that was not correct. The Internal Revenue Service has now advised Seward County that we owe \$45,445.60 since we were not eligible for that program. Sanchez did contact ADP, who services our payroll program, for assistance with the interest and penalty. It was decided to pay the amount owed so no more interest and penalty occurs. It was advised to have the County Attorney's Office help with the issue.

The Commissioners discussed the Public Defender vacancy. Very few applications have been received for the job. There was discussion that other counties are having the same problem. Commissioner Ahmic gave information about nearby counties and their problems/experiences with retaining services of a Public Defender. Both the Public Defender's Administrative Assistant and the Clerk of the District Court gave information on the number of cases appointed to the office. After discussion on the vacancy, the Commissioners will put the issue on the agenda again next week.

Todd Francisco and Tim Hahn of Allo gave information on the Allo organization. They provided information about the phone system and gave a presentation about their system.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:42 a.m. to let the representatives set up a presentation.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:44 a.m.

During the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) item on the agenda, Ahmic said the final Cordova bill was received. Other villages that have not presented an application for Seward County ARPA funds were discussed.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 7, 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 February 29, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

- 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 March 14, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Kelsie Lee/Mercy Church-Request to host an Easter Egg Hunt and other Activities on/around the Courthouse Lawn on April 8, 2023

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman to Sign the New Fare Schedule for the Seward County Public Transit

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – 2021 Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Payroll Credits

Discuss/Action – Public Defender Vacancy/Process

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 11:14 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Hain, 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 March 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

March 7, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on March 7, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on March 7, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, and Laurie Sherman of BRIDGES updated the Commissioners on activities of their organization.

Those officials updating the Commissioners on activities of their offices were Kathy Ruzicka, Marilyn Hladky, Eric Hofer and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve the minutes of February 29, 2023.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she completed a report for federal funding, met with the Public Transit Director, talked to the Butler Co. Hwy Supt about a bridge project for a grant, met with the Zoning Administrator and met with CASA representatives on various topics. Participated in a Zoom with Railroad representatives about a railroad crossing and had phone calls with our IT personnel, Allo, Great Plains Communications and Windstream about the proposed phone system.

Commissioner Hain reported she participated in a NACO training program, attended Staplehurst and Utica Village Board meetings, met with the Seward City Administrator about wage studies, had multiple discussions with HR and the Detention Center Director. She met with Four Corners Health District representatives. She also attended the Roads Dept. foreman meeting.

Cassius Lee of Mercy Church was present to request using the Courthouse lawn for an Easter Egg Hunt. He said plans are to provide areas for different age groups and will have a photo booth also.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve Mercy Church hosting an Easter Egg Hunt and other activities around the Courthouse lawn on April 8, 2023.

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

Commissioners Reports (cont.)

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, checked several roads, met with the Hwy Supt., talked to IT personnel, and will attend a meeting tonight with the Garland Village Board.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will have a Region V meeting, a Visitors Committee meeting, an Extension Board meeting and NACO Southeast Officials meeting in the coming week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Staplehurst Village Board meeting, a Broadband meeting, attended the NIRMA seminar via Zoom, attended a BRIDGES meeting, attended the Road Dept. Foreman meeting, attended an HR meeting and checked various roads.

Matt Starkey, Veteran’s Service Officer/Public Transit Director, presented the new proposed fare schedule for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign the new Seward County Public Transit Fare Schedule.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the updated Fee Schedule for the Seward County Clerk.

SEWARD COUNTY CLERK SCHEDULE OF FEES

COUNTY CLERK	
Plat Books	\$30.00
Marriage License	\$25.00
Certified Copy of Marriage License	\$9.00
Photocopies	\$0.25 per page
Photocopies Mailed	\$0.50 per page; \$1.00 postage
Photocopies Faxed	\$1.50 per document
Photocopies Emailed	\$1.50 per document
ELECTION COMMISSIONER	
Certified Voter Card	\$3.00
List of Registered Voters - Hard Copy	\$0.01 per name
List of Registered Voters - Digitally	\$5.00 per 500 names or part thereof
List of Registered Voters - Labels	\$7.50 per 500 or part thereof in addition to list cost
REGISTER OF DEEDS	
Documentary Stamp Tax	\$2.25 per Thousand of Consideration
Instrument Filing Fee	\$10.00 1st page; \$6.00 additional page
Certified Copy of Instrument	\$1.50 per page
Certificate of Discharge (DD214)	No Fee
UCC	\$14.00
UCC Continuation and Amendment	\$14.00
UCC Terminations	No Fee
Federal Tax Lien	\$20.00
State Tax Lien	\$20.00
CD of Filed Documents	\$200/month
Approved: <u>John K culver</u>	3/7/2023
John Culver, Chairman, Board of Commissioners	

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for the mowing of abandoned cemeteries in Seward County.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for February 2023 in the amount of \$39,479.23.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for February 2023 in the amount of \$19,907.75.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Seward County Audit for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

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

The Commissioners discussed contracting for future audits. Correspondence has been received from the State Auditor's Office that they will not offer their auditing services anymore. Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, gave information about previous processes when auditors were chosen. She will survey counties in the area to see what firms they use and the subject will be put on a future agenda.

Lisa Lindau representing Southeast Nebraska Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) was present to request a table be placed in the courthouse and pinwheels on the courthouse lawn to bring awareness to Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve Southeast Nebraska CASA to place a table in the courthouse and pinwheels on the courthouse lawn for the month of April for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:53 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Hwy Supt., Terry Wicht presented the Commissioners with the proposed Seward County 1 & 6 Year Road Plan and asked them to approved a date for the annual hearing.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to set the date of April 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. for the hearing for the 1 & 6 Year Seward County Road Plan and advertise the same.

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

During the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Ahmic stated she talked to the Butler County Hwy Supt. about partnering with Seward County on a bridge Project for a grant. She stated that the Butler County Board approved it recently. Hain stated that she has located a grant that could be applied for to help fund improvements such as hard surfacing a road. It's a federal grant that is offering up to 47 million dollars that is available for such projects.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, led discussion on the Detention Center Staffing Issues item on the agenda. She gave information about her staff shortages, specifically male staff and suggested that raising the hiring bonus from \$2,000 to \$5,000 may help alleviate the problem. She also gave information on past history of applications submitted/accepted. It was stated there is a 9-week training period for the job as Correctional Officers. Commissioners Zabrocki and Culver stated they would like to see some longevity with this program and offer most of the bonus at the end of two years, for example. There was discussion about from which budget these bonuses would be paid. Ahmic stated there should be some fairness when other departments have the same staff vacancy problem. All Commissioners gave information/ideas to help solve the situation. The HR Office was directed to make a policy for offering bonuses.

The 2021 Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Payroll Credits item on the agenda was not discussed.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to go into Executive Session at 10:51 a.m. to discuss a strategy session regarding pending legal action.

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

The Chairman re-stated the reason for Executive Session was a strategy session regarding pending legal action.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to go out of Executive Session at 11:21 a.m.

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

The Chairman said while in Executive Session, a strategy session regarding pending legal action was discussed and no action was taken.

The Commissioners discussed the Public Defender vacancy process. Ahmic stated that it would be advantageous to advertise more. HR Director, Carina Sanchez said it has been advertised on Indeed, NE Works, and on our website. Barb Armstrong, Deputy County Attorney, said there may be other sites with listservs that it can be advertised on. They were directed to visit with another county who had a similar vacancy to find out more information.

Roxanne Knutson, Assistant HR Director, led discussion that she had reached out to other counties to see what they gave for their recommendations for an annual increase. She listed several counties that had decided, some had not. Knutson said the office's recommendation was 4%. She stated that the HR Dept. is currently performing a wage study. All Commissioners suggested ideas ranging from 3% to 4%. Zabrocki suggested to the E911 Director that he put in 3% when he is beginning to develop his budget, since he has to compile his budget earlier because of the 911 Interlocal.

During discussion on the American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) item on the agenda, Culver stated he is going to the Garland Village Board meeting tonight to get information for their application for Seward County ARPA money. It was stated that the City of Seward, who was awarded county ARPA money, bid their new water tower project and no bids were received. ARPA funds have to be expended by 2026. Hain stated the Village of Staplehurst has been trying to get an application in for a large project. They have a large water meter project and will ask for County ARPA funds for the meters and hope that they will qualify in the future for grants to install them. It was decided that the Village of Staplehurst be given 6 months to come up with additional funding before the county obligates any money.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 14, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of February 28, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Tax List Correction 200-22P
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 14, 2023 are as follows:

9:00 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 7, 2023
5. Discuss/Action – Claims through the period of March 3, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Accept the Zoning Administrator’s Fee Report for February 2023 – \$2,250
8. Discuss/Action – Review Commissioner Assignments for Abandoned Cemeteries
9. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
10. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
11. Discuss/Action – Agenda for March 21, 2023

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res. - Administrative Replat to Create Schulz Pankoke Subdivision in L Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 26 Township 10N Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. – Administrative Replat to create Deer Valley First Add in J Precinct in the NW ¼ of Section 33 Township 10 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 12:13 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, 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 March 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

March 14, 2023
Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on March 14, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on March 14, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
 Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Hain to approve the minutes of February 28, 2023.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve Tax List Correction No. 200-22P, 400-21R & 401-22R.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Assessor to mail Change of Valuation Notices for Rickey Joe Cradick and Cradick Pork, LLC.

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 28, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 14, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 8:51 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, 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 28th day of March 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

March 14, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on March 14, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on March 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

 Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

 County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Terry Wicht, Gary Petersen and Sherry Schweitzer updated the Commissioners on activities of their departments.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve the claims through the period of March 3, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MARCH 3, 2023					
ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,152.00
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,557.47	STREET COP TRAINING	SE	\$199.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$501.28	SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	SE	\$932.60
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$38.14	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$2,597.11
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$21.93	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	SE	\$757.64
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$19,750.40	TWIN RIVERS HEALTH CARE	SE	\$45.00
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$49.28	UNITED STATES TREASURY	FE	\$45,582.88
BRYAN MEDICAL CENTER	SE	\$2,972.31	UNIVERSITY OF NE-LINCOLN	SE	\$1,200.00
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$167.99
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$10,181.35	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,218.74
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$925.00	VISA	FE	\$499.07
CONNER PSYCH SERV	SE	\$425.00	WELLS FARGO FIN LEASING	EQ	\$198.15
CONSOLIDATED MGMT CO	SE	\$32.25	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,039.03
CUMMINS SALES & SERV	EQ	\$1,534.63	BADGER BODY & TRUCK EQUIP	EQ	\$9,346.00
WENDY C. CUTTING	SE	\$468.50	BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$310.07
GREGORY C. DAMMAN	SE	\$408.50	BIRD-X	EQ	\$3,216.71
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$10.62	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$1,109.52
E 911	FE	\$37,100.67	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$798.99
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$602.11	KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY	SU	\$10.62
EGAN SUPPLY CO	SU	\$43.12	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	SE	\$717.34
KEARNEY HOSPITALITY	TR	\$249.90	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$559.34	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$701.17
FOXSTER OPCO	EQ	\$6,570.00	NE ASSN OF CO ENG & HWY SUP	FE	\$325.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$896.59	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$181.78
HOBSON AUTO & TIRE	SE	\$56.00	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$17.42
HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$568.41	NMC, INC	SE	\$2,374.82
HSI EMERGENCY CARE SOL	SE	\$150.00	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$272.21
INDOFF INC	SU	\$232.85	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$517.23

JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,104.02	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$10,231.05
KOTIK & MCCLURE, ATTY	SE	\$257.32	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE CO	SE	\$1,315.77
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$38.76	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$80.18
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	SE	\$10.62	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$57.92
LANGUAGELINC INTERPRET	SE	\$42.00	CATTLE BANK & TRUST	FE	\$138,271.81
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$1,948.60	JONES BANK	FE	\$138,271.81
RELX INC	SE	\$213.00	APCO INTERNATIONAL	SE	\$419.00
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$2,658.08	SEWARD CO BRIDGES	FE	\$2,500.00
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$121.50	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	FE	\$3,850.00
VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94	DELTA DENTAL OF NE	FE	\$200.06
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$2,258.88	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$184.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$3,005.65	GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$605.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$80.00	MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$595.65
NE AUDITOR PUB ACCTS	SE	\$17,998.88	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$677.62
NE LAW ENF TRAINING CT	SE	\$460.00	SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$595.20
NE PUB HLTH ENVIRO LAB	SE	\$105.00	TRANSUNION RISK	FE	\$400.00
ONESOURCE	SE	\$237.50	URIBE REFUSE SERVICES	SE	\$156.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$230.00	VIGILNET	SE	\$76.45
PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	SU	\$46.47	DAVID LEISING	SE	\$349.57
POLLACK AND BALL LLC	SE	\$4,764.50	ENCARTELE INC	SE	\$2,001.90
QUADIENT LEASING USA	FE	\$57.38	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	FE	\$1,000.00
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	SALARIES		\$288,078.49
SACK LUMBER	SU	\$211.86	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD COUNTY COURT	SE	\$1,034.75	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,828.16	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD SHERIFF UNCOL FEES	FE	\$244.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$86.43	VSP VISION		
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,446.75	WADDELL & REED		
SPORTS EXPRESS INC	SU	\$77.25			

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

Motion Carried

Sherry Leising, Deputy County Treasurer, was present to explain information about the Seward County Tax Sale.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3741 in regard to the Return of Certification of Public Tax Sale by the County Treasurer.

Resolution No. 3741 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Seward County Board of Commissioners have examined the return of certification as submitted by the Seward County Treasurer;

WHEREAS the amount of taxes sold was \$53,865.59. The amount of unsold taxes was \$1,044.19. The amount of specials unsold was \$1,029.17;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Seward County Board accepts the return of certification, as filed with the Seward County Clerk, for the public sale held March 6, 2023. Acceptance of the return of certification marks the end of the public sale and marks the start of the private sale;

FURTHER LET IT BE RESOLVED that any unsold taxes shall be written in the name of Seward County from April 1, 2023 to April 15, 2023.

Dated this 14th day of March 2023.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of March 7, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Milford City Council meeting, met with the Highway Supt. on various matters along with two landowners, attended the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Board meeting, met with the HR and Public Transit offices and researched the elimination of Inheritance Tax issue.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the HR Dept., participated in a Zoom meeting with the Seward City Administrator and a Staplehurst trustee, worked with the Village Clerk of Goehner about the county American Rescue Plan Act funding, met with the Road Dept. regarding various topics, participated in a Zoom meeting with Four Corners Health Dept., and attended the Road Dept Foremen's meeting. She reported she did receive a comment from a constituent about the 1- & 6-Year Road Plan.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Garland Village Board meeting, checked many roads and received comments about them, and worked on various correspondences.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Region V meeting and spoke to the HR Dept. He will have a Visitors Committee meeting next week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, a SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SEND) meeting, a meeting with HR, a NIRMA meeting via Zoom, a BRIDGES meeting, spent time checking roads and with the Road Dept., and received a comment about road matters. He also stated he went to a Seward City Planning Commission meeting and talked to the County Clerk about audit bidding procedure. He mentioned the Milford Chief of Police is retiring and an Open House is scheduled for March 31st.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Zoning Administrator's Fee Report for February 2023 in the amount of \$2,250.00

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Sheriff's Fee and Mileage Report for December 2022 in the amount of \$763.00 and \$412.74.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Sheriff's Fee and Mileage Report for January 2023 in the amount of \$1,088.00 and \$651.32.

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

Motion Carried

Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, gave information about two Administrative Replats for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3742 in regard to approving the Administrative Replat to create Schulz Pankoke Subdivision in L Precinct in the SE 1/4 of Section 26 Township 10 North Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

Resolution # 3742 of the Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS Michael D. and Peggy A. Pankoke own 8.02 acres of land and have applied for a REPLAT, to add .82 acres, for the total of 8.84 acres, and is described as a tract of land in the Southeast ¼ of, Section 26, Township 10N, Range 1E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the REPLAT shall be called the SCHULZ PANKOKE SUBDIVISION. A Replat of JON SCHULZ SUBDIVISION, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on February 27th, 2023, to consider the SCHULZ PANKOKE SUBDIVISION, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission recommended approval of the SCHULZ PANKOKE SUBDIVISION with a vote of 6 For, 0 Against, and 3 Absent,

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 X , Deny ___ the SCHULZ PANKOKE SUBDIVISION with Resolution NO: 3742.

Moved by: Hain Seconded by: Ahmic March 14, 2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3743 in regard to approving the Administrative Replat to create Deer Valley First Addition in J Precinct in the NW ¼ of Section 33 Township 10 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Resolution # 3743 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS Mitch and Tasha Springer own 5.56 acres of land and have applied for a REPLAT, to remove 39 feet, for the total of 5.01 acres, and Douglas and Karlette Yoder own 6.82 acres of land and have applied for a REPLAT, to remove 6 feet, for the total of 6.73 acres and is described as a tract of land in the Northwest ¼ of, Section 33, Township 10N, Range 3E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the REPLAT shall be called the DEER VALLEY 1st ADDITION. A Replat of lot 2 and part of lot 3 DEER VALLEY ADDITION, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on February 27th, 2023, to consider the DEER VALLEY 1st ADDITION, and

WHEREAS the Planning Commission recommended approval of the DEER VALLEY 1st ADDITION with a vote of 6 For, 0 Against, and 3 Absent,

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 X , Deny ___ the DEER VALLEY 1st ADDITION with Resolution NO: 3743.

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Zabrocki March 14, 2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners discussed their assignments for Abandoned Cemeteries. Every year, the 17 abandoned cemeteries are mowed by a contracted mower. Every year, the Commissioners assign cemeteries for each to monitor for mowing and maintenance.

The Commissioners discussed LR23CA introduced in the Legislature this year. It attempts to eliminate Inheritance Taxes. Commissioner Ahmic and Zabrocki will attend the hearing on March 16 2023 with Ahmic testifying.

The Commissioners discussed retaining the services of an accountant to file an amended payroll return for 2021. Deputy County Attorney, Barb Armstead said she will contact CPAs to see if they will assist in completing an amended return for 2021.

During the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, it was discussed that a grant, which has a deadline of March 17, may be available for road projects. They discussed different roads that may be eligible for a grant although the deadline is fast approaching.

The Commissioners discussed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Commissioner Culver reported the Village of Garland is going to ask for County ARPA Funds and explained the project for which they are asking for funds. Commissioner Hain gave information about possible projects that the Village of Goehner is planning on in order to submit an application for county ARPA funds for. There was also discussion about how much ARPA money is left after helping the various cities/villages of Seward County with various projects.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 21, 2023 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 14, 2023
- 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 March 28, 2023
- 9:05 a.m.
- Discuss/Action – Sharon Powell/Seward County Gives – Request to use the Courthouse Square on May 3, 2023 from 11 am to 1 pm to promote participating Organization in Give Week
- 9:15 a.m.
- Discuss/Action – Village of Staplehurst Request County ARPA Funding
- 9:30 a.m.
- Discuss/Action – Executive Session - Personnel
- 10:00 a.m.
- Discuss/Action – Res.- Approval of Project BRO-7080(54) Seward Northwest

Discuss/Action – Bridge Inspection Data for 2022

Discuss/Action – Hwy. Supt. & Asst Hwy Supt. Job Description Review

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 11:08 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, 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 21st day of March 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

March 21, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on March 21, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on March 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of March 14, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:02 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:05 a.m.

Sharon Powell representing the "Seward County Gives" organization was present to request the use of the Courthouse lawn on May 3, 2023 at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to promote participating organizations for the "Give" week.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the request to use the Courthouse lawn on May 3, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to promote participating organizations for the "Give" week with the rain dates of May 2 or May 4, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver

Abstain: Ahmic

Motion Carried

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

During the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Hain led discussion. She and Commissioner Zabrocki met with the Road Dept. staff and sent off a grant application by last Friday (May 17, 2023) for funds for a road project. She gave information about the short turn around in applying. She reported they have already received questions from the awarding agency, which she felt was good news.

Bobbi Blath and Sharon Reinmiller, representing the Village of Staplehurst, were present to discuss their application for County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money. She stated the request is for water meters in the amount of approximately \$50,000. She gave information about other work they have done/will do to get funding to complete a project involving the water meters. Board members stated they felt the project funding needed to be finalized before funds can be given for meters that would be stored and not be installed immediately.

The Commissioners decided to not act on the application until the Village of Staplehurst can secure more funding and can report back.

Cindy Wolverton of the Extension Office was present to request 4-H Clubs who have adopted an abandoned cemetery be given permission to plant a tree/bush to increase aesthetics of the cemetery. She stated she is in the process of updating a plan about what 4-H Clubs can do at the abandoned cemeteries that wouldn't interfere with the mowing, etc.

Commissioners stated they feel that there are other projects that could be done instead of planting trees or bushes which can hamper the mowing, etc.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to deny the request for 4-H Clubs to plant trees or bushes at this time.

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

Carina Sanchez, HR Director, and Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, presented information for changing the starting wage for the Administrative Clerk II job description. The County Clerk's Office currently has an opening and Schweitzer is asking to change the starting wage now rather than waiting until the beginning of the fiscal year. Sanchez stated that the HR Department has started collecting data for a salary study for the positions that did not have one done last year. Data shows the starting wage average for this position is \$19.55 per hour. The current starting wage is \$15.60 per hour. Schweitzer stated that she would have waited until the new budget year to do this, but because she has a current opening, she would like to raise the starting wage at this time in hopes of getting more applicants. There was discussion from other officials about their starting wages. Commissioner Ahmic assured them that a salary study is being done for their positions, too. Questions arose about having funds in her budget, would there be anybody else in her office whose wages would need to be changed and suggestions about offering a wage that is not consistent with other raises that were granted last year.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to set the new starting wage at \$19.76 for the County Clerk's Administrative Clerk II position.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding Motion Failed
Voting No: Ahmic, Hain, Culver

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to set the new starting wage at \$19.50, which is the midpoint of the salary study, beginning at time of hire for the Administrative Assistant Clerk II.

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

Sheriff Mike Vance and Blake Swicord were present to request to temporarily increase the Sheriff's Office credit cards. They stated they will need to pay for out of state training and the current limit is not enough. Vance stated they would like to have \$9,400.00 for each of the two cards for four months.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to increase the Sheriff's Office credit cards for \$9,400.00 each card for four months.

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

They also requested to solicit sealed bids for capital improvements of the TASK Force building at 2737 Van Dorn Road Milford, NE.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Sheriff's Office to solicit sealed bids for capital improvements of the TASK Force building at 2737 Van Dorn Road Milford, NE.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to go into Executive Session at 10:48 a.m. to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

The Chairman re-stated that the reason for Executive Session was for personnel.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to go out of Executive Session at 11:50 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Chairmans stated only personnel was discussed and no decisions were made.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to go into Executive Session at 11:51 a.m.
for personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to go out of Executive Session at 12:45 p.m.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

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

Terry Wicht, Hwy Supt. was present to discuss the approval of Project BRO7080(54)
Seward Northwest and other Road Dept. matters.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3744 in regard to
approving Project BRO-7080(54) Seward Northwest commonly referred to as the Bluff
Road Bridge.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there has been signed by the COUNTY OF SEWARD on the
13th day of September 2016, and the State on the 28th day of September
2016, an agreement providing for the construction of a Federal Aid County
Project at the following location: NORTHWEST OF SEWARD, and

WHEREAS, in the above agreement, the County has pledged sufficient
funds to finance its share of the cost of the construction of this project
identified as BRO-7080(54), and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned agreement provided that the County will
pay costs as set forth in the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the State, on behalf of the County received bids for the
construction of this project based on the final plans and specifications on
March 02, 2023, at which time 2 bid(s) were received for the construction
of the proposed work, and

WHEREAS, the following Contractor(s) for the items of work listed
has/have been selected as the low bidder(s) to whom the contract(s)
should be awarded:

GENERAL EXCAVATING LLC, LINCOLN, NE 68507-3113
GRADING, CONCRETE PAVEMENT, CULVERTS, SEEDING, BRIDGE AT
STATION 16+06.00, GUARDRAIL, GENERAL ITEMS: \$3,029,010.79

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the above facts, the SEWARD
COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, by this resolution, takes the
following official action:

1. If for any reason the Federal Highway Administration rescinds,
limits its obligations, or defers payment of the Federal share of the
cost of this project, the County hereby agrees to provide the
necessary funds to pay for all costs incurred until and in the event
such Federal funds are allowed and paid.

2. The Board hereby concurs in the selection of the above mentioned Contractor(s) for the items of work listed, to whom the contract(s) should be awarded.
3. The Board hereby approves of the final plans and specifications that were used in the bidding process for this project.
4. The Board hereby authorizes the Board Chairperson to sign the contract(s) with the above mentioned Contractor(s) for the above mentioned work on behalf of the County using State's standard contract signing process, including when applicable, an electronic or digital signing process such as DocuSign®.

DATED THIS 21st DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 2023

SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

John K. Culver, Chairperson

Board member, Zabrocki moved
the adoption of said resolution.

Roll Call: 5 yea, 0 nay.

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

ATTEST: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Gehring Construction for Project Culver-80(687) Goehner South Paving Project.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners then discussed bridge inspection data that was scored by the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation. The score given on a bridge chosen by the Nebraska DOT showed a score of 59 out of a possible 60 points.

The Commissioners reviewed the job descriptions of the Hwy Supt. and the Asst. Hwy. Supt.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 1:07 p.m. for a strategy session.

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman state the Executive Session stated it was for Strategy Session.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to go out of Executive Session at 1:46 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman stated that the Executive Session was for a strategy session and no decisions were made.

After Executive Session, Culver stated that resolving issues in the county requires good communication. Anthony Luebbe, a Road Dept. employee, asked about chain-of-command on road decisions. The response was that foremen are to supervise employees and that the Assistant Hwy Supt. should be consulted and he in turn would turn to the Hwy Supt. for consultation. Commissioner Ahmic stated she wanted to look at the Foreman job descriptions and then the issue will be re-visited.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioners Ahmic reported she worked with the BNSF Railroad pertaining to closing crossings, attended a Broadband Taskforce meeting, the Southeast District NACO meeting, Planning Commission meeting and checked roads.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the HR Office, the Road Dept. and Sheriff Office and staff on various matters, attended the Southeast District NACO meeting, the Upper Big Blue meeting, the Road Dept. Foreman meeting, and checked roads. She will attend a Four Corners meeting next week.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Planning and Zoning meeting, received comments from constituents about various subjects and will attend a Blue Valley Community Action meeting next week.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Southeast NACO meeting last week, a Visitors meeting, and a meeting with Extension staff personnel.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he had meetings with the Road Dept., Broadband Task Force, Southeast NACO meeting, a Windstream meeting and went to the Capital to listen to testimony on an Inheritance Tax issue. He toured the Task Force building, the West Wing tornado safe room, checked various roads, and worked with some audit information. He will attend the Seward City Council meeting and will do work associated with being a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk management Association (NIRMA) Board member.

The Commissioners discussed Seward County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. Zabrocki led discussion about using some funds for Seward County. Most of the funds received via ARPA has been used for the Villages of Seward County. He suggested using the funds for equipment for Seward County. Ahmic suggested setting a deadline for villages to apply for funds. It was decided June 30, 2023 would be appropriate.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 28, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 14, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 28, 2023 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 28, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through March 17, 2023

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 April 4, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res. – Approval of Fiscal Year 23-25 Public Transit 5311 Operating Assistance Application

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open bids for the Mowing of Abandoned Cemeteries

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 2:24 p.m.

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

State of Nebraska)

County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 28th day of March 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

March 28, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on March 28, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on March 28, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Hain to approve the minutes of March 14, 2023.

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

Woolsey updated the Commissioners on activities of their office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on April 11, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 28, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 8:34 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, 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 11th day of April 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

March 28, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on March 28, 2023in 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 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

 Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

 County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve claims for the period through March 17, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MARCH 17, 2023					
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,982.15	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SU	\$1,227.57
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$30.82	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$360.07
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$180.59	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$753.23
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$19,242.40	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$20.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$3,568.75	VISA	FE	\$3,458.69
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$360.00	VOLZKE FUNERAL HOME	SE	\$1,375.00
BOB BARKER COMPANY	SE	\$158.64	WATER ENGINEERING	SE	\$1,050.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SE	\$33.99	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,201.43
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$310.97	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$1,399.50
CLERK DIST CRT-DICKINSON	SE	\$9.47	ZABKA PERDUE FUNERAL	SE	\$465.00
CULLIGAN	SE	\$70.75	DUKE AERIAL, INC	SE	\$485.00
JACK DANIEL	SE	\$30.14	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$812.36
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$238.00	FREDS AUTO ELECTRIC	SE	\$169.00
EATON CORPORATION	SE	\$76.55	CLINTON BUCHANAN	SE	\$2,900.00
ELECTION SYS & SOFTWARE	SU	\$1,243.48	GWORCS	SE	\$1,386.00
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX	EQ	\$283.90	HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$47.00
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$12,364.53	KERFORD LIMESTONE CO	SU	\$6,742.65
GALLS LLC	S	\$165.37	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$18.00	NE ASSN OF CO ENG & HWY SUP	FE	\$110.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$883.85	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$2,122.26
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$271.37	ROSE EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$8,133.00
IHS PHARMACY	SU	\$103.92	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	SE	\$646.04
INDOFF INC	SU	\$4.99	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	EQ	\$3,949.57
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$21,766.96	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	UT	\$713.80
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$131.48	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$103,842.00
RYAN KRENK	SE	\$8.52	CHAPTERS BOOKS & GIFTS	SU	\$29.58
STEPHANIE LUEBBE	SE	\$11.80	JEANNE WIEMER	SE	\$269.45
SUE MEDINGER	SE	\$5.90	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$4,522.50
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$114.40	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$166,673.52
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$455.45	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$263.20
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$11,713.22	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$125.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,329.68	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$771.40
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$65.00	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$100.80

NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$84.00	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$328.30
NEBR PUBLIC HLTH ENVIR LB	SE	\$420.00	MIDWEST STORAGE SOL	SE	\$5,589.63
NE STATE FIRE MARSHAL	SE	\$316.00	ART WEARS LINCOLN	FE	\$1,895.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSN	FE	\$210.00	FAST FORENSICS LLC	SE	\$10,300.00
NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$110.00	JONES BANK	SE	\$250.00
DALE NIEMANN	SE	\$13.10	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$605.92
SCOTT PEKAREK	SE	\$14.42	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$15,600.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$375.60	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$367.85
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$71.00	911 CUSTOM	SE	\$160.00
RAMADA COLUMBUS	TR	\$192.00	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICATE	SE	\$150.00
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$16.00	THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR	EQ	\$55,448.70
ZOE RICHERT	SE	\$18.34	NE REG INTEROPERABILITY	SE	\$2,400.00
BRENT SCHLUCKEBIER	SE	\$1.97	SALARIES		\$281,463.28
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$10.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$210.36	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO ROAD FND	FE	\$1,000,000.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD SMILES	SE	\$377.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$12,679.00	VSP VISION		
ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTG	SE	\$785.28	WADDELL & REED		
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,295.47			

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

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht and E911 Director, Spencer Conradt updated the Commissioners on activities of their departments.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with Matt Wullenwaber of Mid-American Benefits, attended a task force for transportation grants for Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), talked with an attorney from NACO about our vacant Public Defender position, met with the Hwy Supt. and also discussed the proposed new zoning regulations with a constituent.

Commissioner Hain reported she attended the Ag Society meeting, met with the HR office on various matters, participated in a NACO training, worked on letters of support for grants, met with County Attorney, attended the Road Foreman's meeting, attended a Four Corners Health Dept. meeting, and met with Matt Wullenwaber of Mid-American Benefits.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Blue Valley Community Action meeting, checked roads and met with the E911 Director about next year's budget.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will attend a Visitors Meeting later today and Extension Board meeting next week. He received comments about the Courthouse elevator being inoperable at the present time. He also checked roads and bridges.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he completed his county liaison contacts in regard to being a board member for Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Assn. and attended a SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SENDD) and BRIDGES meeting.

Matt Wullenwaber of Mid-American Benefits was present to give information about the Seward County Health Insurance Plan which is a partially self-funded program. He gave information about current costs and options for the next year.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve a 5% premium increase for the Seward County Health Insurance Plan.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the new health insurance plan documents.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to open bids for the mowing of abandoned cemeteries.

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

Motion Carried

Bids were received from: Anton Buresh, Greenr-Up Lawncare and Wergin's Lawn Service. The bid will be awarded next week.

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht was present to request approval to advertise for culvert and rock and gravel bids.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Road Dept. to advertise for Culvert bids.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to authorize the Road Dept. to advertise for rock and gravel bids.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:56 a.m.

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

Matt Starkey, Veterans' Service Office/Public Transit Director, was present to discuss a Corrective Action Plan for a Federal Funding Report. The report submitted for last year did not include the financial costs for the new bus. Seward County only paid 10% of the cost and Federal and State funds aided in the rest of the costs.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman sign the Corrective Action Plan for Public Transit in response to NE Dept. of Transportation Letter dated 3/1/2023.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Hain led discussion about grants applied for by Seward County. She stated that she received information back encouraging Seward County to apply for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding and letters of support could be included in the application. Letters of support were garnered from several people/organizations that will be included in the grant application.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to sign letters of support for Community Project Funding Grants.

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

Motion Carried

During discussion of the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Commissioner Ahmic reported she is waiting for information on costs of a project presented for a grant.

During discussion of Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, Commissioner Hain suggested that for safety, the Road Dept. could use some Level 2 T-Shirts that have reflective material on them. A light jacket, 3 t-shirts with a Seward County emblem was discussed and would be paid for from County ARPA funds. Hain will get an estimate of costs.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on April 4, 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 – Budget Preparation Recommendations
5. Discuss/Action – Approve minutes of March 21, 2023
6. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 28, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

7. Commissioners Reports
8. Discuss/Action – Award bids for the Abandoned Cemeteries

- 9. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman to sign Contract for Mowing the Abandoned Cemeteries
- 10. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
- 11. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
- 12. Discuss/Action – Agenda for April 11, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res. – FY 23-25 Public Transit 5311 Operating Assistance Application

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action - Res. – Volzke Farms Subdivision Short Form Plat in Precinct E in the SW ¼ of Section 4 Township 11 North Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. – Platinum Ranch Short Form Plat in Precinct J in the SW¼ of Section 12 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res. – Snow and Ice Removal Policy for Seward County

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Public Hearing – Proposed 1 & 6 Year Road Plan

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 10:27 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 4th day of April 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

April 4, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on April 4, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on April 4, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

Absent: Member: Raegan Hain

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.

Since it was the 1st meeting of the month, with various Dept. Heads and Supervisors in attendance, Chairman Culver led discussion and gave information about budget recommendations. He said that he is asking everyone to try to keep their budget, other than salaries and the expenses related to salaries, at 0%. He stated that with the Legislature in session, some legislation has been introduced that may make a big impact on county funds. Commissioner Ahmic stated that as far as salaries, those employees who did not get their wages reviewed by information from a salary study, will be reviewed this year.

Harrison Helmer gave an update of activities of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership organization.

Laurie Sherman, Executive Director of BRIDGES, updated the Commissioners on activities of her organization.

Those officials also updating the Commissioners on the activities of their department were Jake Zlatkovsky, Kathy Ruzicka, Mike Vance, Eric Hofer, Matt Starkey, Gary Petersen, Emily Manning, Carina Sanchez, Becky Paulsen and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes for March 21, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of March 28, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the retirement reception for Milford Police Chief Forrest Siebken. She participated in the National Drug Endangered Children Awareness Training webinar, will be participating in a virtual walk fundraiser for CASA, is exploring new internet for the West Wing, and is working with JEO Engineers on the proposed new zoning regulations. She contacted the State Dept. of Roads on permit

issues/traffic studies, met with the Highway Supt. on job descriptions and checked on every project on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with various correspondences, is working on switching the financial bookkeeping for Seward/Saline Solid Waste Agency, reviewed projects on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan, and will be participating with interviews for the Public Defender.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will be participating in the Public Defender interviews in the near future and reviewed some projects on the 1 & 6 Year Road plan. He also reported on information about the Visitors Committee and will participate in a retreat in Goehner for that organization. He will participate in Arbor Day activities at the end of the month.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the retirement reception for Milford Police Chief Forrest Siebken, looked at all projects on the 1 & 6 Road Plan, attended the Utica Village Trustee Meeting last night and has a Seward City Council meeting this evening.

Sherry Schweitzer gave information on the bids opened last week for the mowing of abandoned cemeteries in Seward County.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to award the bid for mowing of abandoned cemeteries in Seward County to Anton Buresh D/B/A Express Lawn Care who bid \$700 per mowing.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract for Mowing the Abandoned Cemeteries with Anton Buresh D/B/A Express Lawncare.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Matt Starkey, Veteran's Service Office/Public Transit Director, presented an application for the Fiscal Year 23-25 Public Transit 5311 Operating Assistance.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3745 in regard to authorizing the Chairman to sign the application for the Fiscal Year 2023-2025 Public Transit 5311 Operating Assistance.

RESOLUTION NO. 3745

SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska, in regular session, assembled at the Seward County Courthouse at 529 Seward Ave, Seward NE 68434, this 4th day of April 2023, and hereby resolves as follows:

WHEREAS, there are federal funds available under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA) and for Nebraska Public Transportation Assistance Program, and

WHEREAS, the Seward County Public Transit desires to apply for said funds to be used to provide public transportation in Seward County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners hereby instructs the Seward County public Transit Director to apply for the above-mentioned funds and authorized the Seward County Chairman to sign said application document(s). Said funds are to be used for the Seward County Public Transit operations in FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025 and Seward County hereby pledges up to \$124,604.00 to meet its local match obligations.

Moved by: Zabrocki

Seconded by: Ahmic

April 4th 2023

Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Misty Ahmic,

WHEREAS ☒ No one appeared to oppose said Conditional Use
☐ Individuals appeared to oppose said Conditional Use
☒ No one appeared to support said Conditional Use
☐ 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 or Deny the VOLZKE FARMS SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3747.

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by: Ahmic April 4th 2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution 3748 in regard to approving the short form plat named Platinum Ranch in J Precinct in the SW ¼ of Section 12 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3748 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Brock T. Henderson and Joshua D. Delcamp have applied for a Short Form Plat, and is described as a tract of land in the Southwest 1/4 of, Section 12, Township 10N, Range 3E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the PLATINUM RANCH Short Form Plat and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission held a public meeting to consider the application at a regular meeting March 20, 2023, and

WHEREAS notice of the public meeting was published in the Seward County Independent, and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission recommended Approval of the Short Form Plat as presented, with a vote of 6 In Favor, 0 Against, and 3 Absent not voting, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Board of Commissioners held a public meeting to consider the application at a regular meeting April 4th, 2023, and

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

WHEREAS ☒ No one appeared to oppose said Conditional Use
☐ Individuals appeared to oppose said Conditional Use
☒ No one appeared to support said Conditional Use
☐ 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 or Deny the PLATINUM RANCH Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3748.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic April 4th 2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners then discussed a Conditional Use Permit Review for an application in Precinct J in the NW ¼ of Section 25 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Paulsen explained that a Conditional Use Permit was given last year for this construction area and there was an issue with traffic, equipment back-up alarms, etc. by those living in the area. Each year a Conditional Use Permit has to be renewed and because of comments received and also the construction plant working in the evening this year, it is being reviewed. The Planning Commission reviewed the permit and found it still in compliance. Terry Wilhelm from Warner Construction Company was present to answer questions. He stated a contact number/person has been given to the area residents if they have concerns. They will also place additional signage and have measures in place for their truck drivers to assure safety when entering/exiting the construction site.

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht explained the suggested Snow and Ice Removal Policy.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3749 in regard to the new Snow and Ice Removal Policy.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

AUTHORIZING THE SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL)
POLICY OF RURAL ROADS IN) RESOLUTION NO. 3749
SEWARD COUNTY)

WHEREAS, in the judgement of the Seward County Board of Commissioners, it is deemed advisable that the Snow and Ice Removal Policy be updated and changed for Seward County Roads.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska, that authorization is hereby given to adopt the new snow removal policy of rural roads.

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by: Zabrocki Dated: April 4, 2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Snow and Ice Removal Plan for Seward County Rural Roads

The plan for snow and ice removal on Seward County Rural Roads addresses the procedures that are to be followed in the event of a winter snow or ice storm. The plan is a guide only and may be deviated from at the discretion of the County Highway Superintendent, after consultation with the Assistant Highway Superintendent and Foreman. It is the County's policy to make the best possible use of the County personnel and equipment in the administration of this service. It is not the intent of Seward County to have a "bare road" policy, but rather to use its personnel and equipment according to this plan.

It is the County's intent to open all roads in a consistent and timely manner. The Highway Superintendent, after consultation with the Assistant Highway Superintendent and Foreman in charge, will dispatch snow removal crews and equipment when snow accumulation is at a measurable depth and it is safe to do so. The goal is to restore usual traffic as soon as possible after snow removal operations have begun and will be accomplished with expanded hours, if feasible given the weather conditions. Snow, wind, and visibility conditions will determine when plowing operations may begin or proceed.

Sanding and clearing of snow will be done for the movement of traffic and to provide as much traction as possible to motorists. There will be times that roads are very slick and snow-covered. In the case of a severe storm, roads may be completely blocked by heavy drifts or severe ice. Those

roads will be cleared as soon as weather and time permit. They may have one-lane traffic for long periods of time before clearing is feasible. In those situations, motorists must exercise caution in operating their vehicle. Any vehicle that becomes stalled or abandoned on the county road system during snow or ice is the responsibility of the owner.

Routes designated as Other Arterial and Collector roads will be plowed first with other areas or less traveled roads following.

Each operator will be furnished a map of their area showing the priority roads.

Operator schedules will be adjusted as needed for initial snow removal. Expanded snow removal will primarily be done during normal working hours. Emergency plowing or sanding for Emergency Services and Utility Services will be done by the designated operator. Gravel roads will not be sanded or salted under any conditions. Hard surfaced roads will be sanded and/or salted in the following areas as needed, or at the discretion of the Highway Superintendent or Assistant Highway Superintendent: curves, hills, stop signs, intersections, bridges.

Operators of snow equipment will have at least one meeting in September of each year to outline their duties. They will be furnished a map of their area of responsibility along with a copy of the current snow plan.

Definitions

One Lane - A single pass with equipment to remove snow to allow one opened lane of traffic.

Emergency- An event of an urgent nature that would require immediate snow removal intervention to respond to a specific location.

Normal Working Hours – 7:00am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday.

Other Arterial and Collectors – Entrance and Exit roads to a town; Highway to highway access; Emergency response personnel; Traffic emergency alternatives routes; Potentially high risk access/evacuation areas (i.e. chemical spill, electrical stations); School bus and postal routes.

Bare Road – Road surface totally free of snow and ice.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on the Infrastructure Grants item on the agenda. She stated there has been information released again on more grants which could possibly help with the planning portion of a project. She would like to collaborate with SCC and the City of Milford for a planning grant for a bypass around Milford. She will look into the grant application.

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

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht went through the different projects on the plan.

Dave Wagner spoke about wanting to get the roads back to better conditions.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to close the Public Hearing for the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan at 10:16 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

During discussion after the hearing, Commissioners asked questions about different projects in the plan not previously discussed.

Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, was present to ask that the limit on his department credit card be raised. He said he and his staff will be using the card when going to trainings in the next 6 months and the present limit of \$2,000 is not adequate. He asked that it be raised to \$6,000 until 10/1/2023.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to allow the E911 Department credit card limit to be raised to \$6,000 until 10/31/2023.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Conradt also discussed the computer in the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) in the Justice Center. He didn't know who/what department had first placed the computer there but it is outdated and is wondering about replacement. Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, said it was an extra computer from the Sheriff's Office when the Detention Center was built. There was discussion about what budget a new computer would be funded by.

Conradt also told the Commissioners about National Telecommunicators Week which is April 9-15.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on April 11, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of March 28, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update
5. Discuss/Action – Real Estate Property Tax Refund Request for Imogene Hegeholz
6. Discuss/Action – Tax List Corrections 402-20R, 403-21R & 404-22R

8:35 a.m.

Public Hearing – Permissive Exemption Applications for St. Patrick's Catholic Church & Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church
Discuss/Action – Permissive Exemption Applications for St. Patrick's Catholic Church & Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on April 11, 2023 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 4, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through March 31, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

1. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
2. Commissioners Reports
3. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
4. Discuss/Action – Agenda for April 18, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit for the installation and operation of a 1MW Solar Array energy production for Todays Power, Inc. located in the NW ¼ of Section 22, Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.
Discuss/Action – Resolution/Finding of Facts – Conditional Use Permit for the installation and operation of a 1MW Solar array energy production for Todays Power Inc located in the NW ¼ of Section 22, Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open bids for the Task Force Building Renovation

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 11:25 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: 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 April 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

April 11, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on April 11, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on April 11, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of March 28, 2023.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the Tax Refund Request from Imogene Hegeholz, Trustee in the amount of \$2,587.36.

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

The Board of Equalization recessed at 8:40 a.m.

The Board of Equalization re-convened at 8:47 a.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve Tax List Corrections 402-20R, 403-21R and 404-22R all in the name of Gerald & Imogene Hegeholz Trustees.

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

Woolsey updated the Commissioners on activities of the Assessor's Office.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to open a public hearing at 8:49 a.m. for Permissive Exemption Applications for St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church.

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

Brant Taylor representing Hillcrest Evangelical Free Church was in favor of said exemption application.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to close the public hearing at 8:52 a.m.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to grant the Permissive Exemptions for St. Patrick's Catholic Church for property described as the NE ¼ of Block 22, Wright's First Addition in the Village of Utica and for Hillcrest Evangelical Church for property described as Lot 1, Seward Rail Campus PUD, Seward, NE.

Motion Carried

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 11, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, 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 April 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

April 11, 2023
Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on April 11, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on April 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of April 4, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver

Abstain: Hain

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve claims through the period of March 31, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MARCH 31, 2023

ACCURATE CONTROLS, INC	SE	\$1,856.36	UPS	SE	\$11.61
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SU	\$284.00	US POSTAL SERVICE	SU	\$10,000.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$503.09	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	SE	\$2,534.64
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$178.35	VOSS LIGHTING	SE	\$103.24
AMERICAN JAIL ASSOC	FE	\$1,155.00	WALL, ROBERT	SE	\$190.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$19,406.71	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	SE	\$198.15
ASSOCIATED ANESTHESIO	SE	\$59.72	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,026.18
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$49.28	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$6,060.50
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	YORK COUNTY	SE	\$221.54
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$9,282.28	YORK CO SHERIFF	SE	\$29.81
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$399.00	BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$240.77
CORI J STAVA	SE	\$1,342.25	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$2,443.95
E 911	SE	\$37,100.67	DUKE AERIAL, INC	SE	\$635.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$10,954.08	INLAND TRUCK PARTS	SU	\$5,466.86
KEARNEY HOSPITALITY	TR	\$139.95	INTERSTATE POWER	SU	\$3,276.63
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$200.00	KERFORD LIMESTONE	SU	\$13,988.26
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$160.40	MATHESON TRI-GAS	SU	\$385.74
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$1,517.48	MIDWEST SERVICE	SE	\$505.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$542.90	MILLER SEED	SU	\$212.50
INDOFF INC	SU	\$74.93	NE EQUIPMENT INC	SE	\$137.86
INVENTORY TRADING	SU	\$1,535.00	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$150.08
JONES BANK	SE	\$142.72	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$39.95
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,718.01	POWERPLAN	SE	\$3,950.89
RELX INC	SE	\$213.00	ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH	SE	\$997.80
MERRICK CO SHERIFF	SE	\$0.61	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$44,731.81
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	SE	\$117.00	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$55.40
MID-AMERICAN INS	FE	\$43,864.29	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	SE	\$106.90
VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94	SEWARD TECH SERV	SE	\$169.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,329.68	JEANNE WIEMER	SE	\$15.96
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$405.87	HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$24.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$250.00	FIRST WIRELESS	UT	\$14,225.07
NEB ASSN CO TREASURERS	FE	\$415.00	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$7,217.03
NEBR PUB HLTH ENV LB	SE	\$210.00	STALKER RA	SE	\$257.50
ONESOURCE	SE	\$51.50	A1 AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$750.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$82.77	BLUE TO GOLD LLC	SE	\$225.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$65.00	CATTLE BANK & TRUST	SE	\$104.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$20.00	GRAHAM TIRE	SE	\$317.50
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$7,262.75	GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$605.00
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$463.73	IDEMIA IDENTITY	SE	\$445.00
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	LYNN PEAVEY COMPANY	SE	\$123.25
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$11,638.00	SECURITY EQUIP	EQ	\$10,890.00
RUTT'S MECHANICAL SERV	SE	\$4,225.00	UTICA BODY & PAINT	SE	\$400.00
SAUNDERS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50	VIGILANT SOLUTIONS	EQ	\$4,775.00
KEVIN SCHLENDER	SE	\$285.00	CODY WILLIAMS	SE	\$1,500.00
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$518.00	CEDARS	SE	\$520.00
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$136,787.01	NEB JUV JUSTICE ASSOC	FE	\$150.00
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$675.60	NESCA TRAINING	SE	\$375.00
SEWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	SE	\$18.50	SALARIES		\$282,323.59
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	SU	\$279.89	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$8,385.75	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,152.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SHARILYN K STEUBE	SE	\$237.50	DELTA DENTAL		
SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$4,907.97	VSP VISION		
TRAINING CENTER PROS	SE	\$3,336.97	WADDELL & REED		
UNIVERSITY OF NEB	SE	\$250.00			

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

Motion Carried

Highway Supt. Terry Wicht and Asst. Highway Supt. John Regneir updated the Commissioners on the Road Dept. activities.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked on a road erosion issue, received the proposed new regulations for the Zoning Regulations which are ready to be reviewed by legal, had meetings for personnel matters, started the American Rescue Plan Act report which is due soon, followed up on road signage issues, worked on the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) project, and gave information about the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) budget contribution discrepancy.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with HR on various matters, researched a county owned system for live streaming meetings, and received quotes for shirts for county personnel.

Commissioner Culver reported he met with the Highway Supt. and Assessor the past week, checked roads and has been contacted by a constituent that he will respond to this week.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Region V meeting and will have an Extension Board meeting and Arbor Day event in the next weeks. He also noted he is working on the Public Defender vacancy and researching a road project that is on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he went to the Seward City Council meeting, was approached by Seward City Officials about adding a road to the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan and met with the Hwy Supt. about the road. He also attended the South East Nebraska Development District (SEND) meeting.

Hwy Supt. Terry Wicht and Asst. Highway Supt. John Regneir were in attendance for consideration about the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan adoption. They discussed some road projects that were questioned last week.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3750 in regard to approving the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3750
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat 39-2115 through 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, April 4th, 2023, at 10:00 am.

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was conducted on the proposed One- and Six-Year Plan, as stated in the advance notices, on Tuesday, April 4th, 2023, at 10:00 am

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 11th day of April 2023 at Seward, Nebraska.

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

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to open a Public Hearing at 9:32 a.m. for a Conditional Use Permit for the installation and operation of a 1MW Solar Array energy production facility for Today's Power, Inc. located in the NW ¼ of Section 22 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Weed/Zoning Administrator, Becky Paulsen was present to give information about the application and the Planning Commission recommendation of approval.

Chris Heath of Today's Power, Inc. spoke in favor of said application.

Bruce Vitosh of Norris Public Power was present to answer questions about the project. Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership, spoke in favor of the project.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to close the public hearing at 9:46 a.m.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners completed the Findings of Facts which is required for a Conditional Use Permit.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
REQUEST BY:
APPLICANT

Today's Power inc.

THIS MATTER came before the Board of Commissioners at the request of the Applicant for a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. A public hearing was held on the 11th day of April 2023. Notice of said hearing was publicized on the 28th day of March 2023.

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 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 construction and operation of a 1MW Solar Array Energy Production Facility, and therefore subject to Seward County's Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Matrix of the Seward County Zoning Regulations.

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.

Currently Zoned A-1

This Conditional Use Permit is applicable to this site only.

A Conditional Use Permit may be granted for a 1MW Solar Array Energy Production 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: Provide notation of escrow with the Register of Deeds.

Dated this 11th day of April 2023.

John K. Culver, Board Chair

Misty Ahmic, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3751 in regard to approving a Conditional Use Permit for the installation and operation of a 1MW Solar Array energy production facility for Today's Power, Inc. located in the NW ¼ of Section 22 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3751 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Todays Power Inc. has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for the installation and operation of a 1MW Solar Array energy production facility, and

WHEREAS the property is described as a tract in the Northwest ¼ of, Section 22, Township 10N, Range 3E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the application at a regular meeting March 20, 2023, 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 6 In Favor, 0 Against, and 3 Absent not voting, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to consider the application at a regular meeting May 11, 2023, 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 Todays Power Inc. for the installation and operation of a 1MW Solar Array energy production facility at the described location. parcel Id 800004744 on a tract of ground located in the Northwest ¼ of, Section 22, Township 10N, Range 3E Seward County Nebraska.

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Schmieding April 11, 2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Board of Commissioners recessed at 9:55 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to open the bids at 10:00 a.m. for the Task Force Building Renovation.

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

Bids were received from Altar Construction Group.

Bids will be awarded at next week's Board of Commissioners meeting.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for March 2023 in the amount of \$34,286.25.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for March 2023 in the amount of \$10,996.25.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on the Internet Services for the West Wing item on the agenda. She had contacted three companies and gave information about them. She contacted

Great Plains which did not submit a quote. Allo and Kinetic did submit quotes. Allo's quote stated no contract will be needed and they guaranteed 4-hour response service. Kinetic's quote included a 2-year contract and varied speeds. Matt Starkey, Veteran's Service Office/Public Transit Director, was present and gave information on the current problems the building is having with NextLink for their internet services.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve Allo for internet services at the West Wing Building.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners talked about live streaming and video recording commissioner meetings. Commissioner Hain led discussion and stated she contacted Butler, Saline and York Counties which live-stream their meetings. She stated a Zoom subscription would be needed in connection with the "Owl" System the county owns. Culver stated this item was discussed eight months ago and it was decided not to proceed. He was not in favor at that time and has not changed his mind on the subject. Commissioner Schmieding gave information that he felt the same way and stated that the system we have is not reliable. Commissioner Zabrocki questioned the storage of the meeting information and stated proper equipment will be needed. Ahmic stated she agrees with transparency of information but has other concerns such as participation and picking up noise interference with the equipment we have.

Danna Seevers, a constituent, commented about wanting to have meetings livestreamed.

Alicia Alley also made a comment about the recording.

Commissioner Hain said she would like to look into more options on the subject.

Emergency Manager Gary Peterson, Sheriff Mike Vance and Chelsea Smith of the Sheriff's Office were present to talk about an upgrade to the mass notification system. Peterson said the new system would automatically upload phone numbers and thereby, notifications could reach more people. He said the cost could be split among the Emergency Management Dept. and also the Sheriff's Office. Smith reported that only approximately 2,000 people in Seward County have signed up for notifications. This upgraded system would be able to target people in a certain geographical area. They would like to have more people signed up for situations such as bad weather, active shooters, etc. Costs for the new upgrade would come out of the Sheriff Drug Fund and the Emergency Manager's Grant fund.

County Attorney Wendy Elston, Casey Tiemann, Office Manager of the Attorney's Office, and HR Director Carina Sanchez were present to discuss the Vacant Diversion Director position. Elston led discussion that she has had the position open and not received any viable applications. She would like the Commissioners to update the starting wage for the position.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to set the new starting wage for the Diversion Director Position in the Pre-Trial Diversion Office at \$27.16 per hour effective immediately.

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

Motion Carried

During the Infrastructure related grants item on the agenda, Hain said the Community Project Fund (CPF) grant for a Beaver Crossing road project was submitted and we are waiting to hear back. Ahmic said she received an email from an engineer that it would cost approximately \$5,000 for application fees plus \$50,000 for engineering fees for each of the five bridges. The application period starts in June and would need to be submitted by August. Ahmic would like to apply for a Planning Grant through the Safe Roads and Streets grant. This would be for a Milford bypass project. There would be some fees that would be applicable to this process that would be paid from ARPA funds.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to go into Executive Session at 11:21 a.m. to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman re-stated that the reason for Executive Session was for Personnel.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to go out of Executive Session at 12:33 p.m.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

After Executive Session, the Chairman stated that while in Executive Session only personnel was discussed and no decisions were made.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on April 18, 2023 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 11, 2023

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 – Agenda for April 25, 2023
- 9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Patrick Kreifels/Region V Systems – Annual Report and Request for Contribution
- 9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open bids for Culverts
- 9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open bids for Gravel
- 10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open bids for Rock
- 10:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award bids for the Seward County Task Force Building Renovation
- 10:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Executive Session – Personnel

The Commissioners recessed at 12:36 p.m. to go to the Justice Center for the quarterly jail inspection.

The Commissioners re-convened at the Justice Center at 12:50 p.m.

The Commissioners conducted a jail inspection with all Commissioners present.

Commissioner Hain is absent at 1:09 p.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 1:10 p.m.
Affirmative Vote: 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 18th day of April 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

April 18, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on April 18, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on April 18, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of April 11, 2023.

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

Asst. Highway Supt., John Regnier updated the Commissioners on activities of the Road Dept.

County Treasurer, Jake Zlatkovsky and Deputy County Treasurer, Sherry Leising presented the 3rd Quarter Investment Report.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Seward County Treasurer's 3rd Quarter Investment Report.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:13 a.m.

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

Patrick Kreifels of Region V Systems was present to give the annual report of the organization and request for a contribution for the next fiscal year.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to open the bids for Culverts for Seward County.

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

Bids were received from Metal Culverts Inc, Ace/Eaton Metals and Contech Engineered Solutions.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she received constituent calls about road issues, attended the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) Leadership Training, signed an Order for Service internet service for Allo, met with the Public Transit Director about several issues and talked to the county IT provider, Soarin' Group about various matters. She has been talking to phone system vendors, to a

Butler County representative about a collaborative road project and attended the Planning Commission meeting last evening.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the HR Office and Extension Office on various matters, attended the NIRMA training, followed up on road matters, is continuing with the NACO leadership training, toured the Task Force Building, and attended the Ag Society meeting.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to open the bids for gravel for Seward County.

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

Bids were received from: Johnson Sand & Gravel, Central Sand & Gravel, Dale Johnson Trucking and Infinity Excavating.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:55 a.m.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to open bids for rock for Seward County.

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

There were no bids received for rock.

Commissioners Reports (Cont.)

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting, the 911 Board meeting and the Planning Commission meeting. He received calls about road issues and stated he will attend the Blue Valley Community Action meeting tonight.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Visitors Meeting and met with constituents about various issues.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the 911 Board meeting, the NIRMA training, and will go to a Seward City Council meeting tonight.

The item on the agenda of the Employee Benefit Plan document was not considered at this time and will be on next week's agenda.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Zoning Administrator's Fee Report for March 2023 in the amount of \$1,200.00.

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

Sheriff Mike Vance and Blake Swicord of the Seward Sheriff's Office were present to give their recommendation for awarding the bid for the Task Force Building Renovation.

The only bid received was from Altar Construction. Swicord said the bid asked that 50% of the bid amount be given upon start of construction. Discussion was held about whether or not that can be done or how the request can be accommodated. Swicord will talk to them and let them know a contract will need to be signed which will not allow him to be paid before the materials are delivered.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to award the bid for the Seward County Task Force Building Renovation to Altar Construction for \$199,977.01.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain to accept the Sheriff's Fee and Mileage Report for February 2023 in the amount of \$1,216.00 and \$637.69.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on the Request for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds on the agenda. She stated a grant that is being applied for has five road projects and the planning costs could be paid out of America Rescue Plan Act funds.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve setting aside American Rescue Plan Act Funds to help pay for an application and engineering costs for a grant for bridge projects in the amount of \$250,000.

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

During the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Ahmic stated she talked to the City of Milford and Southeast Community College representatives and will be applying for a planning grant for a bypass for the Milford area.

The Commissioners discussed appointing an interim Human Resource Director. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, said that the current Human Resource Director is transitioning into a different role and so an Interim Director is needed. Roxanne Knutson, who already works in the office, is willing to take over the interim role.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to appoint Roxanne Knutson as the Interim Human Resource Director effective retroactive to April 12, 2023 with the wage set at the current Human Resource Director's salary.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on April 25, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 11, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on April 25, 2023 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 18, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through April 14, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action - Authorize the Chairman sign the Plan Document and Summary Plan Description for the Employee Benefit Plan
8. Discuss/Action – Replacement of Carpet in West Wing
9. Discuss/Action – Adding Commissioner Meeting Recordings to the County Website
10. Discuss – Setting Planning Commission Member Terms
11. Discuss/Action – Use of the Podium for Commissioners Meetings
12. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
13. Discuss/Action – Executive Session - Personnel
14. Discuss/Action – Agenda for May 2, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman to sign a Guardian RFID System Agreement Addendum B Amendment for Additional Spartan Device for Detention Center

Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request for the Detention Center

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture 2022 Report for the Seward County Weed Dept.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:52 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 11:00 a.m.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to go into Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss Personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

The Chairman stated the reason for Executive Session was for Personnel.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to go out of Executive Session at 11:36 a.m.

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

The Chairman stated that while in Executive Session, personnel was discussed and no decisions were made.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 11:37 a.m.

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

State of Nebraska)

County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 25th day of April 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

April 25, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on April 25, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on April 25, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the minutes of April 11, 2023.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve Tax List Corrections 405-20R, 406-21R, 407-22R for Rickey Joe Cradick & Cradick Pork LLC and 408-23R for Lottman Carpenter Construction LLC.

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

Woolsey then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on May 9, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 25, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 8:36 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, 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 9th day of May 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

April 25, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on April 25, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on April 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of April 18, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve claims for the period through April 14, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH APRIL 14, 2023					
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$2,004.24	SEWARD SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$322.00
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$40.13	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$594.22
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$514.80	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$1,236.63
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$19,060.82	SPORTS EXPRESS INC	SU	\$140.25
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$3,193.05	NEBRASKA DAS STATE ACCTNG	SE	\$137.00
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$480.00	SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	SE	\$527.00
CAPITAL BUS SYSTEMS	SU	\$33.99	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,499.83
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$310.97	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	SE	\$1,761.71
CLERK OF DIST CRT ASSN	FE	\$75.00	TRASH PANDA REFUSE	SE	\$4,023.60
CONTINENTAL FIRE	SE	\$1,322.00	TWIN RIVERS HLTH CR	SE	\$45.00
CO VETER SERV OFFCRS ASSN	FE	\$160.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$277.87
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	TR	\$428.00	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$20.00
CULLIGAN	SE	\$113.50	VISA	FE	\$12,606.28
JACK DANIEL	SE	\$15.07	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,418.18
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQ	\$2,845.89	DESIGN INDUST RADIATORS	SE	\$473.86
JENNIFER EICKHOFF	SE	\$14.41	CHEMSEARCH	SE	\$873.40
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SE	\$393.87	HAMILTON EQUIP CO	EQ	\$233.82
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$10,486.91	J R WELDING INC	SE	\$548.02
GALLS LLC	SE	\$291.83	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC	SE	\$19,076.26
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$883.85	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	EQ	\$1,325.04
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$385.96	NE EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$14.49
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$607.00	NMC, INC	SE	\$2,067.05
OMAHA CONV HOTEL CORP	TR	\$2,388.00	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,825.10
IHS PHARMACY	SU	\$415.68	REED ELECTRIC	SE	\$288.15
INDOFF INC	SU	\$1,442.71	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$713.80
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$1,467.64	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$51.20
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,464.44	NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSN	TR	\$100.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	FE	\$131.48	DELTA DENTAL OF NE	FE	\$175.25
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$158.87	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$68.75
LANGUAGE LINE SERV	SE	\$100.56	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$100.80

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, attended the Public Defender interview, discussed some road issues with the Highway Supt. and met with the Sheriff and his office personnel.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Public Defender interview and the Visitors Committee meeting. He has an Extension meeting and the Arbor Day Celebration coming up this next week. He has also been meeting with constituents in his District.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he went to the BRIDGES meeting, Broadband Taskforce meeting, Fourth of July Committee meeting, and Seward City Council Meeting.

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator, presented the 2022 Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture Report for the Seward County Weed Dept.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Nebraska Dept. of Agriculture 2022 Report for the Seward County Weed Dept.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic authorize the Chairman to sign the Plan Document and Summary Plan Description for the Employee Benefit Plan.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on the "Setting Planning Commission Member Terms" item on the agenda. Seward County has no set "terms" for our Planning Commission members. Ahmic stated that she has worked on the issue and researched other counties to see what the structure of their Planning Commissions are. She stated she researched Hamilton, Fillmore, York, Saunders, Cass, Jefferson, Gage, and Saline Counties and gave information about each one. Ahmic suggested that Seward County have Planning Commission Bylaws, set terms and have applications for those who want to serve on the commission.

Wicht was present to give his recommendation for awarding the gravel and culvert bids.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to award the culvert bid for Seward County Road Dept. to Ace Eaton in the amount of \$32,093.70.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to award gravel bids to Johnson Sand & Gravel, Central Sand & Gravel, Dale Johnson Trucking and Infinity Excavating.

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

Donna Hendrickson of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) was present to ask for permission to use the Courthouse lawn for the Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska (BRAN) activities on June 9, 2023 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the request from Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership to use the Courthouse lawn for the Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska (BRAN) activities on June 9, 2023 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on replacing the carpet in the West Wing Building. The Extension Office previously had informed the Commissioners about replacing the flooring in their restroom(s). Ahmic noted there are other restrooms in the building that have flooring that needs replaced as well as in the hallway. It has been suggested that costs for the renovations come out of the Inheritance Fund. Ahmic will bring back more information in the future.

Wicht presented a contract for the Commissioners approval.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Ten Point Construction for Project C-80(676) Milford South Patching in the amount of \$645,356.69.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed three tracts of land that belong to Seward County which will be affected by the State of Nebraska Project Hwy 15-2(117) US 34 North and South. Two tracts are on the courthouse square and 1 tract of land is near the Dollar General Addition. Documents such as easements are being reviewed by the County Attorney's Office and will be considered next week.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 10:32 a.m. to discuss Personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman stated the Executive Session is for Personnel.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to come out of Executive Session at 10:52 a.m.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion of adding the Commissioner's meeting voice recordings to the county website. She stated the program that is used for recording audio currently is proprietary. Ahmic had contacted the county IT provider who said audio files can be converted and posted on website. Many ways of providing the recordings on the county website were discussed. The County Clerk will be asked to put the weekly recording on a flash drive and then give it to the HR Office, who manages the county website, for them to upload. Commissioner Ahmic will work with IT to facilitate the process.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to add Commissioner meeting voice recordings to the county website for a period of one month and that will be done by Human Resources.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Hain led discussion of using the podium in the Commissioners Room instead of the table for people who want to speak in the meetings. The podium, which is up to date technologically and rather large, would be optional for those wanting to use it. Schmieding stated he felt using the current table is adequate. Culver was not in favor of using the podium due to security concerns. Sheriff Vance was present and agreed about the security issue. Sheriff Vance said he could use the podium in the new task force building.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain that we remove the podium from the Board Room and allow the Sheriff's Office to use it as he sees fit.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Hain supplied a quote for Road Dept. Safety apparel from Middle Creek Printing. Commissioner Ahmic stated she feels it is important for our Road Dept. employees to be in safety shirts and be identified as county employees. Costs would be initially paid from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Future costs may be paid from a grant from Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (NIRMA). Hain was instructed to get a quote for five shirts and a jacket for each Road Dept. employee.

During the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Ahmic led discussion that if a planning grant were received, we would need to form a group between Seward County, the City of Milford and Southeast Community College to help with a feasibility study in regard to the grant. She gave information about what will be needed and about the use of this study for other grants.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to go into Executive Session at 11:53 a.m. for a strategy session.

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman stated the Executive Session was for a strategy session.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to go out of Executive Session at 12:19 p.m.

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

The Chairman stated a strategy session was discussed and no decisions were made.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 2, 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 April 25, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

- 5. Commissioners Reports
- 6. Discuss/Action – Set Planning Commission Member Terms
- 7. Discuss/Action – Setting By-Laws for Planning Commission
- 8. Discuss/Action – Request American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Road Dept. Safety Apparel
- 9. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
- 10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for May 9, 2023

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 12:22 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 2nd day of May 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

May 2, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on May 2, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on May 2, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those officials present during their monthly meeting with the Commissioners were: Carrie Gottschalk, Kathy Ruzicka, Marilyn Hladky, Roxanne Knutson, John Regnier and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of April 25, 2023.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a meeting with Windstream and was contacted by Kidwell both in regard to a new phone system for Seward County. She reported she met with the Zoning Administrator and participated in a call with two members of the Planning Commission. She met with the Hwy Supt. on a road issue, attended the SCCDP meeting, worked with IT personnel in regard to voice recordings of Commissioner meetings and worked on various zoning issues. She also reported she submitted the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) report and gave recognition to Brandy Johnson, Deputy County Clerk, for helping with it.

Commissioner Hain reported she worked on a letter of support for the Village of Beaver Crossing in regard to a grant, shared information about a grant for dust control, worked with HR on personnel items and the uniform amendment, updated the invoice, met with an Aging Service Board member, looking into the podium placements, attended Road Dept. foremen meeting, talked to Sharon Powell of Utica, met with Hwy Supt. and attended Staplehurst Village Board meeting.

Commissioner Culver attended the Seward County Safety Committee meeting, participated in an Arbor Day celebration last week, and received calls dealing with road matters.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he and Commissioner Culver have a meeting in regard to the Public Defender vacancy, attended the Seward Chamber of Commerce business luncheon, the Seward Arbor Day celebration and will have a Region V meeting and an Extension Office meeting. He will also attend a fundraiser in the coming week.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (NIRMA) Safety Commissioner meeting, a SENDD meeting, will attend a meeting with the area funeral directors in regard to the General Assistance Policy update and talked with constituents about a road issue.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:26 a.m.

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

Zoning Administrator, Becky Paulsen presented a short form plat for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3752 in regard to approving the Suhr 2023 Subdivision short form plat in the W ½ of Section 4 Township 11 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3752 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Trustees Gale L. Suhr, and Carol G Ochsner have applied for a Short Form Plat, and is described as a tract of land in the West 1/2 of, Section 4, Township 11N, Range 2E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the SUHR 2023 SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission held a public meeting to consider the application at a regular meeting April 17, 2023, and

WHEREAS notice of the public meeting was published in the Seward County Independent, and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission recommended Approval of the Short Form Plat as presented, with a vote of 8 In Favor, 0 Against, and 1 Absent not voting, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Board of Commissioners held a public meeting to consider the application at a regular meeting May 2nd, 2023, and

WHEREAS notice of the public meeting 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
 X No one appeared to support said Conditional Use
 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 or Deny the SUHR 2023 SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3752 .

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Hain May 2nd 2023
Ayes: Darrel J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners discussed setting terms for members of the Planning Commission. Currently, there are no terms for the members of this volunteer board. Ahmic presented a sample application that would need to be completed if someone wanted to be on the Planning Commission and the suggested terms.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to go ahead and set the Planning Commission member terms for 3 years.

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

Ahmic then led discussion on setting the By-Laws for the Planning Commission. She presented a suggested set of by-laws and asked the Board to look over them but not make a decision at this time. Ahmic would like the current Planning Commission members to take a look at them also.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3753 which allows the County Treasurer to allow Jones Bank to pledge additional securities.

RESOLUTION NO 3753 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS the Jones Bank & Trust desires to pledge the following securities:

DESCRIP	CUSIP#	MARKET VALUE
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK	3130AQWS8	\$1,000,000.00
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK	3130AQZG1	\$1,000,000.00
BELLEVUE NE COPS	079222BM6	\$ 470,000.00
DOUGLAS CNTY NE SAN & IMPT DIS	25933AGK6	\$ 300,000.00

WHEREAS the County Deposits must be protected at all times.

LET IT BE RESOLVED that this County Board accepts the above security pledging by the Jones Bank as of 05/02/2023.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2023.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Schmieding

Ayes: Darrel J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Commissioner Hain led discussion that the Village of Beaver Crossing is applying for a grant for rehabilitation of homes. They have asked the Board of Commissioners to sign a letter of support for this grant.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki for the Board to sign the letter of support for the Village of Beaver Crossing to obtain funding for an Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Grant through the NE Dept. of Economic Development.

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

The Commissioners discussed safety apparel for the Road Dept. which will be paid for with ARPA funds. The updated quote from Middle Creek Printing/Sports Express is for five shirts and one jacket for each road dept. employee.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the ARPA funds for the road dept safety apparel in the amount of \$4,123.50.

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

During the infrastructure related grants item on the agenda, Commissioner Ahmic stated she is not able to get in contact with Mainelli Wagner Engineering to get information from them for the grant for which Seward County wants to apply. After she gets this information, she can complete the grant.

The Commissioners discussed the State of Nebraska Road Project along Highway 15. The State of Nebraska has asked that the County sign documents for this project.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman sign the documents provided by the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation for Project 15-2(117) US 34 North and South.

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

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on May 9, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 25, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 9, 2023 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 2, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through April 28, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

1. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
2. Commissioners Reports
3. Discuss/Action – Nomination for the 2023 NE Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors
4. Discuss/Action – Setting By-Laws for Planning Commission
5. Discuss/Action – Audit for Seward County for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year
6. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for May 16, 2023

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Proposed General Assistance Guidelines for 2023

Discuss/Action – Res. – Proposed 2023 General Assistance Guidelines

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the May 2, 2023 Seward County Commissioners meeting.

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

Motion Carried

Time of adjournment: 10:16 a.m.

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 May 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

May 9, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on May 9, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on May 9, 2023 at 8:30 p.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of April 25, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, 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 May 23, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of May 9, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting of May 9, 2023.

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

Time of adjournment: 9:45 a.m.

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 May 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

May 9, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on May 9, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on May 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of May 2, 2023 meeting.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Sheriff Vance was present to give information about the contract for the Task Force Building renovation. He said some of the materials have been delivered and a claim has been submitted for those costs. There was discussion about what offices will be at the Task Force Building when the renovation is complete. Sheriff Vance stated he wanted to move the Road Patrol out to the Task Force Building and that the County Attorney had contacted him and wanted the space he would be vacating at the Justice Center. It was stated there has not been any requests to move offices at a Commissioner’s meeting. It was asked that the Sheriff and Attorney come to a meeting and give information about their plans.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve and sign the contract with Altar Construction for the Task Force Building Remodel.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve the claims for the period through April 28, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH APRIL 28, 2023					
ACKERMAN DESIGN & ENG	SE	\$480.00	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$211,679.27
ADP LLC	SE	\$3,587.35	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$97.99
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,636.96	SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	SE	\$684.54
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$714.65	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,545.75
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$33.99	ST OF NE DAS COMMUN	SE	\$1,152.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$19,404.91	JAMES STECKER	FE	\$643.92
ANCHOR PROMOTIONS	SU	\$584.97	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,359.03
BOB BARKER COMPANY	SU	\$610.72	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	EQ	\$898.00
BRENNAN, NIELSEN...LAW	SE	\$975.55	USPS	SU	\$10,000.00
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$49.28	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$951.73
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	FE	\$198.15
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$10,357.49	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,025.57
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$399.00	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,335.67

COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	SU	\$169.99	EHLERS ELECTRONICS	SE	\$114.95
COMFORT INN	TR	\$235.35	GWORKS	SE	\$3,543.67
CONNER PSYCH SERV	SE	\$425.00	HEARTLAND TIRES	EQ	\$9,499.35
CORI J STAVA	SE	\$586.00	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$39.95
DOUGLAS CO CLRK DIST CRT	SE	\$8.50	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	SU	\$1,620.22
E 911	SE	\$37,100.67	TRANSIT WORKS	SE	\$55.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,860.01	TROYER CONCRETE	SE	\$375.00
EGAN SUPPLY CO	SU	\$128.56	TRUCK CENTER CO	SE	\$53.86
EGR BIRKEL & WOLLMER	SE	\$4,037.50	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.96
ENGINEERED CONTROLS	SU	\$338.00	ANDERSON AUTO GRP	EQ	\$37,647.00
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$6,124.80	COMMUNITY PUBLISHERS	SE	\$155.00
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$13,529.53	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$1,775.50
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$294.50	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$2,023.30
GAGE COUNTY CLERK	SE	\$750.00	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$1,679.20
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SU	\$288.84	KIDWELL INC	SE	\$1,935.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	EQ	\$2,355.49	SEWARD SHERIFF TREASURY FND	FE	\$1,450.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$460.34	ALTAR CONSTRUCTION GRP	SE	\$61,085.55
INDOFF INC	SU	\$159.99	ARROWHEAD SCIENTIFIC	SE	\$339.59
JENNIFER JOAKIM	SE	\$950.00	A1 AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$3,133.14
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,807.76	CELLEBRITE INC	EQ	\$4,200.00
KINER SUPPLY CO	SU	\$60.78	GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$605.00
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$26.06	JONES BANK	SE	\$50.00
RELX INC	SE	\$213.00	MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$215.00
MAXIMUS INC	SE	\$2,413.61	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$35,279.86
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$728.66	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$351.36
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$112.50	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$307.24
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$43,056.07	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$114.98
VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94	SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO	SE	\$227.10
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,329.68	UPS	SU	\$11.59
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$2,915.44	URIBE REFUSE SERV	SE	\$156.00
NE PUB HLTH ENVIR LB	SE	\$105.00	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	SE	\$1,000.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$138.89	SALARIES		\$283,981.96
C. JO PETERSEN	FE	\$706.97	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
POLLACK AND BALL LLC	SE	\$641.25	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
QUILL CORPORATION	SU	\$133.03	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$302.50	DELTA DENTAL		
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	VSP VISION		
SEWARD CO BRIDGES	SE	\$11,500.00	WADDELL & REED		
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$703.14			

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

Motion Carried

Jon Regnier, Asst. Highway Supt., updated the Commissioners on activities of the Road Dept. He gave information about road concerns and noted he passed the Highway Superintendent's Certification.

The Commissioners discussed a right of way permit request on Van Dorn Road between 252nd and 266th Road and between 252nd Road and Oak Avenue, Milford. Regnier stated that their preference as to where the actual boring and knifing would occur is different than what the NextLink plans show. Dale Dishman of Nextlink was present and said they could accommodate that. Plans will be changed to reflect the request. Approval of the permit will be on a future agenda.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked on a Great Plains request for upgrading for internet, received a road comment about right of way issues, received notice that a resident complained about Windstream work, worked on some issues with the Broadband Task Force and was asked to be on the committee to choose a new Director for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

Commissioner Hain reported she worked with HR on a uniform agreement and other matters, working with Middle Creek Printers on a logo, worked with the Highway Supt. in regard to signage for dumping and is working with the county's IT vendor on the commissioner's page of county website.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with emails, worked on the panic button issue, checked some abandoned cemeteries and some roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Region V meeting and will have Extension Board meeting and Visitors Committee meeting in the coming weeks.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he went to the Seward City Council meeting, attended the Nebraska Interlocal Risk Management Assn. (NIRMA) roundtable event and meeting, received a road issue complaint and a complaint about an abandoned cemetery.

The Commissioners considered a nomination for the 2023 Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to nominate Carla Zarybnicky to the 2023 NE Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:55 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to open the public hearing at 10:00 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Matt Starkey, Seward County General Assistance Director, stated that the hearing is for updating the General Assistance Guidelines for 2023. He gave information about updating the policy which is required every 2 - 3 years.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to close the public hearing at 10:07 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3754 to approve the proposed 2023 General Assistance Guidelines.

RESOLUTION NO 3754 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the county board of each county shall furnish such medical service as may be required for the poor of the county who are not eligible for other medical assistance programs and general assistance for the poor of the county. Such general assistance shall be in amounts established by the county board as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 68-133 and shall be adequate to ensure maintenance of minimum health and decency.

WHEREAS, each county shall establish a standard of need for medical services furnished, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 68-104, by the counties to indigent persons who are not eligible for other medical assistance programs. This standard shall not exceed the Office of Management and Budget income poverty guidelines.

WHEREAS, each county shall adopt written standards of eligibility and assistance for general assistance to poor persons. Such standards shall be in compliance with all applicable Nebraska Law;

WHEREAS, the standards established pursuant to Section 68-133 and all amendments to such standards shall be reviewed by the county on a biennial basis to ensure that such standards reflect changes in living standards and cost-of-living.

WHEREAS, Seward County has updated its written standards of eligibility and assistance for general assistance to poor persons.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held Seward County to permit discussion and the presentation of testimony or evidence by interested persons regarding the new written standards. Notice of such hearing was published not more than twenty days nor less than ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper in general circulation throughout the county.

WHEREAS, X No one appeared to oppose the GA Guidelines

 Individuals appeared to oppose the GA Guideline

X No one appeared to support the GA Guidelines

 Individuals appeared to support the Guidelines

 Individuals appeared without commitment, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the attached written standards of eligibility and assistance for general assistance to poor persons is hereby adopted.

FURTHER, it shall be resolved that all prior written standards of eligibility and assistance for general assistance to poor persons is hereby rescinded and shall be null and void.

FURTHER, the General Assistance Director shall cause a copy of the new standards and amendments to such standards to be filed with the Department of Health and Human Services within (30) thirty days after their adoption by the county.

FURTHER, a copy of these standards and amendments shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours.

General Assistance Guidelines attached to Original Resolution.

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Zabrocki May 9, 2023

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 10:11 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:15 a.m.

Dylan Wiemer and Sharon Powell of the Village of Utica were present requesting Seward County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for a lift station project

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Village of Utica's request for American Rescue Plan Act funds for a secondary lift station line in the amount of \$81,941.15.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for April 2023 in the amount of \$4,017.34.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for April 2023 in the amount \$19,703.75.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss strategy.

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman restated that the reason for Executive Session was for strategy.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to go out of Executive Session at 11:20 a.m.

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

The Chairman stated that strategy was discussed in Executive Session and no decisions were made.

Ahmic led discussion on the “Setting Bylaws for the Planning Commission” item on the agenda. Commissioners and the legal counsel gave their suggested changes. Ahmic will make the changes to the proposed bylaws and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki led discussion on the audit for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year item on the agenda. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, helped in making a proposed RFP. Zabrocki stated that bids are not required for this service. He stated he has contacted some CPA firms to see if they are interested in performing a county audit. After discussion, Zabrocki will get more information and the item will be put on a future agenda.

In regard to the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Ahmic said she will be contacting Mark Mainelli soon to get information for grants for which we want to apply.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 16, 2023 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 9, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

- 4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
- 5. Commissioners Reports
- 6. Discuss/Action – Logo for the Seward County Road Dept. Safety Apparel
- 7. Discuss/Action – Audit for Seward County for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year
- 8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
- 9. Discuss/Action – Executive Session – Strategy
- 10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for May 23, 2023

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – E911 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Windstream to Present Phone Proposal to Replace Phone System for Seward County

10:20 a.m. Discuss/Action – Allo to Present Phone Proposal to Replace Phone System for Seward County

10:40 a.m. Discuss/Action – Great Plains to Present Phone Proposal to Replace Phone System for Seward County

11:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Unite to Present Phone Proposal to Replace Phone System for Seward County

11:20 a.m. Discuss/Action – Kidwell to Present Phone Proposal to Replace Phone System for Seward County

Zabrocki is absent at 12:18 a.m.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn the meeting.

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

Time of adjournment: 12:21 p.m.

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 May 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

May 16, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on May 16, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on May 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the minutes of May 9, 2023.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., and Sherry Schweitzer updated the Commissioners of their departments/offices.

Wicht presented a resolution to change a classification of a portion of Fletcher Road west of 196th Road from "Minimum Maintenance" classification to "Local".

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3755 in regard to changing the classification of Fletcher Road west of 196th Road from "Minimum Maintenance" to "Local".

RESOLUTION NO. 3755 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the roadway located in Seward County described as follows: Fletcher Road starting at SE Corner of Section 32, Township 11, Range 4E, and at NE corner of Section 5, Township 11, Range 4E thence East approximately 1,170 feet, currently has a State Functional Classification of "Minimum Maintenance" as classified by the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the functional classification of "Minimum Maintenance" roads consist of (a) roads used occasionally by a limited number of people as alternative access roads for areas served primarily by local, collector, or arterial roads or (b) roads which are the principal access roads to agricultural lands for farm machinery and which are not primarily used by passenger or commercial vehicles;

WHEREAS, Seward County plans to make improvements to this roadway in the future to allow for use by passenger or commercial vehicles in order to provide access to a residence;

WHEREAS, since the roadway will be used by passenger and/or commercial vehicles, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §39-2013, the appropriate functional classification should be "Local"; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska, 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 16th day of May, 2023.

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

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

The Board also discussed a right of way permit on Van Dorn Road between 225th and 266th Road and between 252nd Road and Oak Avenue. This was on the agenda last week and the Road Dept. at that time asked that the original plan be changed, which the requestor, NextLink, did agree to. The permit with the requested changes is being considered at this time.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the right of way permit for Van Dorn Road between 225th and 226th Roads and between 252nd Road and Oak Avenue.

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

Carla Ketner, representing the Nebraska Artists and Authors Showcase, Red Path Gallery, Seward Arts Council and Chapters Books and Gifts was present to request use of the Courthouse lawn for an annual arts event on June 24, 2023. She also asked that they be able to use a sound system and request use of the outdoor electrical outlet near the courthouse. She stated the hours of the event will be 2-4 p.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to allow the Nebraska Artists & Authors Showcase, Red Path Gallery, Seward Arts Council and Chapters Books & Gifts annual event along the sidewalk of the Courthouse on Saturday June 24, 2023 from 2-4 p.m. with use of a sound System and outdoor electrical outlet.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the County Sheriff Fees and Mileage Reports for March 2023 in the amounts of \$1,591.00 and \$1,209.82 respectively.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3756 in regard to allowing Jones Bank to withdraw pledged securities.

RESOLUTION NO. 3756 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS the Jones Bank & Trust desires to withdraw the following securities:

DESCRIP	CUSIP#	MARKET VALUE
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK	3130AQWS8	\$ 1,000,000.00
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK	3130AQZG1	\$ 1,000,000.00
FN CB1131	3140QLHH2	\$ 931,333.68

WHEREAS the County Deposits will still be protected at all times.

LET IT BE RESOLVED that this County board accepts the above withdrawal of security pledging by the Jones Bank as of 05/16/2023.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2023.

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

E911 Director, Spencer Conradt presented the budget for 2023-2024. He said he has already received approval from the cities of Seward and Milford and is now asking for the Commissioners approval. Commissioners asked questions about the overtime/holiday pay and travel line items of the budget. Conradt gave them information about future use of the 911 Wireless Funds.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the E911 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she checked on some abandoned cemeteries, received a call from a constituent about various projects, worked on job descriptions with the HR Dept., attended a meeting for CASA about their Director position and with Mainelli Wagner in regard to information about a grant. She also attended the NACO Institute of Excellence class and the Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Hain reported she picked up the gift certificates for an HR recognition project, delivered cookies for Correctional Officer Week, met with the Sheriff's Office on a vacant job opening, and plans to set up meetings once a month for offices in which she is liaison to. She also worked on the Commissioner meeting audio recordings project, met with the Detention Center Director regarding a contract for meals at the Detention Center, and is working with Four Corners Health Department on a building project.

Commissioner Culver reported he worked with various emails, set up a special meeting for E911 in regard to a communication tower, and attended the Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he checked on the abandoned cemeteries and will have Visitors Committee and Extension Board meetings later in the week. He received comments, both negative and positive about road issues.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a meeting with our HR Dept. and continues trying to connect with a vendor about the outside courthouse lights. He also stated he attended a 4th of July Committee meeting, has been working on the audit project and an East Seward Road issue. He will attend the Seward City Council meeting tonight.

Donna Hendrickson of the Seward Chamber was present to ask for permission to use the Courthouse lawn on June 9, 2023 for the Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska (BRAN) event. She wanted to be able to place signs and tents on the lawn for 3 food vendors. Questions were asked what kind of equipment the vendors would use and the damage to the lawn. Hendrickson will come back with information about the vendors.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve the request for use of the courthouse lawn to place signs on June 8-9, 2023 for the Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska (BRAN) event.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners heard a presentation from Windstream representatives about replacing a phone system for Seward County.

The Commissioners heard a presentation from Allo representatives about replacing a phone system for Seward County.

The Commissioners heard a presentation from Great Plains representatives about replacing a phone system for Seward County.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:50 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:55 a.m.

The Commissioners heard a presentation from Unite representatives about replacing a phone system for Seward County.

The Commissioners recessed at 11:15 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 11:20 a.m.

Tom Nielsen of Soarin' Group was present during the presentations and asked additional questions of each vendor.

The Commissioners discussed the logo for the Seward County Road Dept. Safety apparel. The 3 samples were designed by Middle Creek Printing specifically for the Road Dept. The Commissioners discussed having a logo for the whole county. The subject will be discussed later in the meeting after more information is found.

The Commissioners discussed the Seward County audit for 2022-2023 with Zabrocki leading discussion. Seward County received information that the State of Nebraska will no longer conduct audits for Seward County due to staff shortage. Zabrocki had contacted various firms and found some not able to take on new clients for audits. After further discussion, Zabrocki will attempt to contact more firms and the State Auditor will be contacted for assistance.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to go into Executive Session at 12:14 p.m. for personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

The Chairman reiterated that the reason for the Executive Session was for personnel.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to go out of Executive Session at 1:00 p.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Chairman stated that while in Executive Session personnel was discussed and no action was taken.

The Commissioners recessed at 1:00 p.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 1:32 p.m.

Casey Tieman of the County Attorney's Office presented several items for consideration by the Commissioners.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman to sign the State Grant Award for the 2023-2024 Community Based Grant.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve increasing the County Attorney Credit Card Limit to \$6,000.00 to accommodate end of the year expenses for 6 months through the end of November 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Roxanne Knutson, Interim HR Director, joined Tieman when requesting a new starting wage for the Diversion Case Manager/Attendance Support Case Manager position.

Tieman explained that an analysis was done and that the wage is paid by a grant. She also said the position has not yet been advertised as it has just become vacant on Monday. The Commissioners decided that since it hasn't been advertised yet and it is close to budget time, they would recommend holding off on setting a new wage.

Ann Dobesh of the Extension Office was present to ask for a new starting wage for their full-time Administrative Assistant position in the Extension Office. Dobesh said the

position has been advertised for quite some time. The Commissioners feel since it is close to budget time, they will want a new wage to be taken care of at that time.

In regard to the Infrastructure Grants item on the agenda, Ahmic led discussion about a Planning Grant for the Safe Street and Road Grant. Ahmic stated someone from Mainelli Wagner is going to help with the information required for the Planning Grant.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 2:12 p.m. to discuss strategy.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to go out of Executive Session at 2:39 p.m.

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

The Chairman stated that while in Executive Session strategy was discussed and no decisions were made.

In regard to the County Logo item on the agenda, no more information was found. Commissioner Hain will take a picture of the flag which has art work the Commissioners found to be favorable. She will see if Middle Creek printing can make some new samples for the Board to consider.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on May 23, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of May 9, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 23, 2023 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 16, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through May 12, 2023

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 – Agenda for May 30, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Road Dept. Request to change to 10-hour days

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action - Phone System for Seward County

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn the meeting.

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

Time of adjournment: 2:44 p.m.

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 May 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

May 23, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on May 23, 2023 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 23, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of May 9, 2023.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the following Tax List Corrections: 409-20R for Melvin & Clarice Bolte, 410-20R for Dennis & Patricia Hill, 411-20R for Connie R & Donald Hoile, 412-20R for Vernon & Diane Nowacki, 413-20R for Ronald & Kathryn Tucker, 414-23R for accelerated taxes for 2023 for Robert & Coleen Menze.

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on June 13, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of May 23, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic adjourn the May 23, 2023 Board of Equalization meeting.

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

Time of adjournment: 9:02 a.m.

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 June 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

May 23, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on May 23, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on May 23, 2023 at 9:04 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting.

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

There was a short discussion about a claim being paid with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the claims through the period of May 12, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MAY 12, 2023					
ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	SEWARD CO TREASURER	SE	\$30.00
ACKERMAN DESIGN	SE	\$151.00	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$143.63
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,551.05	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$1,286.52
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	EQ	\$135.13	SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORP	SE	\$3,024.00
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$38.20	SPARETIME	SU	\$77.92
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$444.32	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTNG	SE	\$785.28
AMERICAN JAIL ASSOC	FE	\$100.00	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,450.84
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$19,279.41	THOMSON REUTERS	FE	\$1,795.91
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,555.51	VALENTINO'S SEWARD	SU	\$161.61
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$360.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	SE	\$2,736.39
BOARDERS INN & SUITES	TR	\$190.00	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$20.00
BOB BARKER CO	SE	\$1,984.23	VISA	FE	\$6,521.84
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$392.11	VOLZKE FUNERAL HOME	SE	\$50.00
BRYAN MEDICAL CENTER	SE	\$61.50	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,140.00
CENTEC CAST METAL PROD	EQ	\$813.74	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$1,008.00
CHARTER COMMUN	UT	\$310.97	BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$356.39
CORNHUSKER INTL TRUCKS	SE	\$215.00	G & P DEVEL LANDFILL	SE	\$41.49
CUMMINS SALES & SERVICE	EQ	\$3,930.79	RONALD STACHURA	SE	\$1,383.86
DELL MARKETING L P	SE	\$290.34	HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$77.00
DIAMOND DRUGS, INC	SU	\$232.33	KELLY SUPPLY COMPANY	SU	\$227.27
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$3,112.65	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$175.00
EGAN SUPPLY CO	SU	\$3,780.47	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$255.32
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SE	\$81.98	MIDWEST MACHINERY	SE	\$172.87

FARMERS COOP	SU	\$15,839.43	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES	EQ	\$2,575.00
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$26.25	MILLER SEED	SU	\$300.00
FRYE FRAZEY & ASSOC	SE	\$17,100.00	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$98.40
GALLS LLC	SE	\$639.22	NMC, INC	SE	\$5,246.94
GWORKS	SE	\$21,323.00	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$1,473.10
HERPOLSCHEIMERS	SE	\$243.25	POWERPLAN	EQ	\$4,130.39
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$386.99	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$21,758.00
KEARNEY INVESTMENT CORP	FE	\$235.90	SNAP-ON INDUSTRIAL	EQ	\$12,080.90
HSI EMERGENCY CARE SOL	SE	\$2,031.50	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$713.80
INDOFF INC	SU	\$32.97	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$145.61
INPATIENT PHYSICIAN ASSOC	SE	\$126.54	CATTLE BANK & TRUST	FE	\$87,880.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$1,821.83	CHAPTERS BOOKS	SU	\$55.16
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,681.88	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING	SE	\$1,063.50
KANSAS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY	TR	\$19.00	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$1,632.50
DAVID KIMBLE	SE	\$189.00	DELTA DENTAL OF NE	SE	\$234.53
KINER SUPPLY CO	SU	\$282.77	VISION SERVICE PLAN INS	FE	\$15.57
KIRBY ROTH INSURANCE	SE	\$100.00	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$68.75
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	SE	\$131.48	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$100.80
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.69	NATL ASSN DRUG COURT	SE	\$1,590.00
LANGUAGELINE INTERPRET	SE	\$21.00	PETERS, BRIAN	SE	\$231.25
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$1,090.09	MORGAN CAMPBELL	SE	\$102.67
MARLIN G MATULKA	SE	\$298.70	JONES BANK	SE	\$50.00
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$31.10	LANGUAGE LINE SERV	SE	\$142.50
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$448.57	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$936.21
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$3,700.03	TRANSUNION RISK	SE	\$616.40
MILLS & REITER	SE	\$617.50	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$1,007.72
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$2,942.65	VIGILNET	SE	\$208.50
NEBR ASSN OF ZONING	FE	\$40.00	NATL CURRICULUM & TRAIN	SE	\$1,718.98
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$183.00	THE CHANGE COMPANIES	SE	\$383.88
NEBR PUB HLTH ENVIR LB	SE	\$210.00	ENGINEERED CONTROLS	EQ	\$64,450.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$17.00	UNIVRSL BRDBND CONSULT	SE	\$234.00
NEXTLINK AIS	SE	\$110.00	APCO INTL	SE	\$384.00
ONESOURCE	SE	\$36.50	FIRST WIRELESS	UT	\$9,022.66
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$187.98	GEOCOMM INC	UT	\$5,989.00
PAC N SAVE	SU	\$228.66	HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$153.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$170.00	NOTARY PUB UNDERWRITERS	SE	\$95.00
PEREZ INTERPRETING	SE	\$200.00	WAHLTEK	SE	\$2,703.75
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$1,007.92	CIDNET	SE	\$2,877.66
CA MARKETING, INC	SE	\$1,225.59	SALARIES		\$282,460.55
POLLACK AND BALL LLC	SE	\$2,631.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
QUADIENT FINANCE USA	SE	\$242.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
QUADIENT LEASING USA	EQ	\$231.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SARPY COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$22.46	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$2,354.37	VSP VISION		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$20.50	WADDELL & REED		
SEW CO SHERIFF UNCOL FEES	FE	\$372.00			

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

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the County Clerk's Special Election by Mail Report for the Milford Special Election held on May 9, 2023.

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

Lawrence Jensen was present to ask about a bridge one mile north of Cordova on Yankee Hill Road and why it was taken off the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan. Commissioner Hain said she had visited the site of the bridge and had visited with Mr. Jensen on the issue. The bridge is in very bad shape and on a minimum maintenance road. It was explained that those wishing to use the bridge can access their fields another way and that projects have to be prioritized in order to be on the Plan.

The Commissioners discussed the request from Wicht to change to 10-hour days for the Road Department. Wicht explained that the construction crew and the truck drivers are already on 10-hour days, but not his maintenance crew. He would like to add his construction crew to the

10-hour day timeframe. The Commissioners discussed the request and those employees that it would affect and decided to wait until a later date to consider the request.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3757 in regard to authorizing the Chairman to sign the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation Agreement for work on the Bee Spur Bridge.

RESOLUTION NO. 3757 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR PROJECT NO. STP-S80B (114).

Be it resolved by the Commissioners of the County of Seward, Nebraska, that:

1. The county shall enter into an Agency Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project No. STP-S80B (114) for the purpose of bridge improvements on State Spur S80B ("Spur S80B") within Seward County.
2. The county commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of Seward County.
3. This resolution will be marked Exhibit "C" and a copy attached to each Original Agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF MAY 2023.

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

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

The Commissioners discussed the Potential Dust Control Test to McKelvie Road between 196th Road and Hwy 34 item on the agenda. Both he and the Commissioners have received many complaints about the dust. Wicht stated our Road Dept. employees will prep the road and then a product called DustLock will be applied by the DustLock Company. A grant was awarded to help with the cost that will be paid ½ by the County and ½ by the company. The Commissioners asked Wicht to wait one week and make sure the funds are available in his budget and report on details that came up during discussion.

Wicht stated the present loader in the Road Dept. has over 9,000 hours on it and either needs to be overhauled or a new one needs to be purchased. He has requested a new one be purchased from Sourcewell, which is a procurement company for state and local governments. He was able to get quotes for several companies through Sourcewell and gave that information to the Commissioners. He stated he does have the funds in his budget and is asking if he can purchase one or if they want him to go out for bids for this piece of equipment.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to purchase a new John Deere Loader from Sourcewell in the amount \$266,743.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:31 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:36 a.m.

Ann Dobesh of the Extension Office was present to ask if county funds could be used for staff apparel. She stated the staff does get one piece of apparel from the University and would ask that she be able to purchase one for them from the County. It would have the University logo on it.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain that the Extension Office staff apparel purchase be approved.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed the proposed phone system for Seward County. Last week presentations were given by Windstream, Allo, Unite and Great Plains. Commissioner Culver stated he felt service and support is important as well as the billing. Other Commissioners stated they also felt past issues with timing to address downtime was very important. Spencer Conradt, 911 Director, was present and stated that there have been many times in the past 60 days that there have been issues with the current phone company and support has not been timely. All Commissioners voiced their recommendations.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept Allo as the new phone provider for Seward County.

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

Motion Carried

Roxanne Knutson, Interim HR Director, brought several agreements for the Commissioners consideration related to our annual health insurance plan with Mid-American Benefits, Inc. as our Third-Party Administrator (TPA).

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman to sign the Hines Agreement, Midland's Choice Appendix A, Mid-American Benefits Administrative Service Agreement and Reinsurance Agreement all for the 2023-2024 Health Insurance Renewal Plan.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she checked abandoned cemeteries, received comments about roads and trash, met with the HR Director, worked with the Hwy Supt. and Commissioner Hain on job descriptions, had a meeting with UNL Extension, and worked with a group involved with finding a new Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Director.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with Aging Partners staff and then attended their quarterly meeting, participated in a Zoom meeting with Continuum, worked with the Hwy Supt. and Commissioner Ahmic about various road matters, met with Lawrence Jensen, received calls about road matters, attended the Road Dept. Foreman meetings, worked with a printer concerning a county logo, delivered cookies to the Sheriff's Office and talked to Extension Staff about items for abandoned cemeteries.

Commissioner Culver reported he received calls about road concerns, met with Court Clerks and Judges, and has a special meeting for 911 this week. He also stated he talked with an architect who is working on a dome in another county who wants to look at our courthouse dome as they are similar.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he met with Extension Office staff, had a Visitors Committee meeting, attended the Rotary Banquet, and has a meeting this week with the staff of the Extension Office

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council, attended a BRIDGES meeting, received calls about various items, got in touch with the Magic Lights vendor about the courthouse silhouette lights around the courthouse and worked with the audit RFP.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to note that a discussion was held during the Executive Session held on May 17, 2023 and that the Board reached a consensus and action was taken on that basis and to ratify that action.

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

Motion Carried

In regard to the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Ahmic reported she is waiting on traffic counts for specific roads for the Planning Grant for the Safe Streets and Road Grant. Other various information about grants was discussed.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 30, 2023 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 23, 2023

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 – Agenda for June 6, 2023

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn the May 23, 2023 Commissioners meeting.

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

Time of adjournment at 11:46 a.m.

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 May 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

May 30, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on May 30, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on May 30, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of May 23, 2023.

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

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she contacted a provider about internet for Seward County, met with Interim HR Director, helped facilitate a college student to Region V for work study type employment and received a comment about roads.

Commissioner Hain reported she visited the weed shop, met with HR Interim Director, met with a university representative about grants, met with the Aging Services Director, and reviewed the personnel policies on the agenda today.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the 911 Board meeting, received phone calls about various issues and met with several officials.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will have a Region V meeting this coming week and will be participating in an event at the National Guard Museum. He also reported he received a positive comment about road personnel.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the 911 meeting, an HR meeting, a BRIDGES meeting, checked cemeteries and roads, and attended the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) Board meeting.

The Commissioners discussed a new logo for Seward County. Commissioner Hain led discussion and said she had obtained a sample logo using the picture on the county flag. There was discussion about using the logo for other things such as stationery, clothing and decals for the vehicles. Hain will get back to the Board with details.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Seward County emblem with the 1862 in black and white image for the Roads Dept. shirts and block lettering on the back to indicate Seward County Roads.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to request png files from Middle Creek Printing for the different county departments.

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

Motion Carried

In regard to Infrastructure Grants, Ahmic stated she is waiting on data from the Road Dept.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:40 a.m.

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

The Commissioners reviewed several personnel policies for updates that were presented by Roxanne Knutson, Interim HR Director.

The first policy to be reviewed was the Equal Opportunity Employer Policy.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the revised Equal Opportunity Policy revised May 2023.

REVISED 5/2023

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Seward County supports equal opportunity and treatment and does not discriminate among applicants or employees on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, pregnancy, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliation, marital status, age, service in the military, disability, or other characteristic protected by law. Applicants or employees capable of performing the duties of a position or job classification may not be discriminated against because of a physical or mental disability.

Employment with Seward County will be based on qualifications and abilities. This policy governs all terms of employment, including selection, job assignment, promotion, compensation, discipline, leave of absence, termination, and access to benefits and training.

John K. Culver, Board Chairperson

May 30, 2023

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

Motion Carried

The next policy to be reviewed was the Nursing Mothers Policy.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to accept the revised Nursing Mothers Policy for 2023.

REVISED 5/2023

Nursing Mothers Policy

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) section 18d, as amended by the Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers Act, P.L. 117-328, requires employers to provide a reasonable break time and a private place for an employee to express breast milk for her nursing child for one year after the child's birth for each time such employee needs to express the milk. Employers are required, under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) section 18d, as amended by the Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers Act, P.L. 117-328, to provide reasonable break times and a private place for an employee to express breast milk, as needed, for her nursing child for one year after the child's birth.

Employers are required to provide a place, other than a bathroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from coworkers and the public, which may be used by an employee to express breast milk. Seward County subscribes to the following policy:

- a. Employee Notification to Supervisor
An employee who has a child up to one year of age shall notify their immediate supervisor that they would like to express their breast milk during work hours.
- b. Employees shall be provided a place to express breast milk.
A private space (not a toilet stall or restroom) will be available for an employee to express milk using a breast pump. The space will have:
 - a. Electrical outlet
 - b. Table and chair
 - c. Nearby sink for washing hands and rinsing pump parts
 - d. A lock on the door
 - e. Employees may use their *private* office area for milk expression, if applicable. The supervisor shall notify the employee of the area designated to express breast milk. The supervisor shall have the assistance of the County Board in designating the location, if needed.
- c. A refrigerator will be available for safe storage of expressed breast milk.
Employees may temporarily store their breast milk on the premises. A refrigerator will be available for safe storage of breast milk. Employees should provide their own containers, clearly labeled with name and date. Employees may store milk in their own cooler/ ice chest. Employees using the refrigerator are responsible for keeping it clean.
- d. Flexible breaks to accommodate milk expression.
A breastfeeding employee shall be provided a flexible schedule for expressing breast milk for the child. A flexible schedule shall include consideration for the frequency of breaks and duration of each break for each time the employee needs to express the milk. Mothers are not required to use any paid leave or adjust their work schedule while taking time for expressing milk and will work with their supervisor to coordinate reasonable break time needed to pump.
- e. Coworkers are expected to provide support for breastfeeding employees.
Coworkers of the breastfeeding employee shall provide an atmosphere of support for breastfeeding employees.
- f. Notification to new and current employees
The Nursing Mothers Policy will be communicated to current staff via written addendum to the Employee handbook. New employees will be notified of the policy via the Employee Handbook.
- g. Applicability
The Nursing Mothers Policy will be applicable to exempt and non-exempt employees.

John K. Culver, Board Chairperson

May 30, 2023

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

Motion Carried

The next policy to be reviewed was the Hiring Bonus Policy and the Hiring Bonus Agreement. After discussion, it was decided that implementation and other details need to be adjusted.

The last policy to be reviewed was Employee Referral Bonus Policy. The time when a referral bonus is given was discussed and will be re-written with the suggested changes.

Todd Francisco of Allo was present to provide a demonstration of phones and the billing. He also presented information on internet fees for Seward County.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve Allo to be the new internet service at the courthouse and Justice Center as soon as possible.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to go into Executive Session at 10:41 a.m. to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

The Chairman stated that the reason for Executive Session is for personnel.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to go out of Executive Session at 11:50 a.m.

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

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on June 6, 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 May 30, 2023
5. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through May 26, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for June 13, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Marci Fehlhafer/CASA – Annual Report and Request for Funding

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Laurie Sherman/BRIDGES – Annual Report and Request for Funding

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Executive Session – Personnel

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn the May 30, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting.

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

Time of adjournment: 11:53 a.m.

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 June 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

June 6, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on June 6, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on June 6, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.
Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Those officials present for the first meeting of the month with the Commissioners were Gary Petersen, Emily Manning, Marilyn Hladky, Terry Wicht and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the minutes of May 30, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the claims for the period through May 26, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MAY 26, 2023					
ABANTE MARKETING	SU	\$194.00	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$5.24
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$14.58	SEWARD SMILES	SE	\$380.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$469.53	JOY SHIFFERMILLER	SE	\$826.50
ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	UT	\$238.00	SOCIETY HUMAN RES MGMT	FE	\$244.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$925.04	SMPC, LLC	SE	\$7,920.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$19,476.81	SPARETIME	SE	\$259.53
AUTOMON LLC	EQ	\$3,058.46	ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,152.00
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	SHARILYN K STEUBE	SE	\$380.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$33.99	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$5,453.98
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	EQ	\$509.97	THOMAS & THOMAS CRT REP	SE	\$56.30
E 911	FE	\$37,100.67	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$335.98
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,978.23	DR CARROLL VERHAGE	SE	\$475.00
EHLERS ELECTRONICS	SE	\$370.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,699.99
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING CO	SE	\$65.00	VISA	FE	\$2,559.92
KEARNEY HOSPITALITY INC	TR	\$439.80	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$891.99
BRIAN FORAL	SE	\$5,282.44	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$8,024.00
GALLS LLC	SE	\$1,319.94	ACE IRRIGATION & MFG	EQ	\$29,077.70
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$33.00	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$370.69
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$2,559.66	HYDRAULIC EQUIP SERV	EQ	\$109.51
GREAT PLAINS REPORTING	SE	\$178.60	MILLER SEED	SU	\$1,000.00
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$1,588.24	R W RICHARDS SERVICE	SE	\$515.00
GWORKS	SE	\$8,270.00	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$22,307.80
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$11.48	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	SE	\$265.46
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$447.50	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$59.84
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$130.48	PAT COLDIRON	SE	\$325.00

KEARNEY EXPRESS INC	TR	\$519.80	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	SE	\$257.42
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$411.07	NE NATL GUARD MUSEUM	SE	\$75.95
HOPE CRISIS CENTER	FE	\$20,000.00	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$119,585.20
INDOFF INC	SU	\$672.17	AGING PARTNERS	SE	\$415.31
INPATIENT PHYSICIAN ASSOC	SE	\$341.88	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$291.90
INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR SLED	SE	\$2,854.35	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$460.60
JONES AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$5,991.54	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$100.80
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,888.54	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$215.60
KIRBY ROTH INSURANCE	FE	\$50.00	INTOXIMETERS	EQ	\$1,389.70
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$511.77	LA QUINTA INN & SUITES	TR	\$1,137.60
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$645.28	STALKER RA	SE	\$3,250.00
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$290.85	HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$461.65
NIRMA	FE	\$333,096.00	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$66,246.00
NE COUNTY ATTYS ASSN	FE	\$2,113.00	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$235.64
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$132.50	SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$1,097.00
NEBR PUB HLTH ENVIR LB	SE	\$105.00	HUMAN RELATIONS MEDIA	SE	\$1,735.83
NEBRASKA SNOW EQUIP	EQ	\$1,604.03	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICATE	SE	\$150.00
OFFICE SYSTEMS DIVISION	EQ	\$179.99	POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES	SE	\$1,200.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$49.98	SALARIES		\$286,079.24
PEREZ INTERPRETING	SE	\$400.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$2,146.96	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$340.72	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
QUILL CORPORATION	SU	\$208.97	DELTA DENTAL		
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$151.29	VSP VISION		
KEVIN SCHLENDER	SE	\$380.00	WADDELL & REED		
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$1,270.75			

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

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she checked into a road issue, talked to someone about a new "Creative District", participated in HR Interviews, completed the Allo paperwork for internet for county buildings, received data from the Road Dept. for grant work and looked for a new vehicle for the Seward County fleet.

Commissioner Hain met with HR Dept. and Road Dept. employees on various matters. She participated in a CPR training and met with Middle Creek Printers. Participated in a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) online training via Zoom, attended a Milford Senior Center meeting, worked on an employee evaluation, on abandoned cemetery information with the Extension Office, attended a Road Dept. meeting, going to work on meeting with Sheriff involving notification of accidents, and received a call about the Goehner Exit construction.

Commissioner Culver reported he has been contacted by a constituent about a road issue, participated in HR interviews, met with two dept. heads on wages and will go to Board of Equalization and Commissioners Workshops.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will be attending an Extension Board meeting and Region V Board meeting in the coming weeks.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he had a 4th of July meeting, a SouthEast Nebraska Development District meeting, received comments about valuation letters sent out.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:13 a.m.

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

Marci Fehlhafer, Executive Director of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) organization, and Lisa Lindau presented their annual report and request for funding for the next fiscal year. Fehlhafer also noted that she is resigning effective the end of June but will still be active in the State CASA activities.

Laurie Sherman, Executive Director of BRIDGES, presented the organization's annual report and request for funding for the next fiscal year.

The Commissioners discussed the date of the meeting that will need to be changed since the 4th of July is on a Tuesday. It was decided that a meeting to approve claims only will be held on July 3, 2023 at 8 a.m.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., and Jon Regnier, Assistant Highway Supt., were present to discuss the dust control test on McKelvie Road between 196th Road and Highway 34. Wicht stated that after some issue with culverts, etc., there is not funding in his Road Dept. budget. Cost for the test is through a grant and Seward County's share is \$6,000. Environmental Dust Control is the name of the company and Dust Lock is the product that is being contemplated for the test. Commissioners each stated their thoughts on the issue. It was decided that a representative of the company would be asked to come to a meeting and answer questions that came up during discussion.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3758 to remove Project C-80(695) and C-80(501) from the 1- & 6-Year Road Plan.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3758

SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, a One- and Six-Year Plan was approved by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County on April 11th, 2023.

WHEREAS, it has been determined by said Commissioners, that projects C-80(695) and C-80(501) should now be removed from the previously mentioned One-and-Six-Year Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska, that the aforementioned approved One- and Six-Year Plan is hereby amended with removal of these two projects.

Adopted this 6th day of June 2023 at Seward, Nebraska.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Matt Starkey, Veteran's Service Manager/Public Transport Director, was present to discuss the fleet cars for Seward County, which he also manages. Fleet cars for Seward County can be used by all the various offices for transportation to conferences, etc. Currently, there are two Chevrolet Impalas that Seward County owns that are only 2-wheel drive. A van that was also used was totaled during a hailstorm in June of last year. Starkey said he and Commissioner Ahmic went and looked for another vehicle that is 4-wheel drive that can also be used by the Public Transit Dept. and other offices. After viewing many vehicles, it was recommended that an Impala be traded in for a 4-wheel drive vehicle with funding to come out of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Moved by Zabrocki to approve the purchase a Chevrolet Equinox by the Public Transit Dept. for County use funding to be found with our ARPA money based on the trade-in amount and whatnot and gets us to the appropriate purchase agreement.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize Public Transit to deal with Duteau Chevrolet for the purchase of a Chevrolet Equinox and return to the board with a purchase agreement.

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

The Commissioners discussed the internet provider for the Assessor and Treasurer and a potential contract buyout for their current provider. Assessor, Marilyn Hladky and Treasurer, Jake Zlatkovsky were present to discuss the change. Recently, it was decided that Allo would be the internet provider for the courthouse. Currently, these

two offices have a separate internet line with Great Plains. Seward County would have to buy out their contract in order for Allo to be their internet provider. Allo has indicated they would not charge Seward County a fee or the term of the Great Plains Contract. Hladky said she would still like this line to be separate from the rest of the courthouse, which fee after the contract deadline would be an additional \$95 for a separate line.

Moved by Hain to approve buying out the contract for the Assessor and the Treasurer for internet services with Great Plains.

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

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, presented an amendment to the contract for food service for the Detention Center. She stated the company that services the inmate meals has requested a large increase due to staffing issue and cost of food. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, stated this was in violation of the original contract, but if we wouldn't agree to this amendment, there isn't any recourse since other companies are experiencing the same problems. There are two options on the amendment and Hatfield recommended Box B which is the "Fee Per Meal Period" option on the amendment.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment # 7 to the food service contract for the Detention Center, Box B, "Fees Per Meal Period" option.

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

Roxanne Knutson, Interim HR Director for Seward County, presented two personnel policy changes for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain to adopt the personnel policy and dates and the Hiring Policy for the Employees Referral Bonus.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Hain

Voting No: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Failed

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve the Seward County Employee Referral Policy.

EMPLOYEE REFERRAL BONUS POLICY

Created: 06/2023

Seward County recognizes that employees are considered one of the most reliable sources of recruiting new talents. Seward County employees are eligible to refer candidates who, if hired, can result in a referral monetary award.

The Board of Commissioners will determine the amount of each referral monetary award and the monetary award schedule before the start of every budget year. The monetary award will be paid to employees from the Human Resources Department budget.

ELIGIBILITY

Seward County employees, other than elected officials, are eligible to receive a referral monetary award for referral of an applicant who is subsequently hired. Employees that are part of the hiring process cannot receive a monetary award for referral of an applicant to a position for which the referring employee is directly or indirectly responsible. They can refer someone for a position in a different department.

RULES/REQUIREMENTS

- Referral does not guarantee that every applicant will go through the hiring process. There must be a vacant position and the applicant must meet the minimum qualifications of the position.

- To be eligible for the referral monetary award, the name of the referring Seward County employee must be given by the candidate during the interview process.
- The referred employee must be a new hire, meaning an employee who has not been employed by Seward County within the previous 12 months.
- Seward County will select the best candidate for the vacant position, whether a referral has been made for one or more candidates. All candidates will be evaluated for employment consistent with Seward County's policies and procedures. All information regarding the hiring decision will remain strictly confidential.
- The referral monetary award will be paid through payroll using the appropriate IRS tax rate for bonuses.
- The monetary award will only be paid if both the referring Seward County employee and the referred employee are active employees at the time of pay out. A referred employee's resignation notice period does not count towards total days of employment.
- All referral monetary rewards are subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners to ensure compliance with this policy.

John K. Culver, Board Chairperson

June 6, 2023

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Seward County Employee Hiring Bonus Policy with the addition of the sentence in the paragraph under implementation "All hiring bonuses must be approved by the Board."

HIRING BONUS POLICY

Effective Date: 06/2023

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the implementation and payment of the hiring bonus. The hiring bonus is a one-time incentive provided to encourage qualified candidates to accept employment with Seward County. The policy outlines the eligibility criteria, payment schedule, and factors considered for approving hiring bonuses.

IMPLEMENTATION

If a department fails to receive qualified applications within 30 days of posting a position, the department head may request a hiring bonus. The Department Head will evaluate factors such as the duration of the position being open, budget availability, and the amount of the hiring bonus before requesting approval from the Board of Commissioners. All Hiring Bonuses must be approved by the Board.

TIERS AND PAYMENT STRUCTURE

Human Resources will be responsible for tracking tiers and corresponding payments. All hiring bonuses start at Tier 1. If the vacant position remains unfilled after 6 consecutive months, the Department Head may request approval from the Board of Commissioners to proceed to Tier 2. If the vacant position remains unfilled after 12 consecutive months, the Department Head may request approval from the Board of Commissioners to proceed to Tier 3.

The associated payment structure is as follows. All bonus payments are dependent upon the employee demonstrating satisfactory performance. In the event of unsatisfactory performance, the unpaid portion of the hiring bonus is forfeited.

- Tier 1: \$2,000
 - o \$500 payable after the employee completes 90 days of employment
 - o \$500 payable after the employee completes 6 months of employment
 - o \$1,000 payable after the employee completes 1 year of employment
- Tier 2: \$3,500
 - o \$500 payable after the employee completes 90 days of employment
 - o \$1,000 payable after the employee completes 6 months of employment
 - o \$2,000 payable after the employee completes 1 year of employment
- Tier 3: \$5,000
 - o \$500 payable after the employee completes 90 days of employment
 - o \$1,000 payable after the employee completes 6 months of employment
 - o \$2,000 payable after the employee completes 1 year of employment
 - o \$2,500 payable after the employee completes 2 years of employment

ELIGIBILITY

All new Seward County employees hired for positions approved for a hiring bonus are eligible to receive it. Rehires, including those previously employed as temporary or part-time employees, are not eligible unless three years have passed since their termination date and approval is granted by the Board of Commissioners. Temporary and internship positions are not eligible for hiring bonuses.

REQUIREMENTS

Upon completion of specified periods of employment and satisfactory performance, employees will receive payment of the hiring bonus in their next applicable payroll cycle. The employee must be a Seward County employee at the time of payment. Resignation notice periods are not considered when calculating the employment period, and employees giving notice are not eligible for further bonus payments. An acknowledgement form specifying the payment amounts and dates will be provided and signed by the employee during new hire orientation.

POLICY ADJUSTMENTS

The hiring bonus policy is subject to change or discontinuation at any time, as determined by the Board of Commissioners.

John K. Culver, Board Chairperson

June 6, 2023

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 11:16 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 11:20 a.m.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman stated the Executive Session was for Personnel.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to go out of Executive Session at 12:09 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman stated that while in Executive Session, personnel was discussed, and no decisions were made.

The next item on the agenda was Offer Employment for Human Resource Director.

The Chairman stated that after coming to a consensus during the Executive Session, to offer employment for Human Resource Director to Roxanne Knutson with a salary of \$68,161.00.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to offer the Human Resources Director to Roxanne Knutson with a salary of \$68,161.00.

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

The Offer of Employment for Assistant Human Resources Director item on the agenda was not considered.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to go into Executive Session at 12:11 p.m. to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

The Chairman stated that Executive Session is for Personnel.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to come out of Executive Session at 12:53 p.m.

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

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 12:54 p.m., it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

The Chairman stated that Executive Session is for Personnel.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to come out of Executive Session at 1:53 p.m.

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

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

The Commissioners discussed the audit proposal for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. It was decided that the proposal should be sent out as soon as possible. Zabrocki will work with the County Clerk to send it out to various CPA firms.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request from the County Attorney's Office.

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

In regard to the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Commissioner Ahmic stated she received the data from the Road Dept. and is working on completing the grant.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on June 13, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of May 23, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on June 13, 2023 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 6, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

1. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
2. Commissioners Reports
3. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
4. Discuss/Action – Agenda for June 20, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Building & Grounds Budget Overage for FY 2023-2024

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Shari Weber/Blue Valley Community Action - Annual Report and Request for Ongoing Financial Support

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Carman Hinman/Hope Crisis Center - Annual Report and Request for Ongoing Financial Support

Moved by Zabrocki adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 June 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

June 13, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on June 13, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on June 13, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Schmieding to approve the minutes of May 23, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on June 20, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of June 13, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Protest Hearings
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Time of adjournment at 8:44 a.m.

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 June 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

June 13, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on June 13, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on June 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2023 meeting.

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

Motion Carried

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for May 2023 in the amount of \$2,979.95.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for May 2023 in the amount of \$42,325.50.

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

Motion Carried

Eric Hofer, Supt. of Building and Grounds, was present to give information about his budget for 2022-2023. He explained that he had extra costs, specifically for insurance, batteries for major equipment, roof and chime repair, etc. He will go over his budget this year and wanted the Commissioners to know about it. A resolution will be passed before the end of the fiscal year to accommodate for the overage.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Commissioners Workshop last week, worked on a grant application and received calls about zoning issues. She also reported on funds coming from the federal government to Nebraska for Broadband.

Commissioner Hain reported she attended the Board of Equalization and County Commissioners workshop, followed up with road issues and met with HR on training.

Commissioner Culver reported he also attended the County Commissioners Workshop, received calls about a zoning issue and valuation questions.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Extension Office Board meeting and a Region V Board meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he had a meeting with the County Clerk about the audit RFP, attended the County Commissioners workshop and the Seward City Planning Commission meeting.

Shari Weber and Heather Lytle of the Blue Valley Community Action organization were present to give their annual report and request for a continued contribution for the next fiscal year.

Carmen Hinman, Shannon Koranda and Cait Park of the Hope Crisis Center organization were present to give their annual report and request for a continued contribution for the next fiscal year.

Michelle Meyer of the Seward Kiwanis was present to request permission to use the Courthouse lawn on Wednesday June 28, 2023 from 5-7 pm to provide free activities for families to participate in during the Farmers Market.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the request for Kiwanis to use the Courthouse lawn on Wednesday June 28, 2023 from 4-7 pm to provide free activities for families to participate in during the Farmers Market.

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

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Director, and Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, were present to discuss the Everbridge Mass Notification System Quote for notifications to Seward County residents. Seward County partners with York County so costs are split 50/50. The quote for total cost was \$7,141.80 per year for three years and Seward County's share is then half of that. Petersen stated there are presently about 2,000 people in Seward County signed up for notifications. With this new system, all people would be signed up via their cellphone and could opt out to receive certain notifications. A public awareness campaign will provide information to residents.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman sign the Everbridge Mass Notification System quote in the amount of \$7,141.81 per year for three years with the cost to be split 50/50 between Seward and York Counties.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:27 a.m.

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

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to discuss a hiring bonus for the Detention Center. There are currently three open Correctional Officer positions which have been vacant for quite some time. She asked that the bonus be moved to Tier three of the Hiring Bonus Policy of Seward County.

Moved by Hain to approve the hiring bonus for the Detention Center Tier three for the three open positions.

The motion died for lack of a 2nd.

Moved by Hain to approve the hiring bonus for the Detention Center Correctional Officer positions for Tier three with an effective date 6/13/2023.

The motion died for lack of a 2nd.

Commissioner Hain stated the Detention Center has had open positions for quite some time and feels there is the feeling of "burnout" amongst employees due to the mandated overtime.

Hatfield said very few applications have been received for the positions in the past few months.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Culver to approve the hiring bonus for correction officers within the Detention Center to Tier three effective June 13, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Culver, Ahmic

Voting No: Zabrocki, Schmieding

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 10:43 a.m.

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

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht was present to ask the Board to consider a lease with Arvest for a mini excavator.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign a 1-Year lease with Arvest for a Mini-Excavator in the amount of \$6,175.00.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners then considered appointing two members to the Seward County Visitors Committee. Two members resigned and thus the need for appointing two new members. Schmieding recommended Mary Meyer and Becky Latka.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to appoint Mary Meyer and Becky Latka for the Seward County Visitors Committee.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda. Commissioner Ahmic had asked Mainelli Wagner & Associates to help her and was waiting for information, but informed the Board she received very little help from them. Ahmic stated she will try to work on the application in the weeks to come. It was discussed there are resources available on the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) website.

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, was present to discuss the members on Grievance Board. Due to all the Grievance Board members being appointed with staggering terms, the Commissioners representative needs to be appointed since the term expires June 30, 2023.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to re-appoint Spencer Conradt to fill the Board of Commissioners position on the Grievance Board.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding

Voting No: Hain, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Failed

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to appoint Spencer Conradt to the Grievance Board for the 2023-2028 term.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 11:06 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 11:15 a.m.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

Motion Carried

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to go out of Executive Session at 12:54 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman stated that while in Executive Session, personnel was discussed, and no decisions were made.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to go into Executive Session at 12:54 p.m. to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman re-stated that the Executive Session is for personnel.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on June 20, 2023 are as follows:

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of June 13, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the Period through June 9, 2023

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Accept Zoning Director’s Fee Report for April 2023 - \$4,750.00
8. Discuss/Action – Accept County Sheriff Fee and Mileage Report for April 2023 – \$1,491.00 and \$591.79
9. Discuss/Action – Authorize Chairman to Sign Lease Agreement with CASA
10. Discuss/Action – Reformation of the Seward County Aging Services Commission
11. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
12. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
13. Discuss/Action – Agenda for June 27, 2023

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit for Contracted Landscapes for real estate in H Precinct in the NE ¼ of Section 31 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit for Industrial Tower D/B/A Viaero Wireless for real estate in B Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 12 Township 12 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. & Findings of Facts - Conditional Use Permit for Industrial Tower D/B/A Viaero Wireless for real estate in B Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 12 Township 12 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Res – Authorize Chairman to Sign 1 Year Lease With Arvest for a Mini Excavator

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 20th day of June 2023.

Chairman

June 20, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on June 20, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on June 20, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson
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 held property valuation protest hearings.

The first protest hearing was #23-1 in the name of Thomas W. Van Steenhoven, who was not in attendance.

Hladky gave her recommendation for the protest.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor, after an inspection and review of the property, to reduce the value for the change of the condition or grade; or for the correction of property components; or obsolescence factors; or land value change for real estate described as Lots 14 & 15 & 7' of Vacated Alley, Block 1, Mary R. Spears Addition to the City of Seward Nebraska, to \$286,821.00 for Thomas W. Van Steenhoven.

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

Motion Carried

The next protest hearing was #23-2 in the name of Ronald & Debbie Tomes, who were not in attendance.

Hladky gave her recommendation for the protest.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor after an inspection and review of the property, to reduce the value for the change of the condition or grade; or for the correction of property components; or obsolescence factors; or land value change for real estate described as the North 94' of the West 187' of the West ½ of Tax Lot 59 in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ to \$56,084.00 for Ronald & Debbie Tomes.

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

Motion Carried

The last protest hearing was #23-3 in the name of Lindley & Tanya Williams, who were present for their hearing.

Hladky stated that she would like to take this protest back and check her figures again. No action was taken.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes from June 13, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Hain, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky updated the commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on June 27, 2023 are as follows:
8:30 a.m.

- 1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of June 20, 2023
- 4. Discuss/Action – Protest Hearings
- 5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update
- 6. Discuss/Action – Designate Printer for Postcard Bill Postcards

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the Board of Equalization at 8:58 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 20th day of June 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

June 20, 2023
Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on June 20, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on June 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Present: Chairperson: John Culver
 Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve minutes of June 13, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JUNE 9, 2023					
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,552.21	SEWARD SHERIFF'S DEPT	SE	\$38.14
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	EQ	\$7,225.07	SEWARD SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$550.00
AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$271.95	SEWARD CO SINKING FUND	FE	\$46,300.00
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$25.97	SHELLBACK TACTICAL	SU	\$997.94
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$1,920.66	SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO	SE	\$39.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$20,675.62	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$7,765.25
ASSOCIATED ANESTHES	SE	\$835.77	SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY	EQ	\$708.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$898.21	ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTING	SE	\$1,395.64
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$480.00	STATE OF NE STATE PATROL	SE	\$1,764.00
BRAVEBE CHILD ADVOCACY	SE	\$4,900.00	SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	SE	\$65.00
BURESH LAWN CARE	SE	\$1,400.00	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$5,682.09
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$310.97	SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	SE	\$3,486.50
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$10,698.74	THOMAS&THOMAS CRT RPRT	SE	\$483.82
CLERK OF DIST CRT	SE	\$780.00	TRASH PANDA REFUSE	SE	\$65.00
CORNERSTONE	SE	\$1,235.50	TRITECH FORENSICS	SE	\$155.56
CULLIGAN	SE	\$97.25	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	SE	\$8,919.85
DAVISSON FURNITURE	SU	\$299.95	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$199.76
DIAMOND DRUGS	SE	\$877.94	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$20.00
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$13.48	VISA	FE	\$10,413.03
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQ	\$4,786.96	WATER ENGINEERING	SE	\$210.00
EGR BIRKEL & WOLLMER	SE	\$1,121.00	WELLS FARGO FIN LEASING	EQ	\$198.15
JENNIFER EICKHOFF	SE	\$28.82	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,226.69
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SE	\$209.95	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$3,654.00
ERAD GROUP, LLC	SE	\$1,500.00	911 CUSTOM	SE	\$9,788.00
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$13,451.90	BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$934.72
GALLS LLC	SE	\$494.32	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$26,201.90
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$1,413.84	DIESEL SPECIALTIES	SE	\$1,800.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$552.77	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$502.68
HOBSON AUTO	SE	\$168.00	HEARTLAND TIRES	EQ	\$539.90
HOLIDAY INN EXP	TR	\$196.00	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FE	\$9.52
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$370.95	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$2,296.73
IDEMIA IDENTITY	SE	\$3,257.00	KELLY SUPPLY CO	SU	\$51.42
INDOFF INC	SU	\$427.27	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$21,094.67	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$60.51
KINER SUPPLY COMPANY	SU	\$3,494.00	NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN	SU	\$1,931.37
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	FE	\$131.48	NEBRASKA TRUCK REPAIR	SE	\$19.00
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$39.43	NEWMAN SIGNS, INC	SU	\$1,536.42
LANGUAGE LINE SERV	SE	\$52.20	NEXTLINK AIS	EQ	\$39.95
RELX INC	SE	\$213.00	NMC, INC	SE	\$1,117.15
LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$148.19	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,289.10
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$203.00	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO	SE	\$422.07
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$7,361.11	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$2,319.12
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$112.50	REED ELECTRIC	SE	\$233.54
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$49,015.64	SPECIAL ROAD FUND	FE	\$1,060,755.00
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$412.80	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	EQ	\$713.80
VISUAL EDGE IT	SU	\$89.88	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$62.90
MORROW, POPPE...	SE	\$301.15	ACE IRRIGATION	EQ	\$6,537.65
NIRMA	FE	\$936.00	FIRST WIRELESS	UT	\$3,720.00
KRYSTEL NABER	SE	\$18.34	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	SE	\$61.86
JENNIFER NANTKES	SE	\$14.41	PIZZA KITCHEN	SU	\$115.92
NATL CURRICULUM & TRAIN	SE	\$867.66	RED PATH GALLERY	SE	\$60.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$270.00	VALENTINO'S SEWARD	SU	\$93.53
NE ASSN TRANSIT PROVIDERS	FE	\$85.00	NE INDEPENDENT FILM PROJ	SE	\$857.52
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$1.00	SEWARD ARTS COUNCIL	FE	\$1,000.00
N A I S M A	SE	\$589.00	SEWARD KIWANIS	FE	\$527.00
NORTHEAST NE JUVENIL SERV	SE	\$228.75	DELTA DENTAL OF NEBRASKA	FE	\$234.53
ONESOURCE	SU	\$171.00	VSP INSURANCE CO	FE	\$15.57
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$270.79	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$143.75

PAC N SAVE	SU	\$426.08	US POST OFFICE	SU	\$100.80
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$100.00	ALTAR CONSTRUCTION GRP	SE	\$66,337.35
C. JO PETERSEN	SE	\$2,164.55	TRANSUNION RISK	FE	\$1,730.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$50.00	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$1,003.96
PHYSICIANS LAB SERV	SE	\$2,350.00	VIGILNET	SE	\$215.45
PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	EQ	\$16,659.48	ADVENT FINANCIAL SYS	EQ	\$3,000.00
POLLACK AND BALL LLC	SE	\$1,615.00	DIGITAL RIVER INC	EQ	\$499.75
POSTMASTER	SU	\$534.00	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICATE	SE	\$150.00
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$151.08	DALE GRIMES	SE	\$1,055.00
QUILL CORPORATION	SU	\$850.60	NOTARY PUBLIC UNDERWRITERS	SE	\$14.50
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$70.49	CIDNET	SE	\$3,142.16
REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$362.75	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	SE	\$1,000.00
JENNIFER REES	SE	\$146.73	SALARIES		\$301,619.59
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$1,284.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEC OF STATE -ELECTIONS	SU	\$10.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEW CO ASSESS REAPPRSL FND	FE	\$15,000.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$104,010.01	VSP VISION		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$2,153.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Motion Carried

Matt Starkey, Veterans' Service Officer/Public Transit Director, spoke regarding invoices being paid by the Safety Committee. He would like to get a better idea of how it's decided what will be paid by the Safety Committee and what will be paid out of different departments' budgets and discuss this with the Commissioners at budget time.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported that she visited with the Sheriff's Department, received calls regarding Zoning questions, received multiple calls from constituents concerned about hemlock as a noxious weed, worked with CASA on interviews, and worked on the purchase of the new fleet vehicle. Ahmic also commended the Milford & surrounding fire departments on their work in and around Milford on Monday, June 19th.

Commissioner Hain reported that she attended the Four Corners Health Department quarterly meeting and annual banquet, attended wage analysis meetings along with Human Resources, conducted an employee evaluation, met with a detention center employee and attended an Ag Society monthly meeting.

Commissioner Culver reported that he worked on an issue with a constituent who is building a house without a permit.

Commissioner Schmieding reported that he will be attending a Visitors Bureau meeting, and that he has received some road concerns from constituents.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported that he attended a 4th of July Committee meeting, attended a Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) Board meeting, and received some inquiries about a recent article by the Flatwater Free Press article, which he has directed people to speak with the County Attorney or Sheriff about.

Matt Kasik of Region V Services was present to give an annual report and request for a continued contribution for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Zoning Director's fee report for April 2023 in the amount of \$4,750.00.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain to accept the Sheriff's fee and mileage report for April 2023 in the amounts of \$1,491.00 and \$591.79.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to open the public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for Contracted Landscapes for real estate in H Precinct in the NE ¼ of Section 31 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m. at 9:30 a.m.

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

Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, asked to table this and repost it for a later date, as the letters for this were sent out with an incorrect time on them.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to close the public hearing at 9:31a.m.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to open the public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for Industrial Tower D/B/A Viaero Wireless for real estate in B Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 12 Township 12 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m. at 9:32 a.m.

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

Paulsen was present to give information about the application and the Planning Commission’s recommendation of denial.

Chris Riha of Industrial Tower West was present to speak in favor of this request.

Jonathan Jank & Jacob Jennings of the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership were present to speak and present a letter of opposition regarding this project.

Nadine Hefner, of the public, was present to speak in opposition of this request.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to close the public hearing at 10:00 a.m.

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

The Commissioners completed the Findings of Facts which is required for a Conditional Use Permit.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF
CONDITIONAL USE/DEVELOPMENT PERMIT
REQUEST BY: INDUSTRIAL TOWER WEST LLC. dba VIAERO WIRELESS

THIS MATTER came before the Board of Commissioners at the request of the Applicant for a DEVELOPMENT PERMIT to build and a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT to operate a Tower. A public hearing was held on the 20th day of June 2023. Notice of said hearing was publicized on the 30th day of May 2023.

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

With a Roll Call Vote of: 0 For 5 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 construction and operation of a 330-foot guyed Tower, and therefore subject to Seward County's Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Matrix of the Seward County Zoning Regulations.

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

- 1. N 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. N 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. N 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 TA-1

This Conditional Use Permit is applicable to this site only.

A Conditional Use Permit may be granted for a 330-foot guyed Tower 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 June, 2023.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3759 in regard to denying the Conditional Use Permit for Industrial Tower D/B/A Viaero Wireless in B Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 12 Township 12 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3759 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS INDUSTRIAL TOWER WEST LLC. has applied for a Development Permit to Construct, and a Conditional use Permit for the operation of a 330-foot guyed tower, and

WHEREAS the property is described as a tract in the Southeast ¼ of, Section 12, Township 12N, Range 3E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the application at a regular meeting May 15, 2023, and

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

WHEREAS The Planning Commission recommended Denial of the Conditional use Permit and finding of facts presented, wit a vote of 9 In Favor, 0 Against, and 0 Absent not voting, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to consider the application at a regular meeting June 20, 2023, and

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

WHEREAS _____ No one appeared to oppose said Conditional Use
 ___X___ 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 ____ or x deny the Conditional Use Permit for INDUSTRIAL TOWER WEST LLC. A Development Permit to Construct, and a Conditional Use Permit for the operation of a 330-foot guyed tower at the described location. Parcel Id 800024923 on a tract of ground located in the Southeast ¼ of, Section 12, Township 12N, Range 3E Seward County Nebraska.

Moved by: Hain Seconded by: Schmieding 06/20/2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3760 in regard to authorizing Seward County to enter into a One-Year Lease agreement with Arvest for a mini excavator.

RESOLUTION NO 3760

A Resolution authorizing the SEWARD COUNTY, NE to enter into a Municipal Rental Agreement for the purpose of procuring the use of (1) 2023 CATERPILLAR 303.5 Serial # RE902335 with BUCKET-HD 24" Serial# A4222BK31018

WHEREAS SEWARD COUNTY, NE, Nebraska (the "SEWARD COUNTY, NE"), is a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska (the "State") and is duly organized and existing pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State;

WHEREAS pursuant to applicable law, the governing body of the SEWARD COUNTY, NE (the "Governing Body") is authorized to rent personal property necessary to the functions or operations of the SEWARD COUNTY, NE;

WHEREAS the Governing Body hereby finds and determines that it is appropriate and necessary to the functions and operations of the SEWARD COUNTY, NE for the SEWARD COUNTY, NE to rent the (1) 2023 CATERPILLAR 303.5 Serial # RE902335 with BUCKET-HD 24" Serial# A4222BK31018 described in the bid or proposal of (1) 2023 CATERPILLAR 303.5 Serial # RE902335 with BUCKET-HD 24" Serial# A4222BK31018 (the "Equipment");

WHEREAS the Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the rental of the Equipment pursuant to, and the execution by the County of SEWARD, the Municipal Rental Agreement in the form, or substantially in form, presented to the Governing Body at the time of adoption of this Resolution (the "Rental Agreement"), for the purpose of renting the Equipment, is appropriate and necessary to the functions and operations of the County;

WHEREAS Arvest Equipment Finance, a division of Arvest Bank (the "Lessor") has agreed to act as lessor under the Rental Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF SEWARD COUNTY, NE, Nebraska, that:

Section 1. The bid or proposal for the Equipment to be rented by the SEWARD COUNTY, NE is hereby accepted.

Section 2. The CHAIR COMMISSIONER, his/her signature being attested by the Clerk/Secretary of the SEWARD COUNTY, NE, is hereby authorized to execute the Rental Agreement with the Lessor providing for the rental of the Equipment by the SEWARD COUNTY, NE in the form, or substantially in the form, presented to the Governing Body at the time of the adoption of this Resolution. The CHAIR COMMISSIONER is hereby authorized to negotiate such additional documents as are necessary to complete the Rental Agreement, and the CHAIR COMMISSIONER is hereby authorized to execute, his/her signature being attested by the Secretary/Clerk of the SEWARD COUNTY, NE, any such additional documents or certificates as required by the Lessor. All other related contracts, agreements and documents necessary and incidental to the Rental Agreement are hereby authorized.

Section 3. The rental payments under the Rental Agreement in each fiscal year shall be charged against and paid from the revenues of the SEWARD COUNTY, NE available for such purpose under the laws of the State for such fiscal year. For the purpose of making the said rental payments there is hereby, and shall be, appropriated to pay such rental payments, for the current fiscal year, an amount of general revenues of the SEWARD COUNTY, NE sufficient for such purposes. The Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to withdraw from the General Fund and/or from such other sources as may be hereafter directed by the Governing Body, the amounts and at the times necessary to make the rental payments under the Rental Agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of SEWARD COUNTY, NE, Nebraska, in a meeting duly held following proper notice thereof on the 20th day of June, 2023.

BY: John K. Culver

PRINTED NAME: JOHN CULVER

PRINTED TITLE: CHAIR COMMISSIONER

DATE: June 20, 2023

WITNESS SIGNATURE: Brandy M. Johnson

DATE: 6-20-23

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

Motion Carried

Highway Superintendent, Terry Wicht and Assistant Highway Superintendent, Jon Regnier were present to discuss the Scrap Tire Grant. Wicht asked the Board where they would like the scrap tire event to be held. Culver asked if the missile base was available, as it would allow for space and time for the removal of the tires collected. Ahmic stated that she would speak with Jonathan Jank from the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership to see if he would like to help promote this. The event will be held in 2024 and the Board will need to decide from what fund any cost beyond what the grant covers will be paid.

Dan Feige of DustLock gave a presentation on his company's dust suppressing agent & road surface stabilizer for rural roads. Discussion was held regarding cost and maintenance of the project. After a contract is created and reviewed by the County Attorney's Office, this item will be brought back to the Board for consideration.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to discuss the amendment to service license and service agreement with CentralSquare Technologies. She stated that this amendment adds one entity, Butler County 911, giving them their own license separate from the Sheriff's license. When the original contract was signed in 2019, the Butler County Sheriff was all inclusive of Sheriff, Dispatch and Jail. Since that time, they've separated duties and Dispatch is now under their Board of Supervisors rather than the Sheriff's Office.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment 3 to the Software Service License & Service Agreement with CentralSquare Technologies formerly known as Zuercher Technologies.

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

Motion Carried

The Board Recessed at 10:43 a.m.

The Board Reconvened at 10:47 a.m.

Kelsi Lee from Mercy City Church was present to request permission to use the west Courthouse lawn for Vacation Bible School games. Discussion was held regarding the use of the Courthouse lawn being used for various events, and some members of the Board stated their apprehension with letting people use the public square for events that aren't open to the public. Eric Hofer, Building & Grounds Superintendent, spoke stating that he feels as though the Board could be setting a precedent by allowing these activities if they don't want to allow something in the future.

Moved by Hain to grant permission to Mercy City Church to use the Courthouse lawn on Thursday, July 6, 2023 from 6-8 p.m. for Vacation Bible School games and activities.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Moved by Zabrocki to decline the request for the use of the Courthouse lawn for Vacation Bible School activities.

Ahmic asked if there is a current policy regarding the use of the lawn and stated that it would be easier to handle these requests in the future if there was a more defined policy.

Seconded by Culver to decline the request for the use of the Courthouse lawn for Vacation Bible School activities for Mercy City Church.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Culver, Schmieding, Ahmic

Voting No: Hain

Motion Carried

Ahmic led the discussion about the lease for office space on the third floor of the Courthouse for CASA. Currently, CASA requests \$10,000 less in funding from Seward County in return for the use of the space. Ahmic stated that for audit purposes moving forward, the County Attorney & Deputy County Attorney recommended that CASA request the full amount they need, but the county also charge the \$10,000 for the leased space.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman to sign the lease agreement with CASA in the amount of \$10,000 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

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

Motion Carried

Hain led discussion on reforming the Seward County Aging Services Commission. She stated she had met with the Aging Services Director about reaching out to prior board members to see if they would be interested in serving again. The structure of the board as is specified in the bylaws was discussed. Hain stated that because of the bylaws, some who have served on the board previously may not be able to serve again due to term limits. Ahmic stated she would like to form a board of new members.

It was decided that Hain would work with the County Attorney’s Office on changes to the bylaws regarding the number of board members.

During the discussion on Infrastructure Related Grants, Ahmic stated that she will be working on Safe Streets & Roads Grant.

During the discussion on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds, it was noted that the claim to Grimes Construction for work done on the Treasurer’s Office floor was for the original work done on the floor earlier in the year, and not for any additional work.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on June 27, 2023 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 20, 2023
Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows
4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Res – Amend budgets that have gone over for FY 22-23
7. Discuss/Action – Approve logos from Middle Creek Printing for County Departments
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for July 3, 2023

9:15 a.m. Jonathan Jank/SCCDP- Annual Report and Request for Ongoing Financial Support

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 11:37 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 June 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

June 27, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on June 27, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on June 27, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of June 20, 2023.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to designate the State printshop to be the printer for the "Postcard Bill" postcards.

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

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on July 11, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of June 27, 2023
4. Discuss/Action -Protest Hearings
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:45 a.m.

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

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Chairperson

June 27, 2023

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County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

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The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of June 20, 2023.

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

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported that news of funding for a grant will be announced today. She was asked by HR to write an article for the newsletter on behalf of the Board, will be working on Thursday with the HR Dept. and Butler County, who is having salary issues, and attended the Planning Commission meeting last night.

Commissioner Hain reported she received several calls on road conditions, attended a meeting with the HR Dept., Sheriff, and Detention Center on employee matters, sat in on an exit interview, and noted that she has received questions/comments about the use of fireworks in the county with the current dry conditions.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, a Planning & Zoning meeting, received various emails and will be setting up an interview for the Public Defender.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he received calls about the Public Defender position, attended a Visitors Committee meeting and checked roads.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a BRIDGES meeting and received an estimate for courthouse silhouette lights.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP), and Matt Howe, Chairperson of the SCCDP Board, were present to give the organization's annual report and request for ongoing financial support.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, was present to discuss a Revised Everbridge Mass Notification System Quote for \$7,141.81 per year for 3 Years with cost to be split 50/50 between Seward and York Counties.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman to sign a Revised Everbridge Mass Notification System Quote for \$7,141.81 per year for 3 Years with cost to be split 50/50 between Seward and York Counties.

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

Matt Starkey, Veteran’s Service Officer/Public Transit Director, was present to discuss a new car for the county fleet. He gave details about the price arrived with a dealer for a 2023 Chevrolet Equinox.

Moved by Ahmic to approve the purchase of a 2023 Chevrolet Equinox for the public transit/fleet department from Duteau Chevrolet in the amount of \$19,130.00; \$18 080.00 for the purchase, and \$250 for the deductible which will be paid from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:43 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Starkey was also present to submit his resignation as the Veteran’s Service Officer/Public Transit Director. He stated he has taken the position of Veteran’s Service Officer for Buffalo County.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to reluctantly accept the resignation of Matt Starkey as the Veteran’s Service Officer/Public Transit Director.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3761 that we amend the budgets that have gone over FY 22-23.

RESOLUTION # 3761 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the budget of the Seward County Building and Grounds was set at \$56,162.00 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, necessary expenditures of said office is going to result in the expending over that amount, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists requiring that said budget be expanded as provided by law, and

WHEREAS, said additional funds to be applied to said budget must be appropriated from a General Fund Budget of Seward County, Nebraska;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the budget of the Seward County Building and Grounds is increased in the amount of \$31,000.00 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, resulting in an amended budget of \$595,162.00 AND

AND FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the sum of \$31,000.00 which has been added to the budget of the Seward County Building and Grounds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be appropriated from the Miscellaneous General Budget.

Dated this 27th day of June 2023.

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

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3762 amending the Election Commissioner's budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to reflect an increase of \$10,000.00.

RESOLUTION # 3762 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the budget of the Seward County Election Commissioner was set at \$99,250.00 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, necessary expenditures of said office is going to result in the expending over that amount, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists requiring that said budget be expanded as provided by law, and

WHEREAS, said additional funds to be applied to said budget must be appropriated from a General Fund Budget of Seward County, Nebraska;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the budget of the Seward County Election Commissioner is increased in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, resulting in an amended budget of \$109,250.00 AND

AND FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the sum of \$10,000.00 which has been added to the budget of the Seward County Election Commissioner for the 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be appropriated from the Miscellaneous General Budget.

Dated this 27th day of June 2023.

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

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:55 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Starkey was present to discuss the "Reorganization of the Public Transit/Veteran's Service Departments item on the agenda. Currently, his position is Director of the Veteran's Service *and* Public Transit. Starkey led discussion that he believes the Public Transit Department Director needs to be Full time and not part of the Veterans Service Department. He said he believes the operation of the Public Transit Dept. warrants full time and the Veterans Service Officer position could be part time. Commissioner Ahmic stated that she has talked with Starkey on the issue and said that many times, Veterans are not able to see Starkey due to Public Transit demands. Starkey stated that in 2020 - 2021 the average was approximately 800-1,000 rides per month and now it is at an average of 1200 rides per month. A new law in 2022 was passed for Veteran's that also brings new work for that part of his current job. It

was requested a new job description, supervision information and any other changes in responsibilities be in writing before this is approved.

Wicht was present to give information on a lease for a tractor.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman sign a 1-year tractor lease with AKRS Equipment in the amount of \$3,375.00.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 10:27 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:30 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed use of the courthouse lawn for the public. Lately, there have been many organizations that request use of the courthouse lawn for a variety of activities and some requests have been from religious organizations for private events. The Commissioners have considered setting a policy for these requests. They directed Eric Hofer, Building and Grounds Supt., to draft a policy for the Board to look at.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, presented an addendum to a contract for 5 additional CID tablets for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign Addendum One with Encartele for 5 additional CID Tablets for the Detention Center.

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

Sherry Leising, a leader of the Staplehurst Livestock Club, along with Lily and Logan Hain were present to request to plant a memory tree at the courthouse. Leising stated Don Dierberger was a person that was an advocate for 4-H and recently passed away. The club would like to honor him by planting a tree in memory of him and place a plaque by the tree.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki that we have the Staplehurst Livestock Club plant a tree in memory of the Dierberger family in the courthouse yard.

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

The Commissioners discussed logos for Seward County. Commissioner Hain worked with Middle Creek Printing and used the County flag for the graphics. Hain will get information for decals for county vehicles/equipment.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the logos from Middle Creek Printing for County departments.



(Office name at bottom of logo would differ each department)

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

The Commissioners briefly discussed infrastructure related grants.

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

- 8:30 a.m. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 2. Discuss/Action – Claims for the Period Through June 23, 2023

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Commissioners for June 27, 2023 at 11:35 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 July 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

July 3, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

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The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on July 3, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

Absent: Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain

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 claims for the through the period through June 23, 2023.

Seward County Claims for the Period through June 23, 2023:

ACCURATE CONTROLS	SE	\$1,856.36	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$1,142.91
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,569.85	TRITECH FORENSICS	FE	\$29.85
ADV OFF AUTOMATION	SE	\$462.15	TWIN RIVERS HEALTH CARE	SE	\$90.00
AMERITAS LIFE INSUR	FE	\$20,084.14	UNITED STATES TREASURY	FE	\$558.00
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$141.67	UNIV OF NEBRASKA LINCOLN	FE	\$1,061.40
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	VERIZON WIRELESS	SSE	\$1,066.77
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	SE	\$33.99	WOODS AND AITEKN LLP	FE	\$4,339.80
CELLEBRITE INC	FE	\$7,255.00	ARVEST EQUIPMENT FIN	SE	\$6,175.00
CHARM-TEX	SU	\$209.80	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	SE	\$138.82
COMFORT INN	FE	\$359.85	DALE JOHNSON ENT, INC	SU	\$42,849.12
CONNER PSYCHOLOGICAL	FE	\$425.00	HEARTLAND TIRES & TREADS	SU	\$2,968.00
CROSS CREEK ANIMAL	SU	\$454.50	JOHNSON SAND AND GRAVEL	SU	\$12,236.34
E NINE ONE ONE	FE	\$37,100.67	MAINELLI WAGNER ASSOC	SE	\$9,592.50
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$428.34	MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE	SE	\$35.00
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN NOR	SU	\$159.00	METROCOUNT	SE	\$85.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM	FE	\$1,488.85	NIOBRARA LODGE	FE	\$392.00
GUARDIAN RFID	FE	\$1,424.50	VILLAGE OF UTICA	FE	\$54.56
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	FE	\$39.92	SALINE COUNTY HWY SUPER	FE	\$8,550.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$91.17	NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSOC	FE	\$900.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	SE	\$75.50	VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC	SE	\$375.00
HSI EMERGENCY CARE SOL	SE	\$15.00	SEWARD COUNTY HEALTH CL	FE	\$117,288.20
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,614.59	MILFORD AGING SERVICES	FE	\$221.90
KINER SUPPLY COMPANY	SU	\$282.95	SEWARD AGING SERVICES	FE	\$389.90
KIRBY ROTH INSURANCE	FE	\$50.00	UTICA AGING SERVICE	FE	\$142.80
LEES REFRIGERATION	SE	\$277.00	EGLER EQUIPMENT	SU	\$250.00
MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE SYS	SE	\$580.97	JONES BANK	FE	\$250.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	SE	\$400.54	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	FE	\$225.26

Chairperson

July 11, 2023
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Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky
Absent: Member: Darrell Zabrocki

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 Hain to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2023 meeting.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to authorize the Assessor to send out Change of Value Notices.

July 11, 2023

2023 CBOE Change of Valuation Notices

<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>
800231960	Borchers/Brandon & Holly	33-12-1 #SE1/3 NE1/4 & #NE1/4 SE1/4 10.01 ac
800226340	Anderson/Kevin	23-9-3 HRA Farms Add in SW 1/4 7.66 ac
800212878	Caddell/Viola	5-9-3 DJS Add in N 1/2 NW 1/4 4.92 ac
800006895	Blackwell/Brian & Vicki	18-10-2 W1/2 of 625'x380' in SE1/4 NE1/4 2.73 ac
800228650	Brakeman/Jon	Seward CNG 1st Add Lt 5
800232275	Cast/Jeffrey K & Kathy M	36-10-1 W 1/2 N 1/2 NE 1/4 40 ac
800004205	Clowser/Blaine & Sharon	16-10-3 #SE 1/4 11.15 ac
800216156	De Ayala/Rafael	24-9-3 E 1/2 SW 1/4 80 ac
800221788	Grantski/Todd & Melissa	Utica Blk 30 Lt 9 Wright's 2nd Add
800062272	Gurnsey/Alexander & Allissa	Milford D & C Add Blk E Lts 1-3
800228655	Janke/Deserah Dee	Seward CNG 1st Add Lt 6
800005015	Johnston/James & Lori	25-10-3 N528' of E660' of SE1/4 SE1/4 8 ac
800077059	Joy/Bargara	Seward Cannon Add Blk 1 Lt 4
800000838	Katt/ Donald & Donna	11-10-4 N1/2 W2/3 SW1/4 53.33 ac
800011821	Kendol Ag LLC	14-9-1 #N1/2 NW1/4 74.89 acres

800228700	Koll/Cathy	Seward CNG 1st Addition Lot 15
800003977	Knippelmeyer/Dymek	14-10-3 #NE1/4 NE1/4 NE1/4 1.05 ac
800016300	Kramer/Jack	2-9-3 #N1/2SE1/4 Nof river TL89,113,#TLS 126,108,108 28.51 a
800016009	Kremer/Sean	2-9-3 #SW1/4 NW 1/4 20.4 ac
800221648	Lam/Pamela H(Trustee	5-10-2 Lam Subd in SE 1/4 5.1 ac
800020510	Nason/Janet	12-9-4 #E 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 10.02 ac
800018389	Neeman/Brandie & Travis	23-9-3 4.51 ac in NE1/4 NE1/4 4.51 ac
800103254	Nitz/Kelby & Regina	Seward Bader-Jirovsky 7th Add Blk 1 Lots 9-10
800222628	Owens/Mark & Elizabeth	10-11-3 Plum Crrek Ridge Outlots A & B
800222601	Owens/Mark & Elizabeth	10-11-3 Plum Creek Ridge Lt 6 5 ac
800222571	Owens/Mark & Elizabeth	10-11-3 Plum Creek Ridge Lt 4 5.35 ac
800047923	Pankoke/Bryant	Beaver Cr. Dimery's 2nd, blk 19, E 1/2 Lt 13 & all Lt 14
800225058	Pankoke/Marshal & Sarah	30-10-2 Pankoke subd in SW 1/4 8.87 ac
800007263	Radcliff/Rex & Janet	22-10-2 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 2.64 ac
800228660	Plex Construction LLC	Seward CNG 1st Add Lt 7
800079566	Perales/Mikayla & Joseph	Seward College view Blk G E34' Lt * & W1/2 Lt 9
800003225	Peterson/Robert	4-10-3 SW1/4 SE1/4 2.15 ac
800003055	Peterson/Virginia L(Trustee	3-10-3 NW1/4 NE1/4,E1/2 NW1/4,N1/2 SE1/4 W rivNE1/4 SW1/4
800016483	Pollmann/Joshua & Nicole	4-9-3 Tract in N 1/2 S 1/2 3 ac
800003551	Rainbow Investments LLC	8-10-3 Tract in E 1/2 SE 1/4 10.02 ac
800221958	Rausch/Joshua & Christina	25-10-2 Alan & Valerie's Addtion in SE 1/4 5 ac
800005708	Reinsch/Kenneth & B. Tolle	34-10-3 Tract in NW 1/4 SW 1/4 4.72 ac
800038738	Roth/Kerwin	18-11-3 Tract in SW corner of SE 1/4 2 ac
800075471	Scheck/Nathan & Kendra	Seward Bader 2nd Addition Blk 1 Lt 10
800013255	Schoenfeld/Lonnie & Betty	35-9-1 #SW 1/4 4.76 ac
800018079	Sprouls/Wesley & Dawn	19-9-3 Tract in NW 1/4 NW 1/4 2.03 ac
800011406	Stutzman/Ruth Life use	10-9-1 Tract in NE 1/4 SE 1/4 2.81 ac
80005139	Swarts/Jesse D	27-10-3 SW 1/4 160 ac
800029712	Tonniges/Brandon & Linds	8-12-1 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 16.16 ac
800054067	Toovey/Robert & Deana	Garland 5-11-4 SE 1/4 tax lot 41 .67 ac
800230415	Underwood Construction	Seward Fairway Woods Add Blk 2 Lt 5
800219376	Vajgrt/Thomas & Cheryl	24-11-4 Duffek Add in NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Lt 1 5.01 ac
800230265	Verizon Wireless	14-9-1 Ioll Tower on Kendol Ag Land
800003007	Wattier/Darryl D	3-10-3 S 1/2 E 1/2 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 10.29 ac
800202732	Wergin/Gary	Tamora IOLL Mobile Home on Lts 1 & 2, Blk 1 Dailey's 2nd Add
800228645	Zimmerman/Mary Jane	Seward CNG 1st Add Lt 4

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

The first person to appear was Stephen Kolb who appeared for his protest hearing.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain that after inspection and review of the property, reduce the value to \$576,166 for the change of the condition of the property described as part of the SW ¼ in Section 15 Township 9 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m. protested by Stephen Kolb.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

The Board recessed at 9:04 a.m.

July 11, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on July 11, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on July 11, 2023 at 9:04 a.m.

Present:	Chairperson: John Culver
	Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding
	County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Absent:	Member: Darrell Zabrocki

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 Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of June 27, 2023.

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

E911 Director, Spencer Conradt updated the Commissioners on activities of his office.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she has been working with Allo in getting the Courthouse phones ready and gave info from grant, attended the Veterans Service Committee meeting, submitted a grant, received constituent calls and is working on a Public Transit Grant.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the Zoning Administrator, Detention Center Director, is working with a representative from Four Corners Rep. in regard to Jail resources, assisted with coordination of a comfort dog coming into jail, is working on getting information about vehicles for the new county logos, met with Sheriff's staff and met with County Clerk in regard to the county budget.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Seward/Saline Solid Waste meeting, worked on the Veteran's Service Officer vacancy issue, checked roads, looked over the Commissioners' budget book, and received an email about using Seward County roads for a triathlon event.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he has a Visitors Committee meeting this coming week and also an open house in Goehner, has an Extension Board Meeting, met with the County Treasurer on his budget, and will participate in an interview for the Public Defender.

County Treasurer, Jake Zlatkovsky presented his Semi-Annual Report for the Commissioners' consideration.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain to accept the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report and Condensed Semi-Annual Report for Publication.

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

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht was present to bring a lease for a tractor for the Commissioners’ consideration. The lease is for a 2023 tractor from AKRS.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign an amended lease for a 2023 tractor.

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

Wicht also asked the Commissioners about the DustLock project. DustLock is a product that can be applied to a road that would help with dust control. Wicht was quoted \$7,353.22 for the cost to apply this product for the first year of application. This amount is after the company awarded a grant to Seward County. Some Commissioners were hesitant in the applying the product because of cost and longevity of the product. Commissioner Hain said she has information where other counties have used this product and is looking at this project as helping with maintaining roads. Wicht was directed to look into other counties that have applied this product and discuss this with their staff.

The Commissioners then considered a Conditional Use Permit for David Harman/Contracted Landscape in H Precinct in the NE ¼ of Section 31 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to open the Public Hearing at 9:32 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, gave information in regard to the permit.

David Harman commented in favor of said Conditional Use Permit.

No one appeared to oppose said Conditional Use Permit.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to close the Public Hearing at 9:36 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Paulsen then recited the Findings of Facts which the Commissioners answered.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3763 in regard to approving the Conditional Use Permit for David Harman/Contracted Landscape in H Precinct in the NE ¼ of Section 31 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3763 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS DAVID HARMAN has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for the operation of Contracted Landscape, and

WHEREAS the property is described as a tract in the Northeast ¼ of, Section 31, Township 11N, Range 4E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the application at a regular meeting May 15, 2023, 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 8 In Favor, 1 Against, and 0 Absent not voting, and

WHEREAS The Seward County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to consider the application at a regular meeting July 11, 2023, 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 Contracted Landscape at the described location. parcel Id 800231825 on a tract of ground located in the Northeast ¼ of, Section 31, Township 11N, Range 4E Seward County Nebraska.

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Hain July 11, 2023
Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF
CONDITIONAL USE
REQUEST BY:
APPLICANT
DAVID HARMAN

THIS MATTER came before the Board of Commissioners at the request of the Applicant for a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT for Contracted Landscape. A public hearing was held on the 11th day of July 2023. Notice of said hearing was publicized on the 27th day of June 2023.

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 __0_ Against _1_ 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 operation of Contracted Landscape, and therefore subject to Seward County's Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Matrix of the Seward County Zoning Regulations.

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. _N_ 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. _N_ 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. _N_ 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. N The use does not include noise, which is objectionable due to volume, frequency, or beat unless muffled or otherwise controlled
10. N 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. N The use does not involve any malodorous gas or matter, which is discernible on any adjoining lot or property.
12. N 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. N 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. N 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 Contracted Landscape 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.
6. Specific to landscaping only.

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 11th day of July, 2023.

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Raegan Hain, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for June 2023 in the amount of \$4,520.37.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Hain, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to accept the Zoning Administrator’s Fee Report for May 2023 in the amount of \$4,725.00.

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

Region V will be considered next week.

The Commissioners considered the Allo contract for a new county phone system.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman to sign the Allo contract.

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

Commissioner Hain led discussion on new bylaws for the Aging Services Commission. The bylaws were from 1987 and had not been updated. Hain stated the Dep. County Attorney updated the bylaws with current language. Membership on the Commission was also updated.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Seward County Aging Services Commission Bylaws.

Seward County Aging Services Advisory Board
Bylaws
Amended July 11, 2023

ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name

The advisory body herein created and defined by the Seward County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter “County Board”) shall be named Seward County Aging Services Advisory Board (hereinafter “Advisory Board”).

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to promote the well-being and enhance the quality of life for older adults residing in Seward County. The Advisory Board shall work to identify and address the needs and concerns of older adults, advocate for their rights and interests, and coordinate with relevant agencies and organizations to develop and implement programs and services that support aging individuals in the community.

The functions of the Advisory Board are to:

- advise the County Board on matters of concern to older residents of SewardCounty;
- Establish and maintain effective communication channels between older citizensof Seward County and the County Board;
- Gather and analyze information on aging-related issues and subjects affectingolder individuals in Seward County;
- Develop, coordinate, and promote community aging services that foster theongoing independence and self-sufficiency of older individuals;
- Monitor, evaluate and assess the effectiveness of community aging services inSeward County;
- serve as a representative of Seward County and its older citizens on aging-relatedcommittees and boards in Seward County, as well as at the local, state, andnational levels; and
- perform other appropriate functions as the County Board deems necessary to fulfill the purpose of the Advisory Board.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Composition.

The Advisory Board shall be composed of twelve members. The County Board shall appoint one member from each of the following towns: Pleasant Dale (District 4), Milford (District 1), Garland (District 4), Bee (District 4), Seward (Districts 2 and 5), Staplehurst (District 3), Goehner (District 3), Beaver Crossing (District 3), Utica (District 3), and Cordova (District 3). The member does not need to reside within the geographical limits of the town. If no resident of the town is available or willing to be appointed, the position will be filled from anywhere in the District in which the town is located. One member representing Seward County on the area agency on Aging

Partner's Advisory Council will be a member, with the other representative as alternate for this member. One member of the County Board shall be appointed by the County Board as the twelfth member ex officio. All members shall be residents of Seward County and no less than half shall be 60 years of age or older.

Section 2: Appointment.

When appointing members, the County Board should place particular emphasis on the nominee's demonstrated:

- interest in issues and concerns affecting the elderly;
- track record of contributing to the betterment of their community, particularly in relation to the well-being of older individuals; and
- specialized knowledge, skills, or experience pertaining to the needs of the elderly, services provided for seniors and their families, or the social and economic aspects of long-term care.

Section 3: Member Terms.

- For the initial appointments after adoption of these amended bylaws, members shall serve their terms beginning immediately upon appointment and ending as follows:
 - The term of the members appointed by the Board of Commissioners for the towns of Pleasant Dale, Milford, Staplehurst, Beaver Crossing, Goehner, and the Aging Partner's Advisory Council representative shall end at the annual meeting in the second year following their appointment.
 - The term of the members appointed by the Board of Commissioners for the towns of Garland, Bee, Seward, Utica, and Cordova, and the ex officio member from the Board of Commissioners shall end at the annual meeting in the third calendar year following their appointment.
- The appointment process for the eleven members appointed by County Board will proceed as follows: prior to July 1st of each year, the Advisory Board will present a list of nominations to the County Board for the appointment/reappointment of members whose terms are expiring or to fill any existing vacancies. The County Board has the option to appoint individuals from the provided nominations or nominate a qualified candidate of their choice. Prior to August 1st of each year, the County Board will inform the Advisory Board of their selected appointees for the upcoming terms. Members will serve a two (2) year term and may be reappointed for one consecutive term. The member must then wait out one term before being considered for appointment again.

Section 4: Rights and Responsibilities.

Advisory Board members shall have the right to participate in meetings, voice their opinions, and make recommendations. Members shall fulfill the responsibilities of attending meetings regularly, actively contributing to the Advisory Board's work, and promoting the mission and goals of the Advisory Board. Each member shall have one (1) vote.

Section 5: Compensation.

The Advisory Board members shall serve without compensation.

Section 6: Termination of Membership.

The Chair shall declare any member missing more than three regular meetings in any one calendar year, or more than two regular meetings without prior notice to the Advisory Board, as having vacated their appointment. Such vacation shall be declared at the next regular meeting. Any objection to such declaration by any member, excepting the member at issue, will cause the matter to be brought for a vote. Membership in the Advisory Board may be terminated by vote if a member fails to fulfill their responsibilities or acts in a manner detrimental to the Advisory Board's objectives. Termination shall be decided by a majority vote.

Section 7: Vacancies.

In the event of a member vacancy, the Advisory Board will provide written notice of the vacancy to the County Board. Along with the notice, the Advisory Board will present a

list of nominations comprised of individuals who are qualified and willing to fill the vacancy. The issue of notice and nominations may be addressed at either a regular meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose. The County Board will appoint a member, from the list of nominations or of its own choosing, to complete the term for the vacant spot as soon as is practicable.

Article III: OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers and Duties.

- The Advisory Board shall have the following officers, all of whom shall be members of the Advisory Board:
 - Chairperson: the responsibilities of the Chairperson include chairing Advisory Board meetings, ensuring orderly proceedings, resolving questions of order, announcing agenda items, providing necessary signatures, and organizing other tasks essential for fulfilling the Advisory Board's objectives.
 - Chairperson-Elect: the Chairperson-Elect shall act as Chairperson in his or her absence and perform such duties as requested by the Chairperson in order to fulfill the Advisory Board's objectives. The Chairperson-Elect will serve one term and will automatically become the Chairperson the following year. If the Chairperson is unable to complete their term, the Chairperson-Elect shall fulfill the Chairperson's term and remain in office for their scheduled term.
 - Board Clerk: the Board Clerk shall keep and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the Advisory Board, take roll, read minutes for the prior meeting, review important correspondence and distribute it to Advisory Board members as appropriate, record proceedings, notify members of proceedings, and take charge of Advisory Board documents.

Section 2: Election of Officers

The election of officers shall be organized and conducted by the Aging Services Director, who will oversee the logistics and procedures of the election. Officers shall serve for a term of one year, beginning January 1st following elections in October. If the Chairperson-Elect cannot serve as Chairperson when their term begins, the Advisory Board shall elect a Chairperson from its membership.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1: Meetings.

- Regular Meetings: The Aging Services Advisory Board shall conduct regular meetings as necessary but no less than once per quarter, in January, April, July, and October, at a time and place of the members choosing. Regular meeting dates, times, and locations shall be established at the Annual Meeting. At any regular meeting, the date, time, or location for the next regular meeting may be changed by a consensus of members who are present.
- Annual Meeting: The October meeting shall be the Annual Meeting and shall take place after the appointments for the upcoming year have been received from the County Board. Election of officers will occur at the annual meeting.
- Special Meetings: Special meetings for the purpose of conducting special or emergency business may be called by the Chairperson with the approval of at least two other members, or upon request of at least half of the members. Notice of special meetings, including the purpose and agenda, shall be provided to members at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Section 2: Quorum.

A quorum to conduct business shall be a majority of the sitting members of the Committee; however, in no circumstance may a quorum consist of fewer than four (4) members.

Section 3: Voting.

Decisions shall be made by a simple majority vote of the quorum, unless otherwise specified herein. A motion that does not carry a majority does not pass.

Section 5: Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

All meetings of the Advisory Board, including special meetings, shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. The Advisory Board shall adhere to the requirements of the Act regarding public notice, accessibility, and transparency. The Advisory Board shall provide public notice of all meetings by posting an agenda in a conspicuous location accessible to the public at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Notice shall also be given to any individuals or organizations that have requested notification of Advisor Board meetings.

Article VII: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Section 1: Proposal

Any member of the Advisory Board may propose amendments to the bylaws. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary, who shall distribute copies to all members at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at which the amendment will be discussed.

Section 2: Discussion and Voting

During the meeting, the proposed amendment shall be discussed and members shall have the opportunity to ask questions and provide input prior to the vote. Any amendment to the bylaws shall require a two-thirds majority vote to be presented to the County Board for approval.

Section 3: Approval

If approved by the Advisory Board, the Clerk shall forward the approved amendment to Clerk of the County Court for submission to the County Board and to the Seward County Attorney's office for legal review. If the amendment is subsequently approved by the County Board, it shall be incorporated into the bylaws and become effective immediately. The County Board may amend the bylaws upon its own motion.

Section 4: Notification

Following the approval of a bylaw amendment, the Secretary shall promptly distribute the updated bylaws to all members and update any relevant organizational documents or records to reflect the changes.

These amended bylaws are hereby adopted by the Seward County Board of Commissioners this 11th day of July, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed the proposal for audit services for 2022-2023. Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, said she RFP's had been sent out and she had received one proposal. Deputy County Attorney, Barb Armstead will look over the proposal to make sure it meets all qualifications of the RFP. The item will be on a future agenda to consider.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on July 18, 2023 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 11, 2023

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 2023- \$108,238.42
7. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for July 25, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize Chairman to sign Interlocal with the City of Milford for Legal Services

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit for an Auto Mechanic Shop in J Precinct

in Section 27 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res./Findings of Fact - Conditional Use Permit for an Auto Mechanic Shop in J Precinct in Section 27 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Veteran’s Service Committee Recommendation for the Separation of the County Veteran’s Service Officer and Public Transit Director

Discuss/Action – Determine Full-time or Part-Time Veterans Service Director

10:15 a.m. Budget Hearings with Officials

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the July 11, 2023 Commissioners meeting.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Time of adjournment was 10:05 a.m.

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 the 18th day of July 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

The Board of Equalization re-convened at 10:47 a.m.

The Board of Equalization continued protest hearings.

The next hearing was for Jodie Niebrugge Shope. She was not in attendance at said hearing.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Assessor’s recommendation that after an inspection of the property, reduce the value to \$4,369 for property owned by Jodie Niebrugge Shope and described as part of the SW ¼ in Section 14, Township 12 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m. Bee, Nebraska.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

The next hearing was for Janet Jurgensen Duba. She was not in attendance at said hearing.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to accept the Assessor’s recommendation that after an inspection of the property, reduce the value to \$195,368 for property owned by Janet Jurgensen Duba and described as part of the SW ¼ of Section 17 Township 9 North Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

The next protest hearing was for Carlene Bauer who was present for her hearing.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic that after an inspection and review of the property to make no change based upon the Assessor’s recommendation for property owned by Carlene Bauer and described as part of the NE ¼ of Section 36 North 11 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Voting No: Hain

Motion Carried

The next protest was for Rebecca Hasty who was present for her protest.

Motion Carried

Motion Carried

Motion Carried

Motion Carried

Motion Carried

Motion Carried

8:30 a.m.

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- Chairperson

July 18, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on July 18, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on July 18, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Commissioners heard protest hearings.

The first hearing was for Robert Benes. He was not present at said hearing.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Assessor's recommendation of lowering the valuation to \$1,060,200 for the protest for Robert Benes on property described as Blocks 1,2,3 & 4, Prairie View Addition, Seward, NE.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of July 11, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Abstain: Zabrocki as he was not in attendance at said meeting. Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 8:38 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 8:40

The next hearing was for Michael Winters. He was not in attendance at said meeting.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Assessor's recommendation to not change the valuation of \$176,736 for a protest filed by Michael A. Winters on property in Section 12 Township 10 North, Range 1 East of the 6th p.m., based on that the property owner has not produced supporting evidence that their property should be a different value.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 8:47 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 8:50 a.m.

The next hearing was for Michael Minnehan. He was not in attendance as said hearing.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in the valuation of \$412,329 for the protest filed by Michael Minnehan on property described as part of the W ½ SE ¼ of Section 26 Township 10 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

The next hearing was for Jared Stauffer. He was not in attendance at said meeting.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in the valuation of \$176,213 for Jared Stauffer on property described as part of Lot 4, Block 1, Sample & Culvers Addition, Milford, NE, due to the property owner not producing evidence that their property should be a different value.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

The next hearing was for Allen & Karen Hoffbauer. They were not in attendance at said hearing.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Assessor's recommendation of no change in the valuation of \$230,244 for Allen & Karen Hoffbauer on property in Section 8 Township 12 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m. due to the property owner not producing evidence that their property should be a different value.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on July 25, 2023 are as follows:
8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of July 18, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

8:30 a.m. Hearing – Seward Blue River District Permissive Exemption Hearing
 Discuss/Action – Seward Blue River District Permissive Exemption

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 9:00 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Hain, 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 July 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

July 18, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on July 18, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on July 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of July 3, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver
Abstain: Hain, Ahmic
Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of July 11, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver
Abstain: Zabrocki
Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the claims for the period through July 7, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JULY 7, 2023					
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	FE	\$4,574.21	SEWARD SHERIFF'S DEPT	SE	\$18.50
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	EQ	\$192.92	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$67.23
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$38.36	SEWARD SMILES	SE	\$405.00
ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	UT	\$170.00	JOY SHIFFERMILLER	SE	\$2,938.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$65.94	SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$7,801.25
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$19,754.88	ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTG	SE	\$22.00
BURESH LAWN CARE	SE	\$700.00	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$11,904.86
CHARTER COMMUN	UT	\$310.97	TWIN RIVERS HLTH CR	SE	\$45.00
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$13,189.84	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	EQ	\$898.00
CLERK OF DIST CRT	SE	\$504.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$93.66
CONTINENTAL ALARM	SE	\$1,558.00	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SU	\$20.00
CORI J STAVA	SE	\$356.00	VISA	FE	\$5,449.72
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	TR	\$699.75	WATER ENGINEERING	SE	\$210.00
CULLIGAN	SU	\$17.75	WELLS FARGO FIN LEASING	EQ	\$198.15
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$370.35	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$8,028.05
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SE	\$416.85	YORK CO SHERIFF	SE	\$33.64
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$37,483.56	AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$2,767.50
GALLS LLC	SE	\$165.99	BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$324.68
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$15.00	CHEMSEARCH	SE	\$873.40
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$169.50	KELLY SUPPLY CO	SU	\$54.31
HALL COUNTY COURT	SE	\$2.75	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SE	\$1,306.34
HELENA AGRI-ENTERPRISES	EQ	\$4,940.00	MIDWEST UNLIMITED	SE	\$109.90
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	SE	\$214.69	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$50.99
KEARNEY INVESTMENT CORP	SE	\$159.95	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$39.95
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$467.56	NMC, INC	FE	\$15,050.66
IDEMIA IDENTITY & SECUR	SE	\$445.00	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,268.10

INDOFF INC	SU	\$113.93	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO	EQ	\$1,366.62
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$200.59	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$1,937.72
JONES BANK	SE	\$91.53	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$22,657.51
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,293.38	BURDEN SALES CO	SU	\$368.50
KINER SUPPLY COMPANY	SU	\$1,232.20	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	UT	\$713.80
KIRBY ROTH INSURANCE	FE	\$100.00	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$71.85
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	EQ	\$131.48	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$46,791.04
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$68.23	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$12,264.16
LANGUAGE LINE SERV	SE	\$40.53	LIBERTY HOUSE	SE	\$39.50
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$120.00	DELTA DENTAL OF NE	SE	\$234.53
RELX INC	SE	\$213.00	VSP INSURANCE CO	FE	\$15.57
MCKESSON MEDICAL	SU	\$64.08	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$137.50
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$2,166.56	MIDWEST STORAGE SOL	EQ	\$16,768.91
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$108.00	KANSAS LAW ENF TRNING CTR	FE	\$550.00
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$47,460.96	AWARDS UNLIMITED	SU	\$85.30
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$1,037.34	BERN'S BODY SHOP	SE	\$1,591.94
VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94	COVERTTRACK GRP	EQ	\$4,800.00
MORROW, POPPE, W & L	SE	\$997.50	GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$645.95
NEBRASKA ORTHOPAEDIC	SE	\$2,221.41	DALE GRIMES	SE	\$6,903.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	SE	\$8.00	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$1,472.16
NIFCO MECHANICAL SYS	EQ	\$7,391.00	TRANSUNION RISK & ALT	FE	\$614.40
ONESOURCE	SE	\$10.00	VIGILANT SOLUTIONS	SE	\$5,505.50
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$61.97	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$726.86
PAC N SAVE	SU	\$536.44	DILLON WILLIAMS	SE	\$400.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$200.00	VIGILNET	SE	\$13.90
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$16.25	DENISE AMBER LEE FOUNDATION	FE	\$200.00
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$199.50	CIDNET	SE	\$2,620.85
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$25.05	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	FE	\$1,000.00
REGION V SERVICES	FE	\$2,484.58	SALARIES		\$290,272.88
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$428.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SECRETARY OF STATE	SU	\$30.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEC OF STATE - ELECTIONS	SU	\$20.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$819.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$100,807.63	VSP VISION		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,230.57	WADDELL & REED		

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

Eric Moser representing the Great Plains Gravel Triathlon, requested use of Seward County gravel roads on Saturday, August 12, 2023. He explained that the triathlon would use gravel roads in four counties for the event and is requesting to use gravel roads in Seward County. He stated the event will happen early in the day and will have approximately 50 participants. He stated, if given permission, he will let the homeowners along the route know of the event. Commissioner Culver stated that a previous event like this happened last year. They did not request use of the county roads for an event and did not accommodate the Seward County residents along the route.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the request to use Seward County gravel roads for the bike portion of the Great Plains Gravel Triathlon on August 12, 2023.

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

Wendy Elston, County Attorney, was present to ask the Commissioners to consider an Interlocal with the City of Milford for legal services. She explained that it is for their local ordinances.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign an Interlocal with the City of Milford for legal services.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Public Defender interview, attended the Broadband Task Force meeting, attended a Seward County Chamber Development Partnership (SCCDP) meeting, is working on the Public Transit Grant, is working on obtaining a new fleet vehicle, met with the HR Director in regard to our new logo,

worked on the county budget, received calls from constituents, went to a Planning Commission meeting, and heard from Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) that they are working on completing an analysis on salaries for all Nebraska county employees.

Commissioner Hain reported she had a meeting with the Detention Center Director, worked with the Four Corners Health Dept. on a building project, is receiving county vehicle information for new county logos, received phone calls from constituents on various matters, met with the HR Dept. about the new county logo, sat in on an HR Dept. interview, worked with the Road Dept. in regard to a tire grant, and attended the AG Society meeting.

Commissioner Culver reported he had a Local Emergency Planning Commission meeting, attended the Seward County Planning Commission meeting, checked roads, received comments about various matters, looked into a road project, and worked with Commissioners Ahmic and Hain in regard to possibly changing office spaces.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the interview for Public Defender, went with Commissioner Zabrocki to an event at the Seward County Museum in Goehner. He met with the County Treasurer and the Extension Agent about their budgets. He will have Visitor's Committee and Extension Board meetings in the near future.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he went to a meeting with Commissioner Schmieding at the Seward County Museum in Goehner, received calls about the Veteran's Service Office issue, met with a constituent about zoning, attended an insurance conference in Idaho for the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), and will attend the Seward City Council meeting tonight.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to open public hearing at 9:32 a.m. for a Conditional Use Permit for an auto mechanic shop in J Precinct in the SW ¼ of Section 27 Township 10 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, gave information about the conditional use permit.

Jesse Swarts spoke in favor of said conditional use permit.

Commissioner Ahmic also gave information that she helped the Planning Commission with this request as this was an unusual situation for this property.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to close the public hearing at 9:39 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Culver

Abstain: Ahmic

Motion Carried

The Commissioners then completed the Findings of Fact document as required for a conditional use permit.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF
CONDITIONAL USE

REQUEST BY:
APPLICANT

JESSE SWARTS

THIS MATTER came before the Board of Commissioners at the request of the Applicant for a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT for an Auto Mechanic Shop. A public hearing was held on the 18th day of July 2023. Notice of said hearing was publicized on the 4th day of July 2023.

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 Against 1 Absent Not Voting

Upon Review of all necessary facts, the Seward County Board of Commissioners makes the following findings that the application is for an Auto Mechanic Shop, and therefore subject to Seward County's Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Matrix of the Seward County Zoning Regulations.

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. N 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 Auto Mechanic Shop 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 18th day of July, 2023.

Abstain: Ahmic

Ken Schmieding, Raegan Hain, Darrell J. Zabrocki,
John K. Culver, Board Chair

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3764 in regard to approving a Conditional Use Permit for an auto mechanic shop in J Precinct in the SW ¼ of Section 27 Township 10 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3764 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS JESSE SWARTS has applied for a Conditional Use Permit for the operation of an Auto Mechanic Shop, and

WHEREAS the property is described as a tract in the Southwest ¼ of, Section 27, Township 10N, Range 3E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the application at a regular meeting June 26, 2023, 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 July 18, 2023, 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 an Auto Mechanic Shop at the described location. parcel Id 800005139 on a tract of ground located in the Southwest ¼ of, Section 27, Township 10N, Range 3E Seward County Nebraska.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Hain July 18, 2023

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Abstain: Misty Ahmic

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Board

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

Motion Carried

Paulsen also presented two resolutions for short form plats and gave information about each request.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3765 in regard to the approval of Herrold 1st Addition Short Form Plat in G Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 1 Township 11 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3765 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Ronnie L. Herrold, and Cynthia A. Herrold have applied for a Short Form Plat, and is described as a tract of land in the Southeast 1/4 of, Section 1, Township 11N, Range 3E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the HERROLD 1st ADDITION Short Form Plat and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission held a public meeting to consider the application at a regular meeting June 26, 2023, and

WHEREAS notice of the public meeting was published in the Seward County Independent, and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission recommended Approval of the Short Form Plat as 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 meeting to consider the application at a regular meeting July 18th, 2023, and

WHEREAS notice of the public meeting 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
 X No one appeared to support said Conditional Use
 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 or Deny the HERROLD ADDITION Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3765 .

Moved by: Hain Seconded by: Ahmic July 18th, 2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3766 in regard to the approval of Robinson Addition Short Form Plat in M Precinct in the NE ¼ of Section 19 Township 9 North Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3766 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Steven Robinson, Barbara L. Robinson, and Roger P. Linder have applied for a Short Form Plat, and is described as a tract of land in the Northeast 1/4 of, Section 19, Township 9N, Range 1E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the ROBINSON SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission held a public meeting to consider the application at a regular meeting June 26, 2023, and

WHEREAS notice of the public meeting was published in the Seward County Independent, and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission recommended Approval of the Short Form Plat as 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 meeting to consider the application at a regular meeting July 18th, 2023, and

WHEREAS notice of the public meeting 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
 X No one appeared to support said Conditional Use
 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 or Deny the ROBINSON SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3766 .

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic July 18th, 2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:55 a.m.
The Commissioners reconvened at 9:58 a.m.

The Board considered the Veteran’s Service Office and Public Transit Office agenda items.

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director for Seward County, presented information about the current Veteran’s Service Office and the current Public Transit Office.

Jeff Baker, representing the Seward County Veteran’s Service Committee, gave information about the request to have a full time Veteran’s Service Officer (VSO). Commissioners stated that the information received from the prior Veteran’s Service Officer at prior meetings was that the two departments should be separated, and that the Veteran’s Service Office should be part time.

Those speaking in favor of a full time VSO were Greg Holloway, Zach Hartman, Casey Kindt, Denny Carr, Dave Pankoke, Christina Wattier, Clayton Stokes, Dan Schweitzer, Kevin Jarzynka, Lonnie Walter, Erich Neujahr & Dan Kovar.

Jeff Baker then gave more information on current benefits that Veterans of Seward County are receiving.

Commissioner Culver thanked all veterans in attendance for the discussion.

The Commissioners recessed at 11:37 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 11:41 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the re-organization of the Veteran Service Office and Public Transit Department.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding that Seward County separate the Veterans Service and the Public Transit Department into two separate offices.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners then discussed the proposed hours of the director in each department.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain that we make the Veteran’s Service Officer and the Public Transit Director a Full-time position at 40 hours each.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to set the annual wage of the Public Transit Director at \$52,000 and the Veterans Services Officer at \$49,920.00.

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

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, presented job descriptions for the Veteran’s Service Officer and the Public Transit Director for the Commissioners’ consideration.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to recommend the Seward County Veterans Service Officer to approve the exempt full time job description for Veteran’s Service Officer.

SEWARD COUNTY JOB DESCRIPTION

Position(s):	Veterans Service Officer
Last Revised:	2023
Job Status:	Exempt/Full-Time
Reports to:	County Board, Veterans’ Service Committee
Supervisory Responsibilities:	All Veterans Employees and Volunteers

I. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

This is responsible administrative work supervising and coordinating the services of the programs of the Veterans Service Office.

Work involves the coordination of a multitude of services and benefits available to veterans at Federal, State and County levels. Work includes overseeing requests for assistance, determining eligibility for financial assistance and administering the County Veteran’s Aid Fund. Work also includes preparation and administration of departmental budget(s). Worked is performed under general policy direction of the State Department of Veterans Affairs, the County Veterans Service Committee and the County Board with the incumbent being held accountable and responsible for the results achieved. Supervision is exercised over professional, administrative, technical, and clerical employees.

II. ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Oversee veterans' requests for financial benefits and support services; determine veterans' eligibility and coordinate multiple services and benefit available to veterans at Federal, State and County levels; assist veterans in completing applications and meeting eligibility requirements.
- Administer the County Veterans' Aid Fund; determine eligibility and amount of assistance; act as liaison between veterans and providers as needed.
- Attend meetings of the Seward County Veterans Service Committee;
- Attend meetings of veterans' organizations, and other professional Veterans Service Officer Organizations (CVSOAN, NAPVA, NACVSO) as needed.
- Direct, schedule and oversee the departmental staff in the operation of this department.
- Prepare, administer, and monitor expenditures for the departmental operating budget(s).
- Other duties as assigned.

III. OTHER NON-ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- Support and engage community wide efforts to further promote the objectives of the Department(s).
- Represent the department(s) at a variety of different meetings.
- Attend seminars and workshops on a variety of department related subjects.

IV. REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES

- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Knowledge of basic budgeting principles and practices.

- Considerable knowledge of common word processing and computer database software applications.
- Ability to interpret laws and regulations.
- Ability to prepare reports and maintain records.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with veterans' organizations, veterans and their families, other government agency representatives, public officials, the County Board, representatives of organizations and co-workers within the department, as well as members of the public.
- Ability to establish effective working relationships with government agency representatives, public officials, coworkers, representatives of organizations and the public.

V. DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- Experience working in the field of veterans' services or benefits with considerable experience in a responsible administrative or managerial capacity.
- Knowledge of laws and regulations applicable to veterans' services and benefits.

VI. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Must 18 years of age
- Valid Nebraska driver’s license
- Must be able to lift a minimum of 30 lbs

VII. NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must be an honorably discharged veteran who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, Lebanon, Granada, Panama or the Persian Gulf War or other War time service as may be declared (dates as provided by Nebraska State Statute). DD Form 214 required.
- Must have been a bona fide resident of the State of Nebraska continuously for at least the past five years immediately prior to assuming the position. (As per the qualifications set forth in State laws 80-401.01 and 80-410.)

VIII. WORKING CONDITIONS & PHYSICAL EFFORT

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear, frequently is required to sit, occasionally to stand; walk; arms reach with hands and arms. The employee must occasionally move up to 30 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus when operating a computer, working with numbers, loan of medical equipment, counseling veterans and family members. The noise level in the work environment is usually quiet.

IX. OTHER

Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities, and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

Employee Acknowledgment of Job Description This job description supersedes all previous job descriptions written for this position. I understand that this is a description of my current job duties and responsibilities. I understand that neither this nor the County’s Personnel Manual is a contract for employment.			
_____ EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE	_____ DATE	_____ HR/SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE	_____ DATE

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the exempt full time job description for Public Transit Director.

SEWARD COUNTY JOB DESCRIPTION

Position(s):	Public Transit Director
Last Revised:	2023
Job Status:	Exempt/Full-time
Reports to:	County Board
Supervisory Responsibilities:	All Public Transit Employees

I. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

This is responsible administrative work supervising and coordinating the services of the programs of the Public Transit Program.

Work includes the responsibility for the development and administration of transportation and transit-related programs, policies and procedures. Work also includes preparation and administration of departmental budget. Worked is performed under general policy direction from the County Board with the incumbent being held accountable and responsible for the results achieved. Supervision is exercised over professional, administrative, technical, and clerical employees.

II. ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Direct, schedule and oversee the departmental staff in the operation of this department.
- Develops administrative procedures and policies for transit operations and transit planning and/or transportation programs; reviews current programs and policies and recommends improvements.
- Prepares, recommends, administers, and monitors operating budgets and capital improvement Programs.
- Initiates, reviews and evaluates transit operation studies and plans; develops and implements county-wide programs to monitor transit and/or transportation services.
- Confers and corresponds with transit patrons, organizational representatives, other county departments, or other interested parties pertaining to proposed changes in transit operation policies, services, and scheduling.
- Oversees the Seward County Fleet vehicles, ensuring maintenance, fueling procedures, and usage by other departments.
- Other duties as assigned.
- Writing, facilitation, and administration of FTA transportation grant.
- Contact person and responsible for the FTA drug and alcohol program for the transit program.

III. OTHER NON-ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- Support and engage community efforts to further promote objectives of the department.
- Represent the department at a variety of different meetings.
- Attend seminars and workshops on a variety of department related subjects.

IV. REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES

- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Considerable knowledge of the principles, practices, and methods of interviewing.
- Knowledge of basic budgeting principles and practices.
- Knowledge of support services in the community and services provided by such agencies.
- Considerable knowledge of common word processing and computer database software applications.
- Ability to prepare reports and maintain records.
- Knowledge of the modern principles and practices of administration as applied to the development, implementation, and delivery of rural transit and/or transportation programs.
- Knowledge of the principles and practices of rural transit and transportation planning and of transit operations.
- Ability to plan, assign, coordinate and evaluate the work of administrative, professional and technical employees.

- Ability to assess changing transit and transportation needs within the community and to develop and implement transit plans and programs to meet those needs.
- Ability to establish effective working relationships with government agency representatives, public officials, coworkers, representatives of organizations and the general public.

V. DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- Previous experience in a transportation related field of work with considerable experience in a responsible administrative or managerial capacity.
- Knowledge of recent legislation and legal requirements as they pertain to the functions of the division, particularly regarding transit and transportation planning and operations is preferred.
- Experience with grant writing, facilitation, and administration.
- Experience with transit programs or familiarity.

VI. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Must 18 years of age
- Valid Nebraska driver's license
- Must be able to lift a minimum of 30 lbs
- Possession of a valid driver's license when operating a vehicle is necessary to the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

VIII. WORKING CONDITIONS & PHYSICAL EFFORT

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear, frequently is required to sit, occasionally to stand; walk; arms reach with hands and arms. The employee must occasionally move up to 30 pounds.

Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus when operating a computer, and working with numbers, The noise level in the work environment is usually quiet.

IX. OTHER

Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities, and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

Employee Acknowledgment of Job Description

This job description supersedes all previous job descriptions written for this position. I understand that this is a description of my current job duties and responsibilities. I understand that neither this nor the County's Personnel Manual is a contract for employment.

EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE

DATE

HR/SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE

DATE

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 12:12 p.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 12:45 p.m. to discuss budgets.

The first one appearing for her budget was Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for June 2023 in the amount of \$108,238.42.

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

Motion Carried

The Board discussed Public Defender interviews. Knutson stated that Commissioners Ahmic and Schmieding along with Dave Kimble interviewed a candidate. She stated that the committee felt that this person would be a good candidate.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to offer the appointment of Public Defender to Matt Aerni.

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

The next budget hearing was for the HR Office and Knutson was present for that.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to set the Assistant HR Director at a wage at \$26.22 per hour effective July 1, 2023.

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

The next budget hearing is for the Veteran Service Office.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to set the Veterans Service Assistant wage at \$19.27 per hour.

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

The next budget hearing was for the Jail. Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director was present.

Moved by Hain to set the new starting wage for the Deputy Detention Center Director at \$67,204.80 effective July 1, 2023 and the current wage \$72,300.80.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to change the Detention Center Program Coordinator to \$27.04 per hour and set the current wage at \$28.21 per hour.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to change the starting wage for the Deputy Detention Center Director to \$67,204.80 annually and change the current wage to \$70,200.00 annually.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to increase the new starting wage for the Detention Center Director at \$77,729.60 and increase the current salary to include longevity of \$79,705.60 annually.

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

Budgets for the Commissary and House Arrest Fund were also discussed.

The Commissioners recessed at 3:09 p.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 3:15 p.m.

Sheriff Mike Vance, along with Deputies Paul Vyhldal and Tim Huntington, were present to discuss the Sheriff's budget, Grant Budgets and the Drug Fund Budgets.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to increase the starting wage of the Sheriff's Office Operation assistant to \$19.94 and increase the current wage to \$22.13 per hour.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to set the new starting wage for the Sheriff's Office Operations Manager at \$52,270.40.

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

County Treasurer, Jake Zlatkovsky, was present for his budget hearing with the Board.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to increase the starting wage for the Treasurer's Office Motor Vehicle Clerk II to \$18.40 per hour with an increase to all current positions to \$20.20.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to increase the starting wage for the Treasurer's Office MVR Financial Doc/Filing Supervisor to \$19.43 and the current wage increased to \$22.40 per hour.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to increase the starting wage for the Treasurer's Office MVR Nebraska Online to \$19.43 and the current wage increased to \$22.40 per hour.

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

The Board discussed infrastructure grants. Commissioner Hain announced that she heard back from the federal government and will be awarded \$3,000,000 for a Seward County project. The project was for hard surfacing 420th Road from I-80 to Highway 34, commonly known as the Beaver Road. Commissioner Ahmic reported she had not heard back about other grants that have been applied for.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on July 25, 2023 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 18, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Proposal for the Seward County 2023-2024 Audit
7. Discuss/Action – Agreement for Emergency Protective Services with Region V Services
8. Discuss/Action – Seward County Planning Commission Bylaws
9. Discuss/Action - Infrastructure Related Grants
10. Discuss/Action – Budget Meetings
11. Discuss/Action – Agenda for August 1, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Accept the County Treasurer's 4th Quarter Annual Investment Report

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman to sign the Propane Tank Lease Agreement for the Seward County Task Force Building

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting for July 18, 2023 at 4:39 p.m.

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 25th day of July 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

July 25, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on July 25, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on July 25, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
 Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Hain to approve the minutes of July 18, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed the process that Seward County uses for valuation protest hearings.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to authorize the Assessor to send out the County Board of Equalization Valuation Notices.

July 25, 2023		2023 CBOE Change of Valuation Notices
<u>PRCL #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>
800216423	MINES/AUDREY L & CORY M	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 1 5.21 AC
800217098	GALUSHA/SUSAN A & DANA D	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 2 4.46 AC
800218655	SNYDER/GARY B & MARY F	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 3 8.75 C
800218752	MCPAHON/JASON T & MELISSA J	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 4 4.50 AC
800219104	MEYER/KELLEN M & MICHELLE L	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 5 7.49 AC
800218922	TROSPER/ROBIN J & LAUREN D	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 6 5.95 AC
800219015	CLYMER/MAX C & JACQUELINE K	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 7 4.46 AC
800044096	HASTINGS/EVELYN L	29-11-4 IMIG SUB IN SE 1/4 LT 8 3.61 AC
800218361	JOHNSON/BRIAN J	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 9 5.81 AC
800218833	JOHNSEN/STEVEN WADE	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 10 5.61 AC
800218841	DYER/DAVID & STACIE	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 11 3.96 AC
800217837	DYER/DAVID F & STACIE K	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 12 3.97 AC
800217101	SUMMA/JOHN JASON & KATHY	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 13 4.36 AC
800218760	COLLINGS/GRAND & ERIN	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 14 4.39 AC
800218132	BROWN/MICHAEL CHARLES &PEG	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 15 8.64 AC
800044088	KEHM/DAVID L & DIANE L	29-11-4 IMIG SUB IN SE 1/4 LT 16 3 AC
800218663	JACOBSON/WILLIAM D & AMANDA	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 17 5.15 AC
800218930	MEYER/SHANNON & ALISON	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 18 7.10 AC
800219023	HASTINGS/MATTHEW & LINDSAY	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 19 6.01 AC
800219112	BUELL/THOMAS V	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 20 5.65 AC
800218779	KNOTT/NATHAN A & MINDY J	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 21 8.34 AC
800218949	ANDERSON/CRAIG A & STACEY L	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 22 8.12 AC
800219031	LUTJENS/CARNEY L & LACEY A	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 23 6.34 AC

800044061	FRIES/JEREMY J & ALANA M	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 24 10.19 AC
800044118	KASLON/DAVID	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 25 3.05 AC
800216393	BOYLL/TRAVIS J & ISABELLE J	29-11-4 IMIG'S RPLT IN SE 1/4 LT 26 5.3 AC
800212088	DOEHRING/LEMOINE D	29-11-4 TIMBERLINE EST IN SW 1/4 LT 1 3.10 AC
800212118	VANDENBERG/GREGORY & KATH	29-11-4 TIMBERLINE EST IN SW 1/4 LT 3 3.3 AC
800212096	PEEK/DON LEWIS & LAURIE	29-11-4 TIMBERLINE EST IN SW 1/4 LT 2 3.28 AC
800212126	CAMPBELL/WALTER R	29-11-4 TIMBERLINE EST IN SW 1/4 LT 4 3.19 AC
800212134	SMITH/AARON & TYSHA	29-11-4 TIMBERLINE EST IN SW 1/4 LT 5 3.19 AC
800212142	HEEREN/JIMMY D(DARLA KAY	29-11-4 TIMBERLINE EST IN SW 1/4 LT 6 3.96 AC
800212150	HOCHSTEIN/GLEN G & PAMELA J	29-11-4 TIMBERLINE EST IN SW 1/4 LT 7 3.96 AC
800212282	YELDEN/VERN J & KAREN S	29-11-4 TIMBERLINE EST IN SW 1/4 LT 9 4 AC
800212177	ADAMS/JARED A & VAL M	29-11-4 TIMBERLINE EST IN SW 1/4 LT 10 3.36 AC
800212185	ALT/RICHARD S & ELIZABETH M	29-11-4 TIMBERLINE EST IN SW 1/4 LT 11 3.36 AC
800212193	REEVES/NICOLE D	29-11-4 TIMBERLINE EST IN SW 1/4 LT 12 3.35 AC
800212207	HOWE/RONALD D & MALENN A J	29-11-4 TIMBERLINE EST IN SW 1/4 LT 13 3.36 AC
800212215	MINCHOW/MARK A & INGRID M	29-11-4 TIMBERLINE EST IN SW 1/4 LTS 14 & 15 6.33 AC
800212231	BUCK/DAVID CRAIG	29-11-4 TIMBERLINE EST IN SW 1/4 LT 16 5.04 AC
800212258	BARKER/ DOUGLAS	29-11-4 TIMBERLINE EST IN SW 1/4 #LT 17 5.75 AC
800210468	LODEMA/DANIEL	29-11-4 WESTFORK DOWNS IN S 1/2 NE 1/4 LT 1 5.25 AC
800210476	KLINK/KEVIN D & HOLLY A	25-12-4 WESTFORK DOWNS IN S 1/2 NE 1/4 LT 2 5.36 AC
800210484	PRAZNIK/MARK	25-12-4 WESTFORK DOWNS IN S 1/2 NE 1/4 LT 3 5.40 AC
800210492	DINKLAGE/MARC A & SANDRA J	25-12-4 WESTFORK DOWNS IN S 1/2 NE 1/4 LT 4 5.41 AC
800210506	BRODERS/JASON & KENZIE	25-12-4 WESTFORK DOWNS IN S 1/2 NE 1/4 LT 5 5.05 AC
800210514	GREINER/DANIEL L & CHERYL L	25-12-4 WESTFORK DOWNS IN S 1/2 NE 1/4 LT 6 5.06 AC
800210522	DEINERT/JOLENE K & RANDALL	25-12-4 WESTFORK DOWNS IN S 1/2 NE 1/4 LT 7 5.01 AC
800210530	SVEHLA/AUSTYN	25-12-4 WESTFORK DOWNS IN S 1/2 NE 1/4 LT 8 5.28 AC
800210549	ANDERSEN/MATTHEW & JENN	25-12-4 WESTFORK DOWNS IN S 1/2 NE 1/4 LT 9 7.67 AC
800210557	STILLINGER/HOWARD & MARION	25-12-4 WESTFORK DOWNS IN S 1/2 NE 1/4 LT 10 6.55 AC
800210565	WHITE/JEREMY & KAROLYN	25-12-4 WESTFORK DOWNS IN S 1/2 NE 1/4 LT 11 5.35 AC
800210573	NICHOLS/BONNIE J	25-12-4 WESTFORK DOWNS IN S 1/2 NE 1/4 LT 12 5.66 AC
800023803	RIHA/DARRIN M & ALISON R	27-12-4 LT 5 IN SE 1/4 20.58 AC (OAK HILLS)
800206967	RICH/MERYL & CHERYL	27-12-4 LT 6 IN SE 1/4 SE 1/4 21 AC (OAK HILLS)
800210832	THOMPSON/SYDNEY & NICHOL	27-12-4 LT 7 #E 1/2 SE 1/4 21 AC (OAK HILLS)
800206762	THOMPSON/SYDNEY & NICHOL	27-12-4 LT 8 #NE SE 1/4 21 AC (OAK HILLS)
800207742	CHASE/STEVEN & JUDITH	27-12-4 LT 9 IN SE 1/4 20.6 AC (OAK HILLS)
800206177	KACZOR/ERIC D & CHRISTAL L	27-12-4 LT 10 IN SE 1/4 20.6 AC (OAK HILLS)
800206185	KUTA/AMY L BRANNOCK	27-12-4 LT 11 IN #SW 1/4 & SE 1/4 20.6 AC (OAK HILLS)
800206193	SCURTO/KENNETH R & ROSEAN	27-12-4 LT 12 #NE 1/4 SW 1/4 20.6 AC (OAK HILLS)
800213505	BRUMMELS/JOSHUA J & MARIA	27-12-4 LT 3 IN #SW 1/4 20.52 AC (OAK HILLS)
800206223	LUND/WILLIAM J & MARIA ANA S	27-12-4 LT 14 IN #SW 1/4 20.9 AC (OAK HILLS)
800206207	ZABIK/SCOTT A & MICHELLE L	27-12-4 LT 1 IN #SW 1/4 28.68 AC (OAK HILLS)
800206215	SYKES/T J & CHERYL	27-12-4 #SW 1/4 SE 1/4 LT 2 20.6 AC (OAK HILLS)
800206150	ROSOWSKI/JAMES R	27-12-4 LT 3 IN #SW 1/4 & SE 1/4 20.6 AC (OAK HILLS)
800206169	SCHRAD/KELLY B & TERRI L	27-12-4 LT 4 IN SE 1/4 20.6 AC (OAK HILLS)
800207971	LOOS/SHAWN M & HEATHER	24-12-4 BRANCHED OAK EST #NE 1/4 LT 14 6.25 AC
800207831	KLUCK/GARY G	24-12-4 BRANCHED OAK EST #NE 1/4 LT 1 12.1 AC
800207858	MORSETT/TERRY L & KIMBERLY	24-12-4 BRANCHED OAK EST #NE 1/4 LT 2 12.1 AC
800207866	TALLON/DAVID W & KRISTIE R	24-12-4 BRANCHED OAK EST #NE 1/4 LT 3 10.56 AC
800207874	TIEDEMAN/ROBERT & KATIE	24-12-4 BRANCHED OAK EST #NE 1/4 LT 4 10.26 AC
800207882	PRIESS/RUSSELL W & JANICE A	24-12-4 BRANCHED OAK EST #NE 1/4 LT 5 8.39 AC
800207890	BERTSCH/JILLIAN & THADDEUS	24-12-4 BRANCHED OAK EST #NE 1/4 LT 6 10.42 AC
800207904	MCINTOSH/DAN W & SHELLIE	24-12-4 BRANCHED OAK EST #NE 1/4 LT 7 8.57 AC
800207912	WATTIER/GLENN E & TREASA L	24-12-4 BRANCHED OAK EST #NE 1/4 LT 8 10.43 AC
800207920	MUSSMANN/ROGER V & DAWN M	24-12-4 BRANCHED OAK EST #NE 1/4 LT 9 15.21 AC
800207939	GREEN/GERALD W & SUSAN M	24-12-4 BRANCHED OAK EST #NE 1/4 LT 10 10.22 AC
800207947	SANTMIRE/TARA E	24-12-4 BRANCHED OAK EST #NE 1/4 LT 11 11.18 AC
800207955	WELSTEAD/THOMAS E & JANELL	24-12-4 BRANCHED OAK EST #NE 1/4 LT 12 10.27 AC
800207963	EYSTER/SARA R	24-12-4 BRANCHED OAK EST #NE 1/4 LT 13 10.79 AC
Milford Sub		
800015770	ULRICH/RANDALL J & CONNIE S	1-9-3 IRENE H FICKE ADD IN SE 1/4 LT 1 7.69 AC
800225805	BRIGHT/MARK D & SHARON K	1-9-3 #TL 92 IN SE 1/4 NW 1/4 .38 AC
800225694	WALKER/THOMAS L & MICHELLE	1-9-3 WAHL ADD IN NE 1/4 NW 1/4 LT 1 5.01 AC
800213211	WISSMANN/LOREN A & GLORIA A	1-9-3 STEPHENS ADD IN NW 1/4 LT 1 6.66 AC
800213238	FASTENAU/KYLE D	1-9-3 STEPHENS ADD IN NW 1/4 LT 2 6.66 AC
800015908	CHAPMAN/BETTY MAE	1-9-3 TAX LTS 45, 68 & #TL 60 IN E 1/2 SW 1/4 3.46 AC
800015924	PICKERILL/DANIEL	1-9-3 TLS 42, 43, 44 & 74 IN NW 1/4 SW 1/4 6.88 AC
800015851	WEST/JAMES E (III & REBECCA	1-9-3 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 TL 66 N OF RIVER 3.4 AC

800015835	TROYER/WAYNE & JANICE	1-9-3 #TL 63 N 1/2 SW 1/4 4.5 AC
800015932	BLEDSD/DAVID A	1-9-3 TL 28 S OF RIVER NW 1/4 SW 1/4 2.74 AC
800216377	WILLIAMS/DAVID L & TAMMY	1-9-3 #S 1/2 SW 1/4 N & W OF RIVER 13.77 AC
800015975	FRANSEN/TERRY H & JODILYN K	1-9-3 TRACT IN SE 1/4 SE 1/4 S OF RR #TL 24 3.63 AC
800015983	SCHWEITZER/KEVIN & CHARLEE	1-9-3 TRACT IN SE 1/4 SE 1/4 S OF RR TL 24 1.14 AC
800015967	REDIGER/S CLARK & BONNIE S	1-9-3 REDIGER ADD IN SE 1/4 #LT 1 & ALL LT 2 19.52 AC
800209761	BURGESS/WESLEY R & BRIDGET	1-9-3 REDIGER ADD IN SE 1/4 LT 3 3 AC
800215745	KENNEY/JUSTIN M & ROSE MAR	1-9-3 REDIGER ADD IN SE 1/4 LT 4 3 AC
800016130	BURLINGTON NORTHERN & SAN	2-9-3 ALL OF TL 54, 55, 33 & #TL 49, 71 & 73 IN N 1/2 & .30 AC
800225376	BURKEY/TIMOTHY A & BONNIE	2-9-3 #W 1/2 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 11.68 AC
800016009	KREMER/SEAN C & STACY	2-9-3 #SW 1/4 NW 1/4 20.4 AC
800016157	TROYER/RONALD & MELISSA	2-9-3 221' X 294' TRACT IN SW 1/4 NW 1/4 1.49 AC
800016149	ROTH/DOYLE D & LEANN F	2-9-3 #SW 1/4 NW 1/4 TRACT 148.16'X294' 1 AC
800016106	COMPTON/DUANE & LISA	2-9-3 S 148' OF N 517' OF W 194' OF SW 1/4 NW 1/4 1 AC
800016092	PICKERILL/DANIEL J	2-9-3 S 148' OF N 665' OF W 294' OF THE SW 1/4 NW 1/4 1AC
800016084	BODEN/GERALD D	2-9-3 S 224' OF W 294' OF N 887.7' IN SW 1/4 NW 1/4 1.50 AC
800016068	WILLIAMS/DAVID L & TAMMY	2-9-3 TRACT IN SW 1/4 NW 1/4 170.26'X294.8'X161.2X302.70
800016076	EDEN/DEAN & TERESA	2-9-3 #SW1/4 NW1/4 IN #TL 51,50 #IS 214.94'X302.7'X215.5'X313.05'
800016122	HENLEY/BRANDON & MARY	2-9-3 #NW 1/4 4.83 AC
800016114	INSELMAN/WILL	2-9-3 #SE 1/4 NW 1/4 .248 AC
800016041	DUNLAP/GERRY A	2-9-3 #SE 1/4 NW 1/4 & TL 87 IN COR NW 1/4 SE 1/4 10.01 AC
800206355	PETSCH/FREDERICK & JANALEE	2-9-3 TRACT IN E 1/2 SW 1/4 4.22 AC
800016300	KRAMER/JACK L	2-9-3 #N 1/2 SE 1/4 N OF RIVER TL 89 & 113 & #TLS 126&108
800225368	DUNLAP/VERLYN E	2-9-3 #TL 161 & TL 148 IN NE 1/4 SW 1/4 4.35 AC
800230190	STAUFFER/AUSTIN	3-9-3 CAMDEN ACRES ADD IN NE 1/4 LT 1 5.44 AC
800230195	VOLKMER/TRENTON&BRITTANY	3-9-3 CAMDEN ACRES ADD IN NE 1/4 LT 2 5.01 AC
800230200	VEGAS/CHASE J & JILL M	3-9-3 CAMDEN ACRES ADD IN NE 1/4 LT 3 5.01 AC
800016335	TESELLE/TERESA A	3-9-3 TESELLE ADD IN SE 1/4 NE 1/4 LT 1 4.39 AC
800219821	TESELLE/LARRY D	3-9-3 TESELLE ADD IN SE 1/4 NE 1/4 LT 2 3 AC
800228295	MCCULLOUGH/BENJIMIN & JESS	3-9-3 YEACKLEY EST IN W 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 LT 1 5.79AC
800016351	AEGERTER/DANA	3-9-3 YEACKLEY EST IN W 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 LT 2 7.62AC
800228300	LOSEKE/PHILIP & NICOLE	3-9-3 YEACKLEY EST IN W 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 LT 3 5.01 AC
800016378	OSWALD/JONATHAN & JANELLE	3-9-3 #SW 1/4 NW 1/4 4.74 AC
800016416	NOWOTNY/KATHLEEN W	3-9-3 #E 13.63 AC OF S 1/2 SE 1/4 12.88 AC
800211499	EICKHOFF/JENNIFER & KARL	4-9-3 BURKEY SUB IN NE 1/4 5.74 AC
800016548	SHALD/JERRY D	4-9-3 TRACT IN E 1/2 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 5.09 AC
800016955	KALLHOFF/JOE (& MICHELLE	9-9-3 YEACKLEY ADD IN NE 1/4 LT 5 RPLT OF LT 2 3 AC
800211758	DEMALIGNON/ROBERT & TARA	9-9-3 YEACKLEY ADD IN NE 1/4 LT 3 5.59 AC
800228240	TROYER/DANNY L	10-9-3 TROYER ACRES IN N 1/2 NE 1/4 LT 1 5.01 AC
800227045	WANETKA/SCOTT M & CAMILLE	10-9-3 TROYER'S ADD IN N 1/2 NE 1/4 LT 1 5 AC
800017080	FRIESEN/JACKSON D & TABBITH	10-9-3 TRACT IN NE 1/2 S 1/2 NE 1/4 3 AC
800216547	NELSON/AARON M & VICKI S	10-9-3 #NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 3 AC
800101421	CROSS/ZACHARY	10-9-3 .60 AC TRACT IN S 1/2 NE 1/4
800017099	MILLER/ERVIN & ROSALIE J	10-9-3 620.32' X 222.5' TRACT IN S 1/2 NE 1/4 3.17 AC
800017137	ROTH/JERREL L & JUDY A	10-9-3 TRACT 361.5' X 361.5' IN NE 1/4 NW 1/4 3 AC
800017129	ROTH/DAVID A & SUSAN M	10-9-3 TRACT IN NE 1/4 NW 1/4 3 AC
800095065	MILLER/WILMA ELAINE	10-9-3 MILLER ADD IN NE 1/4 SE 1/4 2.15 AC
800017188	MILLER/ERVIN L & ROSALIE J	10-9-3 TRACT IN N 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 4.88 AC
800017218	ROTH/JACKSON & JASMIN	11-9-3 IRR TRACT IN NE 1/4 S OF CORP LINE 20.9 AC
800098080	TESELLE/KEITH L & JOANNE M	11-9-3 THORNRIDGE WEST ADD IN NW 1/4 LT 1
800251415	DUNLAP/JAY & SHIRLEY L	11-9-3 THORNRIDGE WEST ADD IN NW 1/4 LT 2
800251423	BARTELS/STEPHEN	11-9-3 THORNRIDGE WEST ADD IN NW 1/4 LTS 3-4
800017269	COOKUS/MICHAEL L & LISA J	11-9-3 295'X295' TRACT IN NW 1/4 NW 1/4 2 AC
800017293	BACKES/WILLIAM & VIRGINIA	11-9-3 TRACT IN SW 1/4 NW 1/4 2 AC
800221990	WILLIAMS/DAVID L & TAMMY	11-9-3 #W 1/2 N 1/2 SW 1/4 10 AC
800017331	ROTH/JERREL L & JUDY A	11-9-3 TRACT IN SW 1/4 SW 1/4 6 AC
800099958	DINGES/JEREMY & CASSANDRA	11-9-3 3.30 AC TRACT IN SE 1/4 SW 1/4
800017358	MILLER/BRYAN G & AMY G	11-9-3 WILLIAMS ADD IN SW 1/4 8.13 AC
800017374	TROYER/TIM	11-9-3 TRACT IN SE 1/4 4.15 AC
800229435	MCCULLOUGH/JAMIE & MELISSA	11-9-3 TROYER ADD IN S 1/2 SE 1/4 LT 1 5 AC
800017439	ROWLAND/MARTIN & SANDRA	12-9-3 #SW 1/4 NW 1/4 16.1 AC
800212444	VELDER/RONALD & NANCY	12-9-3 #S 1/2 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 5.64 AC
800017412	DRAKE/KENNETH D & DALA	12-9-3 #S 1/2 S 1/2 NW 1/4 21.18 AC
800227995	TROYER/THOMAS & VIRGINIA	12-9-3 #N 1/2 SW 1/4 20.01 AC
800219945	TROYER/THOMAS & VIRGINIA	12-9-3 #NW 1/4 SW 1/4 3.01 AC
800220951	SCHLUCKEBIER/JOE & TRISHA	12-9-3 #W1/2 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 5.92 AC
800231135	SCHLUCKEBIER/JOE & TRISHA	12-9-3 10.12 AC TRACT IN W 1/2 SW 1/4 10.12 AC

800211391	STUTZMAN/RYAN D & TONYA R	12-9-3 #SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 3 AC
800017528	WOITA/BRET M & SIANN I	12-9-3 KREMER ACRES IN SE 1/4 LT 1 6.97 AC
800229525	STAUFFER/WILLIAM & SHARON	12-9-3 KREMER ACRES IN SE 1/4 LT 2 3.36 AC
800102738	TROJAN/BARRY & JACQUELYN	13-9-3 TRACT IN W 1/2 NW 1/4 5.71 AC
800228000	GROSSART/TYLER & BRANDY	14-9-3 GROSSART ADD IN N 1/2 NW 1/4 LT 1 5.01 AC
800017617	WERGIN/BRANDON & KATIE	14-9-3 GROSSART ADD IN N 1/2 NW 1/4 LT 2 5.01 AC
800017633	DUNLAP/GREG & JESSICA	14-9-3 #NW 1/4 NW 1/4 25.67 AC
800207092	KOEHLER/CHAD & AMBER	14-9-3 #SW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 5.01 AC
800017668	HAUSCHILD/AARON & SARAH	14-9-3 8.12 AC TRACT BEG 15' FROM NW COR S 1/2 NW 1/4
800005724	ULRICH/DONALD & JOAN MARIE	34-10-3 #SW 1/4 SE 1/4 3.31 AC
800212975	ULRICH/DON & JOAN	34-10-3 IOLL MOD HOME ON SW 1/ SE 1/4 ULRICH LAND
800207157	CRUMRINE/JEFFREY & JACI	34-10-3 #SE 1/4 SE 1/4 6.91 AC
800005783	DICKINSON SEWARD LTD	35-10-3 SE 1/4 NLY & ELY OF BLUE RIVER 95.95 AC
800005880	TROYER/BENJAMIN M	36-10-3 WIELAND ADD IN SW 1/4 LT 1 5.89 AC
800220439	RICHARDS/DANNY J & MICHELLE	36-10-3 #SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 3.37 AC
800005899	YETTER/PATRICK & ALLISON	36-10-3 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 EXC N780' OF W1287' & N400' OF S540'
800005902	IRWIN/CLIFFORD & DIANE	36-10-3 310'X140' TRACT IN SW 1/4 SE 1/4 1 AC
800020057	SCHNEIDER/DONALD & GLORIA	6-9-4 TRACT IN NW 1/4 SW 1/4 6.26 AC
800020170	CULVER/JOHN K & CHERYL A	7-9-4 TRACT IN NW 1/4 20.01 AC
800216202	SUNRISE COUNTRY INC	7-9-4 BETZ ADD IN W 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 PRCL 1 4.81 AC
800100697	BURKEY/MICHAEL & JERE	7-9-4 BETZ ADD IN W 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 PRCL 2 3.01 AC
800216210	WALKER/RITCHIE R & JULIE R	7-9-4 BETZ ADD IN W 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 PRCL 3 3.0 AC
800211502	HEYEN/ROBIN A	7-9-4 HEYEN ADD IN SW 1/4 LT 1 5.1 AC
800000064	BAUM/TODD	1-10-4 LT 6 minzel's subdiv in se 1/4 6.31 acres

John K. Culver

Chairperson, Seward County Board of Equalization

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

Hladky then presented a Permissive Exemption Application for the Seward Blue River District.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to open the public hearing at 8:45 a.m.

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

Hladky gave information about the application.

Duff Campbell, a member of the Seward Blue River District Committee, spoke in favor of said exemption application.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to close the public hearing at 8:48 a.m.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the Seward Blue River District Permissive Exemption for 2023.

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

Hladky gave information about her 3 Year Plan of Assessment.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the County Assessor’s 3 Year Plan of Assessment.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, 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 8, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of July 25, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting for July 25, 2023.

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

Time of adjournment: 8:59 a.m.

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 August 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

July 25, 2023
Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on July 25, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on July 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
 Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
 County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of July 18, 2023.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with some Seward County Veterans about the Veteran’s Service Officer (VSO) position, met with Commissioner Hain about moving departments, applied for the LATCF Funds, met with Dept of Transportation via Zoom about the Public Transportation Grant, reported an applicant has accepted the Public Defender position, and worked with HR to accept applications for the VSO.

Commissioner Hain reported she worked on a Four Corners Health District building project, participated in two interviews for Asst. HR Director, met with a constituent about culverts and various road concerns, met with the Detention Center Director, met with Commissioner Ahmic about department changes, attended a Village of Utica fundraiser and received comments about road conditions. She is still working on details of the new county logo.

Commissioner Culver reported he received various correspondences about the VSO and Public Transit positions, checked roads, attended the Safety Committee meeting. He also talked about the Safety Committee budget expenses for the coming year.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he received several calls about the VSO job position, met with the Extension Office Supervisor, attended the Visitors Committee meeting, and visited with Doug Brand about the fair.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting and is corresponding with the person involved with the Courthouse lights.

Jake Zlatkovsky, County Treasurer, was present to give information about two items he submitted for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Treasurer’s 4th Quarter Annual Investment Report.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Hain, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Letter of Collected and Uncollected District Warrants Reports.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, presented information about a grant that Seward County Shares with York County.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Emergency Manager to submit a reimbursement claim to York County as their share of 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Sheriff Mike Vance presented several documents for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman to sign the Surplus Property Disposal Requests from the County Sheriff’s Office.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed leasing a propane tank at the Task Force Building vs. owning the tank.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Propane Tank Lease Agreement for the Seward County Task Force Building.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Vance gave information about his request to change two Deputy part-time positions in his office into one full-time position. Vance stated that he spent a lot of overtime last year. He has had to call deputies off the road for court security, etc. and feels having another full-time position would help eliminate some of those overtime costs. HR Director Roxanne Knutson was also present during the discussion.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the request to change two part-time positions into one full-time position for the County Sheriff’s Office primarily for court security.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Salene Ulrich, Garland Village Clerk, and Jeremy Lewis gave information about a request for Seward County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for a village project. Total project costs are \$35,125.00. They have approximately \$27,000.00 of their own ARPA funds to use towards this project. They indicated that there is also new information coming that they would need more funds for more equipment to complete the project. Commissioner Ahmic stated Seward County had decided to close applications for ARPA requests effective June 30. Both she and other Commissioners stated even though the application period has closed, the amount is small and felt they would like to help. Ulrich gave information that she has been working for almost two years on getting the appropriate paperwork together for this request.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Village of Garland ARPA request of \$7,422.60.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:51 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:56 a.m.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., along with Heidi Fleischman, Admin. Asst., were present to give information about a Scrap Tire Grant. Fleischman stated she contacted representatives of the City of Seward and said they would like the County to conduct the scrap tire event at the same time as the City of Seward has their clean-up day. Seward County had planned to do it in July, but the city has their cleanup day in April to coincide with Earth Day. Our last scrap tire event was held in 2015 at the Milford Landfill. The clean-up costs for these events are from two separate grants but could share in the advertising costs.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding that we apply for a scrap tire grant for the dates of April 19 & 20, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to be held at the Seward County Fairgrounds.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners held budget meetings with officials.

The first budget discussed was for the Road Dept. and road related budgets. Wicht, Fleischman, and Asst. Highway Supt., Jon Regnier were present for the discussion.

The next budget meeting was for the Extension Office with Ann Dobesh and Emily Manning present to explain their request.

Kathy Ruzicka, Aging Services Director, was present to discuss her budget. Randy Jones of Aging Partners was also present to give information about Aging Services in Seward County.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, was present to discuss his budget.

District Court Reporter, Carrie Sermenio and Judge Stecker were present to discuss the District Judge budget.

The Commissioners recessed at 12:31 p.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 12:53 p.m.

County Attorney, Wendy Elston and Office Manager, Casey Tiemann were present to talk about the County Attorney budget and related budgets.

The agenda item of a request for an Operations Manager for the County Attorney's Office was discussed. Elston said that while looking at the various job descriptions, she noticed that the "Office Manager" of her office was doing the same thing as an "Operations Manager" of a different office. Her request is to change the name of the position in her office.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the new job description for Operations Manager in the County Attorney's Office.

SEWARD COUNTY JOB DESCRIPTION

Position:	Operations Manager
Job Status:	Non-exempt, Full Time
Reports to:	County Attorney and Chief/Deputy County Attorney; Superior
Supervisory Responsibilities:	Yes
Last Revised:	July 2023

I. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

This is highly responsible legal management work of considerable difficulty; supervising staff positions and responsible for the organization and coordination of office operations, procedures and resources to facilitate organizational effectiveness and efficiency.

Work involves handling confidential matters as well as assisting in researching, developing and implementing departmental/division policies and procedures, budgets and administrative and operational issues. Work involves extensive contact with staff in resolving issues and problems and providing departmental services. Work is performed under the general direction of the County Attorney and reviewed through overall results achieved, and/or the efficiency with which support staff meets goals.

Work involves performing a wide variety of complex legal office management work including composing legal correspondence, preparing legal documents following accepted formats and construction, preparing reports, scheduling appointments, receiving and responding to complaints, and maintaining complex records. An employee in this position has considerable independence of action.

Requires substantial previous knowledge of legal terminology and personnel management skills.

II. ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manages everyday functioning of staff and office.
- Assist in the preparing, modifying, and implementing of office policies and procedures and ensure office policies and procedures are being adhered to.
- Prepare annual budget at the direction of the County Attorney.
- Track spending and budgets for county funds, grant funds, state and federal drug forfeiture funds, and any other funds; Maintain accurate accounting logs.
- Submit invoices to County Clerk for payment to vendor and reconcile that invoices are accurately processed and paid.
- Assist in conducting internal audits of financial accounts maintained by the office.
- Serve as the main point of contact for the annual county financial audit and provide requested financial documents to auditing agency.
- Prepare Annual Drug Fund Certification for County Attorney review and County Commissioner approval.
- Manages staff schedules, including vacations, sick leave, comp and overtime hours.
- Oversees payroll to ensure accuracy and timeliness.
- Assist in the recruitment and hiring of new employees by updating job descriptions, providing information regarding job postings, reviewing applications, and attending interviews.
- Introduce new employees to the policies, procedures, and other regulations of the workplace.
- Design and implement training modules for new employees that will make their transition to the County Attorney's Office more efficient.
- Plans, organizes, assigns and reviews work of office staff to ensure quality and appropriate quantity of work.
- Perform staff reviews annually or as otherwise assigned by the County Attorney.
- Administers discipline to employees as needed and under the direction of the Seward County Attorney.
- Handles staff complaints, grievances, questions and concerns; making recommendations to the County Attorney.

- Prepares and maintains personnel files and records of confidential nature, such as performance evals, disciplinary actions, personnel actions in support of pay changes, and other personnel action.
- Serve as the County Attorney's IT liaison with the county's IT technicians and/or contractors/vendors to ensure agency computer systems are working properly/efficiently.
- Provide on-site maintenance and troubleshooting for personal computer hardware, software, and network connections and other equipment; Diagnose the cause of personal computer operation problems and takes or recommends appropriate action to solve those problems.
- Draft/type correspondence, memoranda, legal pleading, briefs and other written material; Verify documents and reports for completeness and accuracy; Update court schedules; Enter data from legal files and client records into computer database.
- Research legal descriptions and routine correspondence and prepare summary for attorney review; Explain and answer questions from clients and the general public concerning general legal procedures and proceedings; Trial preparation including: interview/schedule witnesses, subpoena witnesses as directed; Maintain confidentiality; Prepare trial notebook, compile exhibits.
- Establish and maintain a complete filing and records system including varied data of a legal and non-legal nature; Complete special projects as assigned by superior; File legal documents and correspondence; Locate and retrieve requested materials and information from files.
- Assist in the recruitment and hiring of law clerks and interns. Provides training to law clerks, interns, and volunteers on office policies and procedures.
- Ensures that our office is adhering to an agency's requirements, policies, or any related contract regarding interns, law clerks, or volunteers.
- Accurately tracks law clerk, intern, and volunteer hours internally and provides such hours to the agency in a timely manner.
- Supervises and prepares public information materials including press releases, videos, brochures, public service announcements and reports.
- Compiles information needed for press releases; ensures distribution of all relevant material to interested parties.
- Reviews public records requests made to the county and makes recommendations for release.
- Assist in the preparation of materials for grant applications.
- Monitors department compliance with grant specifications; Analyzes progress toward grant goals.
- Coordinate with vendors and office purchasing; Oversee all supply, equipment, software, and all other related orders; Set up direct bill accounts; Maintain records, files, and track institutional supplies and equipment.
- Maintain inventory and submit annual inventory report and coordinate the surplus of equipment and county property.
- Assist with USPS, Fed/Ex, UPS, and Certified Mail shipping and receiving.
- Coordinate travel plans and hotel accommodations for out-of-town travel/training for staff.
- Community Outreach, to include webpage, newsletter, social media, etc.
- Conducts research and special studies, compiling data and reports on topics of administrative interest; gathers and analyzes data; Makes recommendations, and prepares reports on operating and administrative topics.
- Attend and coordinate supervisor and staff meetings; Prepare agendas and documents minutes of such meetings.
- Attend conferences and complete training for administrative topics relevant to Operations Manager position.
- Other duties as assigned.

III. DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

- Thorough knowledge of modern law office practices, methods and procedures; Knowledge of the scope of the various courts and their respective rules.
- Ability to plan, supervise and evaluate the work of subordinate staff; Ability to direct the

work of subordinate clerical personnel performing a variety of functions, as required by the position.

- Ability to efficiently prioritize work assignments and complete assignments within the designated time deadlines.
- Ability to apply departmental administrative policies and procedures.
- Proven ability to keep confidences and maintain confidentiality.
- Considerable knowledge of legal terminology, spelling, punctuation, and grammar, as well as of various legal forms, documents and pleadings; Considerable knowledge of business English, spelling and arithmetic; Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Ability to conduct legal research and synthesize resultant information. Ability to maintain complex and difficult clerical and statistical records and to prepare detailed reports from such records.
- Ability to structure and maintain complex legal and clerical records and files including computer word processing, calendar, and database files.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, attorneys, other county offices, and the general public.

IV. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum of High School degree supplemented by coursework in business, legal office procedures and terminology or equivalent work experience of no less than 3 years of clerical and secretarial duties as principle secretary for a practicing attorney or in a related legal office capacity; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the desirable knowledge, abilities, and skills.
- Experience managing people and/or managing an office.
- Must be able to legally work in the United States.

V. WORKING CONDITIONS & PHYSICAL EFFORT

This job operates in a professional office environment. This role routinely uses standard office equipment such as computers, phones, photocopiers, filing cabinets and fax machines. This is largely a sedentary role; however, some filing is required. This would require the ability to lift files, open filing cabinets and bend or stand as necessary.

VI. OTHER

Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities, and activities may change at any time with or without accommodations.

Employee Acknowledgement of Job Description

This job Description supersedes all previous job descriptions written for this position. I understand that this is a description of my current job duties and responsibilities. I understand that neither this nor the County’s Personnel Manual is a contract for employment.

_____ EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE	_____ DATE	_____ HR/SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE	_____ DATE

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

Elston continued to give information about various budgets that she oversees.

Eric Hofer, Building & Grounds Supt., was present for his budget meeting with the Commissioners.

The next budget hearing was for Clerk of the District Court which Sheila Lueders presented information about.

Debby Aegerter, Admin Asst. in the Public Defender’s Office, presented the budget for the office. The office of Public Defender is currently vacant, and she submitted a budget on behalf of her office.

The Commissioners recessed at 2:31 p.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 2:36 p.m.

Marilyn Hladky appeared before the Board to present information for the Assessor and Reappraisal budgets.

The Board discussed the County Court budget. Sheila Beins, County Court Clerk Magistrate, was not able to attend.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Sheriff’s Fee and Mileage Report for May 2023 in the amount of \$1,636.00 and \$744.60 respectively.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed the new proposed bylaws for the Seward County Planning Commission as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Seward County Planning Commission Bylaws.

Seward County, Nebraska
Planning Commission
By-laws

PLANNING COMMISSION BY-LAWS
OF SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Article I: Objectives

The objectives and purposes of Seward County Planning Commission of Seward County, Nebraska, are those set forth in (Section 23-114.01-114.05) [for counties] of Nebraska Revised Statutes and amendments and supplements thereto, and those powers and duties delegated Planning Commission by the (County Board of Commissioners) of Seward County, Nebraska, in accordance with Resolution Number 2567.

Article II: Principal Office

The principal office of the Planning Commission shall be the Seward County Courthouse, 529 Seward Street, Room 206, Seward, Nebraska 68434.

Article III: Officers and Their Duties

Section 1: The Planning Commission shall consist of a minimum of seven members and a maximum of nine members. Each member will be appointed by the Board of Commissioners and will serve a term of three years. At the end of the term, they may reapply for appointment.

Section 2: The officers of the Planning Commission shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Secretary.

Section 3: The Chair shall preside over all meetings and hearings of the Planning Commission and shall have the duties normally conferred by parliamentary use on such officers.

Section 4: The Chair shall be one of the citizen members of the Commission. He/She shall have the privilege of discussing all matters before the Commission and of voting thereon.

Section 5: The Vice Chair shall act for the Chair in his/her absence. He/She shall be a citizen member of the Planning Commission.

Section 6: The Secretary shall be one of the citizen members of the Commission. He/She shall keep the minutes and records of the Planning Commission and attend to such other duties as are normally carried out by a Secretary. Upon absence of the Secretary or by suggestion of the Planning Commission, the Zoning Administrator shall serve, without voting power, as the Secretary.

Article IV: Election of Officers

Section 1: Nomination of officers shall be made from the floor at the annual organizational meeting, which shall be held on the *3rd Monday of January* each year, and the election of officers shall follow immediately thereafter. If for some reason the election does not take place in January, the election of officers shall take place at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Section 2: A candidate receiving a majority of the vote of the entire membership of the Planning Commission shall be declared elected and shall take office.

Section 3: Vacancies in offices shall be filled immediately by regular election procedures.

Article V: Membership

Section 1: Members are expected to attend all meetings of the Planning Commission. If a member cannot attend a meeting, they shall notify the Zoning Administrator directly by phone, email, or text 4 hours prior to the time of the meeting. If notice is not received prior to absence, it shall be considered an unexcused absence.

Section 2: If a member of the Planning Commission has more than two (2) consecutive unexcused absences from meetings or more than four (4) total unexcused absences from meetings in a twelve-month period, notice will be given to the County Board requesting that member to be replaced.

Section 3: Members shall avoid conflict of interest in transacting Planning Commission business. Where a member has a recognized conflict, that member shall abstain from voting.

Section 4: Members shall not discuss official items with applicants prior to public hearings and shall not indicate their voting intentions until the public hearing is closed.

Section 5: If a member wishes to resign from their appointment they must submit a letter of resignation to the Seward County Board of Commissioners.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: Meetings will be held on the *3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm* at the *Seward Civic Center in Seward, Nebraska* or as set by the Chair.

Section 2: A majority of the membership of the Planning Commission shall constitute a quorum. The number of votes necessary to approve motions shall be a majority of the quorum present. Voting shall be by roll call. A record of the call shall be kept as part of the official minutes.

Section 3: Special meetings may be called by the Chair. It shall be the duty of the Chair to call such a meeting when requested to do so in writing by a majority of the members of the Planning Commission. The notice of such a meeting shall specify the purposes of such a meeting and no other business may be considered except by unanimous consent of the Planning Commission. The Zoning Administrator shall notify all members of the Planning Commission in writing not less than five days in advance of a special meeting.

Section 4: All meetings in which official action is taken shall be open to the public. The minutes shall be written and available for inspection prior to the next convened meeting.

Section 5: All meetings shall comply with the Open Meeting Act and shall be open to the public.

Article VII: Order of Business - Agenda

Section 1: The order of business at regular meetings shall be:

Roll call
Approve the minutes of previous meeting
Report of officers and committees
Old business items
New business items
Adjournment

Section 2: The agenda shall be kept current and be readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the public body during normal business hours. Agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. The agenda closes 10 days prior to the meeting date. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda items shall not be altered later than twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting. Posting of the agenda shall be the public bulletin board located outside the Human Resource office on the first floor of the County Courthouse.

Section 3: During a Commission meeting, the Chair, or in absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair may alter the sequence of the agenda items to expedite the Planning Commission meeting.

Article VIII: Committees

Special subcommittees may be appointed by the Chair for purposes and terms which the Planning Commission approves. Committee size cannot meet quorum.

Article IX: Assistance

Section 1: The Planning Commission shall appoint a Clerk (preferably the Zoning Administrator) from outside its membership to serve as assistant to the Commission, and to perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Chair of the Planning Commission.

Section 2: The Clerk shall prepare with the Chair agendas for regular or special meetings, provide notice of meetings to Planning Commission members, arrange proper and legal notice of meetings, and attend the correspondence of the Planning Commission.

Section 3: The Planning Commission may consult and engage with such staff and/or experts as it sees fit to aid in its work. If any compensation is involved, Board of Commissioner approval will be required.

Article X: Hearings

Section 1: In addition to those required by law, the Planning Commission may at its discretion hold public hearings when it decides that such hearings will be in the public interest.

Section 2: Notice of such hearings shall be published in the official newspaper of the county (Seward Independent) or in a newspaper of general circulation at least ten calendar days before the time of public hearings.

Section 3: The case before the Planning Commission shall be presented in summary by the Zoning Administrator and parties of interest shall have privileges of the floor.

Section 4: A record shall be kept of those speaking before the Planning Commission.

Article XI: Conflict of Interest

Each member of the Planning Commission is subject to the conflicts of interest provisions of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

Article XII: Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Seward County Board of Commissioners. Affirmative votes of at least three (3) Commissioners shall be required.

Adopted this 17th July 2023.

Curt Eberspacher
Planning Commissioners Chairperson

Scott Pekarek
Planning Commission Vice Chairperson

John K. Culver
Board of Commissioners Chairperson

Misty Ahmic
Board of Commissioners Vice Chairperson
& Planning Commission Liaison

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

The Commissioners discussed the proposal submitted by Gabriel, Burger & Else, CPA (GBE) for performing the Seward County audit.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Gabriel, Burger & Else, CPA, to conduct the Seward County audit for the next three years.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain to approve the agreement for Emergency Protective Services with Region V Services.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Hain, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic to approve the starting wage as follows:
Motion by Ahmic was withdrawn.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the updated starting wages for the following departments that will be listed in the minutes: Aging Service, County Attorney, Building & Grounds, District Court Judge, District Court Office, Detention Center, Emergency Manager, Extension Office, Human Resources, Public Defender, County Treasurer, Public Transit, Veterans Service, and Weed/Zoning.

Aging	Aging Program Assistant	\$17.72		Emergency Mgmt	Emergency Manager	\$26.90
Aging	Aging Services Director	\$24.17		Extension Office	Administrative Assistant	\$17.31
Attorney	Attendance/Support Diversion Casewrkr	\$18.77		Human Resources	Assistant Human Res Director	\$26.22
Attorney	Diversion Caseworker	\$19.90		Public Defender	Legal Secretary	\$20.94
Attorney/Sheriff	Operations Manager	\$25.13		Treasurer	Motor Vehicle Clerk II	\$18.40
Attorney	Senior Administrative Assistant	\$17.39		Treasurer	MVR Financ Doc/Filing Supervisor	\$19.43
Attorney	Legal Secretary III	\$22.28		Treasurer	MVR Nebraska Online Coordinator	\$19.43
Building & Grounds	Building & Grounds Superintendent	\$27.34		Public Transit	Public Transit Coordinator	\$16.12
Building & Grounds	Maintenance Technician	\$18.26		Public Transit	Public Transit Director	\$25.00
District Judge	Bailiff	\$27.53		Public Transit	Public Transit Driver	\$14.32
District Court	Clerk Associate III	\$18.03		Veterans Service	Veterans Service Assistant	\$18.13
Detention Center	Deputy Detention Center Director	\$32.31		Veterans Service	Veterans Service Officer	\$24.00
Detention Center	Detention Center Director	\$37.37		Weeds/Zoning	Weeds/Zoning Administrator	\$25.76
Detention Center	Programs (PREA) Coordinator	\$27.04				

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

Commissioner Schmieding is absent at 4:43 p.m.
Commissioner Schmieding is present at 4:49 p.m.

During the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Commissioner Ahmic gave information about a grant that was awarded for the hard surfacing of 420th Road, commonly known as the Beaver Road.

The Commissioners discussed date, time and place for holding the Joint Public Hearing between Seward County Taxing entities in regard to their tax request.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to set the Joint Public Hearing for the Seward County Taxing Entities for Sept 20, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the Seward Civic Center.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on August 1,2023 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 July 25, 2023
- 5. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period ending July 21, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

- 6. Commissioners Reports
- 7. Discuss/Action – Logos on County Vehicles
- 8. Discuss/Action – Panic Button Proposal for Seward County
- 9. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
- 10. Executive Session - Personnel
- 11. Discuss/Action – Budget Discussion including Callbacks for 2023-2024 Seward County Budget
- 12. Discuss/Action – Agenda for August 8, 2023

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the Seward County Board of Commissioners meeting for July 25, 2023 at 5:05 p.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, 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 August 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

August 1, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on August 1, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on August 1, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.
Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Those officials who gave reports of their offices/departments were Carrie Gottschalk and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of July 25, 2023.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain to approve claims through the period of July 21, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JULY 21, 2023					
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,770.25	CHRIS SWENEY	SE	\$3,124.30
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$276.62	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$1,142.91
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SE	\$217.46	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$1,120.32
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$18,456.44	VISA	FE	\$3,005.72
ASSOC ANESTHESIOLOGISTS	SE	\$630.00	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	SE	\$260.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$825.24	ACE IRRIGATION	EQ	\$6,537.65
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$25.53	ALL ROAD BARRICADES	SE	\$161.20
BRYAN MEDICAL CENTER	SE	\$2,792.59	COMPULINK LTD	EQ	\$1,558.00
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	TOPPING OUT INC	EQ	\$1,868.40
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS	EQ	\$33.99	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$45,758.06
DIAMOND DRUGS, INC	SU	\$577.88	GERHOLD CONCRETE	SU	\$2,786.91
DOUGLAS COUNTY COURT	SE	\$2.00	MIDWEST PETROLEUM EQUIP	EQ	\$2,677.54
DUTEAU CHEVROLET	EQ	\$25,630.00	MIDWEST SERVICE	SE	\$750.00
E 911	FE	\$37,100.67	RUBBER INC	SU	\$225.72
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$609.93	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$21,840.00
EGAN SUPPLY CO	SU	\$316.18	STRAIGHT-LINE STRIPING	SE	\$13,128.10
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$2,096.64	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.96
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$60.19	GEHRING CONST & READY MIX	SU	\$130,628.54
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$5.00	JOHNSON SAND AND GRAVEL	SU	\$9,234.00
LARRY GOLDSMITH	SE	\$2,565.00	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIP	EQ	\$266,743.00
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	EQ	\$288.84	BICYCLE RIDE ACROSS NEBR	FE	\$1,000.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$2,118.74	GRAZE MASTER GENETICS	SE	\$1,000.00
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$55.00	MILFORD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$1,625.00

HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$158.06	SEWARD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$1,625.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$18,876.14	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$1,500.00
KIRBY ROTH INSURANCE	FE	\$150.00	AXON ENTERPRISES	EQ	\$19,958.12
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$4,168.32	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$396.75
MCKESSON MEDICAL	SU	\$116.39	HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	EQ	\$1,912.80
MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$70.00	HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$517.86
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$368.52	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$331.02
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$2,345.15	SECURITY EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$1,149.50
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$47,444.36	SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO	SE	\$84.20
MIDWEST DOOR	SE	\$115.00	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$126.00
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$105.96	ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTNG	SE	\$738.00
NE ASSN OF CO CLERKS	FE	\$50.00	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	FE	\$503.97
NEBRASKA DEPT OF LABOR	FE	\$3,728.00	UTICA BODY & PAINT	SE	\$400.00
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$90.00	YORK COUNTY EMA	FE	\$26,391.44
NE LAW ENF TRAINING	FE	\$530.00	K2 REAL ESTATE DEVEL	FE	\$339,148.48
NE ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER	SE	\$77.77	DUNDY CO TREASURER	SE	\$5,649.80
NEBR PUBLIC HLTH ENV LB	SE	\$105.00	GEOCOMM	SE	\$4,482.00
PEGGY OBORNY	SE	\$11.79	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$2,907.84
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$154.28	SALARIES		
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$230.20	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$219,095.33	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEW CO SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$360.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,152.00	DELTA DENTAL		
JAMES STECKER	SE	\$99.99	VSP VISION		
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$8,190.17	WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked on grant information for the Public Transit office, attended a meeting with a renewable energy company, met with ALLO about the new county phone system, participated in Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Institute of Excellence program, helped the Veterans Committee in regard to the Veterans Service Officer position, and talked with the Highway Supt. on road matters.

Commissioner Hain reported she completed an employee evaluation, met with the Sheriff and Detention Center Director, received calls in regard to road conditions, and is working with the Fair Board on hosting the Scrap Tire Cleanup event.

Commissioner Culver reported he worked with Blue Valley Community Action on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), received calls about road conditions, and met with the County Court Clerk and the District Court Clerk about their budgets.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he reviewed last week's budget information, completed an evaluation, and met with a Fair Board member about the Seward County Fair.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he participated in the renewable energy company meeting, met with SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SEND) representatives, met with the Building & Grounds Supt. and the representative from Magic Lights about the courthouse silhouette lighting, completed an employee evaluation and directed someone who asked about the Veteran Service Officer position.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve the Special Designated Liquor License for Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership for an event on September 24, 2023.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 9:03 a.m. for personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

The Chairman re-stated the Executive Session is for Personnel.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to come out of Executive Session at 10:08 a.m.

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

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

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, was present to request her credit card be temporarily raised so she is able to purchase a desk.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve Human Resources credit card be temporarily increased for two months in the amount of \$1,000.

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

Sheriff Vance was present for the agenda item of a new job description for a Senior Operations Manager and set the starting wage. Knutson was present for this item also and gave information on the request.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to amend the previous motion to say the Senior Operations Manager “in the Sheriff’s Office.”

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

Voting on the motion as amended:

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

SEWARD COUNTY JOB DESCRIPTION

Position:	Senior Operations Manager
Job Status:	Non-exempt; Full-time
Reports to:	Captain; County Sheriff
Supervisory Responsibilities:	Yes
Last Revised:	July 2023

I. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

This position is highly responsible for administering the day-to-day business office operations of the Seward County Sheriff’s Office and is responsible for the organization and coordination of office operations, procedures, and resources to facilitate department effectiveness and efficiency.

The Senior Operations Manager is a highly visible role within the administrative operations of the Seward County Sheriff’s Office and Task Force. The position is responsible for the development, implementation, and coordination of a wide range of administrative matters such as planning, recruiting, hiring, training, performance management, budgeting, grant administration, records management, scheduling, leave and payroll administration, all IT-related duties, all Public Information, and Federal Task Force Support. This position is an essential employee role that is expected to be available 24/7, though generally works Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm.

The Senior Operations Manager is responsible for supervision over the Operations Manager. Work is performed and reviewed in the form of reports, performance evaluations, and compliance with Sheriff’s Office policies and procedures.

II. ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Performs complex administrative functions; meets and provides the public with information requiring knowledge of divisional and/or departmental policies, procedures, and regulations.
- Plans, organizes, assigns, and reviews work of the Operations Manager to ensure quality and appropriate quantity of work.
- Serves the primary role of the department’s Office Manager, IT Specialist, Grant Coordinator, Public Information Officer, Project Manager, and other roles as assigned.
- Serves as the Office Liaison with Homeland Security for the Federal Task Force and Nebraska State Patrol on all IT-related programs.

- Trains staff on IT related processes ie: NCJIS, Watchguard, CAD, RMS.
- Designs and develops programs to meet grant specifications and departmental needs.
- Monitors department compliance with grant specifications; analyzes progress towards goals.
- Assist in the preparation of materials for fiscal and administrative analysis; participate in the development of federal grant applications; conduct research for special projects.
- Supervises and coordinates the preparation of public information materials including press releases, videos, brochures, public service announcements and reports.
- Meets with press for the purpose of reporting press releases; coordinates and compiles information needed for press releases; ensures distribution of all relevant material to interested parties.
- Works with the Sheriff in fiscal year budget plans.
- Process Annual Drug Fund Certification and remain in compliance with DOJ/DOT.
- Provide IT support for all narcotics seizures.
- Enter and file incident/investigative reports, arrest reports, and case file information into Sleuth/Zuercher database system.
- Prepare agendas and documents minutes of agency meetings.
- Attend conferences and complete training for administrative topics relevant to the position.
- Types various technical or legal documents; prepares documents that may have prescribed deadlines or filing dates.
- Prepares and maintains personnel files and records of a confidential nature, such as performance appraisals, disciplinary actions, personnel actions in support of pay increases, and other personnel actions.
- Reviews monthly reports in accordance with Uniform Crime Reporting and Office guidelines to maintain integrity and accuracy of police records subject to audit by Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.
- Manage Workers Compensation claims and OSHA reporting.
- Oversee the Asset Forfeiture Funds.
- Participates in long range developmental planning in the area of computer-based records management by identifying, evaluating, and recommending systems for use in future.
- Prepare letters, reports, and other documents requiring knowledge of departmental operations and protocols; to include necessary signatures, dates, seals, and/or notaries.
- Compile and calculate statistical data preparation of the annual budget and monitor departmental budgetary expenditures; complete a variety of complex departmental forms and reports; coordinate the compilation of data for reports; prepare and monitor invoices and vouchers; post accounts.
- Recommends strategies for computer and IT-related programs/initiatives that includes office and mobile (patrol vehicle) technology utilized by Sheriff's Office staff.
- Provide on-site maintenance and troubleshooting for personal computer hardware, software, and network connections and other equipment; diagnose the cause of personal computer operation problems and takes or recommends appropriate action to solve those problems.
- Confers with management and staff regarding hardware needs; researches hardware; provides hardware setup, configuration, installation, and technical support; assists in the evaluation of new systems software packages.
- Coordinate travel plans and hotel accommodations for out-of-town travel/ training for the Sheriff's Office.
- Maintain various appointment/scheduling calendars for Sheriff's Office personnel.
- Process various forms, documents, and/or applications including: title inspections, firearms permits, Sex Offender Registry (SOR) forms, conduct

background checks and issue appropriate documentation as required by Nebraska statutes.

- Participate in staff recruitment, testing and hiring to ensure the competency of those candidates who are accepted for the Sheriff's Office.
- Design and implement training modules for new employees that will make their transition into the Sheriff's Office easier and more efficient.
- Coordinate work schedules for the Sheriff's Office that will maximize employee's productivity, efficiency and shift coverage.
- Oversee payroll and timecards to ensure accuracy and timeliness.
- Coordinate all employee recognition efforts.
- Assist with Fed/Ex, UPS and Certified Mail shipping and receiving.
- Oversee all supply ordering, maintain records, files and track institutional supplies.
- Maintain inventory and asset records as needed.
- Other duties as assigned.

V. DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- Graduation from an accredited college or university with major course work in business, public administration, finance, computer technology, or a related field
- At least two (2) years of experience in accounting, including reconciling multiple accounts, monitoring account budget status, grant administration, and completing transactional and informational reports.
- At least two (2) years of experience in human resources or a related area, including one (1) year supervisory experience.
- Must be able to complete and pass or have current certifications in defensive tactics, CPR and first aid training.
- Maintain good communication and relationships with citizens, employees, other criminal justice agencies and all city/county offices.
- Service oriented style with professional presentation skills.
- Proven leadership skills
- Must possess the following strengths: high energy, motivational leader, effective communicator, effective in providing exceptional citizen/customer/client service/support, effective in providing exceptional diagnostic and definitive computer systems analytical skills
- Clear concise written and verbal communication skills.
- Knowledge of governmental accounting procedures (GAP).
- Knowledge of budgeting process and internal financial controls.
- Must be proficient in using Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point.
- Must have excellent organizational, interpersonal and administrative skills.

VI. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be at least 21 years of age or older.
- Must be legally able to perform work in the U.S.
- Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- Must have experience with computers and administering records.
- Must have valid Nebraska Driver's License.
- Must not have had any convictions punishable by imprisonment in a federal or state penitentiary for one year or more unless pardon received.
- Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds.

VII. WORKING CONDITIONS & PHYSICAL EFFORT

This job operates in a professional office environment. This role routinely uses standard office equipment such as computers, phones, photocopiers, filing cabinets and fax machines. This is largely a sedentary role; however, some filing is required. This would require the ability to lift files, open filing, cabinets and bend or stand as necessary.

IX. OTHER

Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities, and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

Employee Acknowledgment of Job Description			
This job description supersedes all previous job descriptions written for this position. I understand that this is a description of my current job duties and responsibilities. I understand that neither this nor the County’s Personnel Manual is a contract for employment.			
_____ Employee Signature	_____ Date	_____ HR Director/Supervisor Signature	_____ Date

The Board then discussed two Certificates of Deposit that were held for the courthouse chimes maintenance. Phil Bangert was in attendance and gave information about a fundraising campaign that was held many years ago to repair the chimes for the 100th anniversary of the courthouse. There were extra contributions received that were put in two CDs in local banks. These extra contributions were used to pay for a maintenance agreement on rotating years. Currently, there are major repairs needed for the chimes and the CDs are due August 3, 2023. Bangert recommended the amount in the CDs be given to the County and then used to pay for the current repair project. These CDs were in the name of the 4th of July organization so that contributions made for the project years ago could be tax deductible.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to ask the 4th of July committee to cash in the CDs for the courthouse chimes that are at the Jones Bank and Cattle Bank.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners then discussed the quote from Verdin Company as provided by Eric Hofer, Building and Grounds Supt., for the chimes repair. The County Attorney had not looked it over. The Commissioners discussed that the quote does ask for a down payment and questioned other parts of the quote. The Deputy County Attorney will get in touch with the company and the item will be discussed later.

Hofer was also present when the Commissioners discussed the Courthouse Lawn Policy. Different kinds of uses that the lawn is used for, i.e., farmers market, 4th of July craft show, etc. were discussed. Not allowing cars or trucks as well as the insurance that may be requested by this policy was also discussed. Hofer will come back to the Board at a later date with the suggested changes to the policy.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:43 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 10:47 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the county budget and held callbacks for various offices/departments.

For the first budget meeting they visited with Maria Hatfield about the Detention Center Budget.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to amend the previous motion of July 25, 2023 related to the longevity of the Detention Director’s current salary and based on the longevity to \$79,185.60 to correct it.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried
Voting No: Ahmic, Schmieding

Kathy Ruzicka, Aging Services Director, was next to come before the Board. She gave the correct information for grants she will receive throughout fiscal year 2023-2024.

Eric Hofer, Building & Grounds Supt., was present to discuss his budget.

Debby Aegerter, Office Manager for the Public Defender, was in to talk about the Public Defender's budget.

The Commissioners recessed at 11:33 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 11:35 a.m.

Marilyn Hladky, Assessor, was present for her office callback.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the salary scale for the Assessor's Office as reported by the HR Director with the starting wage for Appraisal Assistant at \$19.75, new starting wage for Clerk II \$18.07 and new starting wage for Part Time Clerk at \$18.07.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 12:03 p.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 12:47 p.m.

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht, Asst. Highway Supt., Jon Regnier and Office Manager, Heidi Fleischman were present when the Commissioners talked to them about the Road Dept. budget.

The Commissioners recessed at 2:01 p.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 2:08 p.m.

Commissioner Ahmic gave information about the Public Transit budget in the absence of a Public Transit Director.

County Clerk, Sherry Schweitzer talked to the Board about the County Clerk and the Election budgets and the other miscellaneous budget she prepares for the Board.

The Commissioners recessed at 2:57 p.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 3:00 p.m.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to set the new starting wage for Public Transit Driver to \$15.00 an hour.

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

Commissioner Hain led discussion on logos for County Vehicles. There was discussion about what to actually put on the logo itself for vehicles that belong to different offices/departments. It was decided that the logos be white and black for the vehicles.

The Commissioners talked about panic button proposal for Seward County.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the panic button proposal from Secure Tech Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$24,008.00 with the funding to come from Inheritance Fund.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on appointing an Interim Public Transit Director. She described the many things that the current office Coordinator/dispatcher is doing in the absence of a Public Transit Director.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to appoint Alex Sommerfeld as the Interim Public Transit Director for Seward County effective July 18, 2023 with a wage of \$52,000 annually.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion that she was contacted a few weeks ago from someone that was inquiring about a solar energy project. Commissioner Zabrocki and Ahmic met with them to discuss the subject. The current zoning regulations do not address these projects. However, new proposed zoning regulations do address this but

have not yet been approved. Because of this, it was suggested that a moratorium be imposed.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3767 to place a temporary moratorium for commercial renewable energy systems in Seward County.

Resolution # 3767 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska ("Board"), recognizes the significance of renewable energy in advancing environmental sustainability and reducing carbon emissions;

WHEREAS, the authority to make, adopt, amend, extend, and implement county zoning regulations is conferred upon the County Board of Commissioners in each county pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-114*;

WHEREAS, the current zoning regulations in Seward County do not contain regulations governing renewable energy systems;

WHEREAS, new Seward County zoning regulations have been drafted and are currently under review for adoption;

WHEREAS, the proposed zoning regulations include regulations governing renewable energy systems;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to ensure responsible and sustainable development of commercial renewable energy systems that align with the existing community infrastructure and comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that new zoning regulations will be adopted before the commencement of any commercial renewable energy system projects currently in development;

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the adoption of new zoning regulations governing commercial renewable energy systems, a temporary moratorium is deemed necessary to ensure that all future renewable energy systems align with the forthcoming regulations;

WHEREAS, failure to enact a temporary moratorium on commercial renewable energy system development until such time as the new zoning regulations are adopted could result in irreparable harm to Seward County and its resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, a temporary moratorium on commercial renewable energy system development shall be imposed, effective immediately, upon the following in Seward County:

1. Any solar conversion system consisting of a series of solar modules and equipment connected together, with a nameplate capacity of equal to or greater than 500kW alternating current, in order to commercially supply the converted energy to a community and/or power grid; or
2. Any wind energy conversion system under common or aggregated ownership or operating control that includes substations, MET towers, cables/wires and other building accessories, whose main purpose is to supply electricity to off-site customers; or

- 3. Any other renewable energy conversion system designed to commercially supply converted energy to any community, power grid, or off-site customers.

The Seward County Zoning Department shall facilitate the necessary steps to ensure the enforcement and compliance of the temporary moratorium, in cooperation with relevant county officials and departments.

The temporary moratorium shall remain in effect until the new zoning regulations are formally adopted, published, and become legally binding within Seward County, at which time this moratorium automatically expires unless extended by separate resolution.

Dated this 1st day of 2023.

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Zabrocki

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Commissioner Ahmic reported information about Infrastructure Related grants.

The agenda item of a Road Dept. Maintenance Foreman Job Description and Starting Wage was not considered at this meeting.

The Board continued discussing budgets.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the starting wages for the Road Dept.

Administrative Assistant	\$22.35
Assistant Highway Superintendent	\$29.30
Highway Superintendent	\$36.37
Shop Foreman	\$27.96
Sign Officer	\$21.41

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

The Board continued discussing budgets.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on August 8, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

- 1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of July 25, 2023
- 4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on August 8, 2023 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 1, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

- 1. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
- 2. Commissioners Reports
- 3. Discuss/Action - Appoint member to the Veterans Committee
- 4. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
- 5. Discuss/Action – Budget discussion on 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

6. Jail Inspection
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for August 15, 2023

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Presentation of Lights for Courthouse Silhouette Lighting

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Office Space Re-organization for Road Dept., Aging Services, Zoning/Weed Dept. and Veteran’s Service Office

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn the Seward County Commissioners meeting for August 1, 2023 at 5:02 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 August 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

August 8, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on August 8, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on August 8, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson
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 Ahmic to approve the minutes of July 25, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve Tax List Correction 415-20R for Ricky Joe Cradick and Cradick Pork for a Correction on Non-Ag Tax Credit.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve Tax List Correction 416-22R for Southeast Community College for Accelerated 2023 Taxes on a house being moved to Saline County.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve Tax List Correction 101-22P for Jerry Roth to Accelerate 2023 Taxes on Personal Property Ag Equipment.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Hladky spoke to the Commissioners about a valuation protest.

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on August 22, 2023 are as follows:
8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 8, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn the Board of Equalization meeting for August 8, 2023.

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

Time of adjournment was 8:44 a.m.

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 August 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

August 8, 2023
Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on August 8, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on August 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Present: Chairperson: John Culver
 Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Schmieding to approve the minutes of August 1, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Gary Petersen, Seward/York County Emergency Manager, updated the Commissioners on activities of his office.

Terry Wicht, Highway Superintendent, updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Wicht spoke to the Commissioners regarding the 9:05 a.m. agenda item “County Gravel Road Conditions East of Highway 15 on Old Mill Road, 154th Road, 168th Road, Branched Oak Road, Waverly Road and Bluff Road.” Bryce Nolde, who requested the agenda item, was not present for the discussion. Wicht reported that he had checked all of the roads in question. Hain

suggested Wicht take pictures of the current road conditions and document what needs to be done to fix them.

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on appointing a member to the Veterans Committee. She stated that action was not taken in 2021 to appoint Peggy Brown to the committee, although she has been active in this position since then. This is to retroactively appoint this member until 2026. Ms. Brown gave an explanation on her role as a veteran and current board member.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to appoint Peggy Brown to the Veterans Committee for the term of 2021 to 2026.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she has been working with the Veterans Committee, worked on Public Transit grants, has had information regarding the solar sight by Ruby brought to her attention, and encouraged the rest of the board to visit the sight, met with Commissioner Hain and Matt Howell, who is Senator Jana Hughes' aide, attended a National Association of County Officials (NACO) district planning meeting, attended a Broadband Task Force Meeting, met with the Highway Superintendent, attended the Milford City Council meeting and was invited to a National NACO conference called Counties for Kids in Milwaukee, but will not be able to attend.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with Matt Howell, who is Senator Jana Hughes' aide, met with the Aging Services Director, attended the Beck Seed open house and ribbon cutting ceremony, completed employee evaluation paperwork, visited with the road department, visited with a constituent, is working with Middle Creek Printing on Road Department shirts and jackets to be paid out of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), will work with road department on tire grant project, and is working with communities on Aging Services Advisory board members.

Commissioner Culver reported he worked on Blue Valley Community Action correspondence, completed employee evaluations, and drove multiple roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Beck Seed open house and ribbon cutting, completed an employee evaluation, and was involved in a road discussion between a constituent, the city, and the county.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, attended the Broadband Task force meeting, attended an annual BRIDGES meeting, did an employee evaluation, attended a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) round table discussion, visited with a constituent, the city, and the county regarding a road issue, worked with the Highway Superintendent and a landowner and checked abandoned cemeteries.

Commissioner Zabrocki led the discussion on the Lights for the Courthouse Silhouette lighting. Vinny Bittinger, with Magical Lights LLC, was present for the discussion. He stated that he has visited with Corey Mueller, who has done the electrical work for the Courthouse. He believes that after visiting with Corey, the bid that was initially presented will need to be changed, as the product wouldn't be sufficient for this project. He stated that it would be a financial savings to use the same lights as the rest of the downtown lighting. Ahmic spoke in favor of the Illuminate Seward project but stated that she prefers a more traditional look for the Courthouse. Bittinger stated he could do some research and find vendors that would be better options to meet the specific criteria the Board would like, as it is not his area of expertise. It was decided to table this discussion for the time being. Bittinger will research potential vendors.

Commissioner Hain led the discussion on the office space re-organization for the Road Department, Aging Services, Zoning/Weed Department and the Veterans Service Office. She drafted a drawing of a potential new layout that would provide space in the West Wing for

Aging, Public Transit and Veterans. Discussion was then held on moving the Highway Superintendent office spaces to the second floor of the Courthouse where the Zoning/Weed Department Office is currently located and moving Zoning/Weed to the third floor of the Courthouse in the former County Court Office that is currently being used for Building & Grounds supplies. Heidi Fleischman, Road Department Administrative Assistant, asked about IT issues such as servers and printers. Culver stated he would like to table this discussion until a layout has been drawn up for the Courthouse re-organization and a plan has been made for relocating furniture.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:50 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:55 a.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve an additional 1% of Restricted Funds for the 2023-2024 Budget.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3768 for levy allocation to Ag Society for \$375,000.00, J Precinct Cemetery Association for \$1,770.00, Pleasant Dale Cemetery Association for \$1,630.00 and Seward County Fire District for \$909,689.92.

RESOLUTION # 3768 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,

WHEREAS, the political subdivisions may levy taxes as provided by law, provided they do not collectively total more than fifteen cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation on any parcel or item of taxable property for all governments for which allocations are made by the County, AND,

WHEREAS, on or before August 1st, all political subdivisions subject to county levy authority must submit a preliminary request for levy allocation to the County Board. AND,

WHEREAS, failure of a political subdivision to submit a preliminary request shall preclude the political subdivision from using the procedures set forth in §77-3444 to exceed the final levy allocation, AND,

WHEREAS, Seward County has four such political subdivisions, namely: Seward County Agricultural Society, Seward County Fire District, Pleasant Dale Cemetery District and J Precinct Cemetery District, AND,

WHEREAS, the following requests were received on or before the August 1, 2022:

Seward County Agricultural Society Funding Request: \$ 375,000.00

Pleasant Dale Cemetery District Funding Request: \$ 1,770.00

J Precinct Cemetery District Funding Request: \$ 1,630.00

Seward County Fire District Funding Request: \$ 909,689.92 and,

WHEREAS, included in the above request from the Seward County Fire District is a request to include \$80,000 in Seward County's five cent levy allocation allowed by law for Interlocal Agreements, and \$147,525.00 for their Bond Fund, AND,

WHEREAS, § 77-3343 provides that the County Board shall review and approve or disapprove the funding or levy request by September 1st of the current year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Seward County Board of Commissioners hereby designate the following levy allocations pursuant to Nebraska State Statute § 77-3443 as follows:

	<u>A Tax Request of:</u>
Seward County Agricultural Society:	\$ 375,000.00
Pleasant Dale Cemetery District	\$ 1,770.00
J Precinct Cemetery District	\$ 1,630.00
Seward County Fire District	\$ 909,689.92

FURTHER, A copy of this resolution is to be provided to the chairperson of the governing body of each of its political subdivisions.

Dated this 8th day of August 2023.

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Hain
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for July 2023 in the amount of \$5,768.54.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for July 2023 in the amount of \$29,688.00.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Sheriff Fee & Mileage Report for June 2023 in the amount of \$1,301.00 & \$850.96 respectively.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3769 to authorize the Chairman and the Board to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance for Nebraska Department of Transportation.

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RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE

COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

2023

Resolution No. 3769

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 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 8th day of August, 2023 at Seward Nebraska.

County Board Members

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

County Board Member Ahmic

Moved the adoption of said resolution

Member Zabrocki Seconded the Motion

Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted.

Attest: Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

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COUNTY
ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
TO
NEBRASKA BOARD OF PUBLIC ROADS CLASSIFICATIONS
AND STANDARDS 2023

In compliance with the provisions of the State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requiring annual certification of program compliance to the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, the County of Seward hereby certifies that it:

- ✓ Has developed, adopted, and included in its public records the plans, programs, or standards required by sections 39-2115 and 39-2119;
- ✓ Meets the plans, programs, or standards of design, construction, and maintenance for its highways, roads, or streets;
- ✓ Expends all tax revenue for highway, road, or street purposes in accordance with approved plans, programs, or standards, including county and municipal tax revenue as well as highway-user revenue allocations;
- ✓ Uses a system of revenue and costs accounting which clearly includes a comparison of receipts and expenditures for approved budgets, plans, programs, and standards;
- ✓ Uses a system of budgeting which reflects uses and sources of funds in terms of plans, programs, or standards and accomplishments;
- ✓ Uses an accounting system including an inventory of machinery, equipment, and supplies;
- ✓ Uses an accounting system that tracks equipment operation costs;
- ✓ Has included in its public records the information required under subsection (2) of section 39-2510; and
- ✓ Has included in its public records a copy of this certification and the resolution of the governing body authorizing the signing of this certification by the County Board Chairperson.

John K. Culver, County Board Chairperson 08/08/2023

Terry J. Wicht, County Highway Superintendent 08/03/2023

Return the completed original signing resolution and annual certification of program compliance by October 31, 2023 to:

Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards
PO Box 94759
Lincoln NE 68509

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Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Culver Motion Carried
Commissioner Ahmic stated that there were no new items to discuss for the Infrastructure Related Grants.

The Board held discussion on the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget.

The Board recessed at 11:51 a.m. to go to the Justice Center for the quarterly jail inspection.

Commissioner Ahmic is absent at 11:51 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at the Justice Center at 12:06 p.m.

The Commissioners conducted a jail inspection with Commissioners Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding and Culver present.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on August 15, 2023 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 8, 2023
- 4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through August 4, 2023

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 for Road Dept Apparel
- 9. Discuss/Action – Budget discussion on 2023-2024 Fiscal Year
- 10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for August 22, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Candace Meredith/NACO – Nebraska Association of County Official’s Update on activities of the Organization

9:30 a.m. Hearing - Amend the Seward County Zoning Regulations to be consistent with the Seward County Comprehensive Plan

Discuss/Action – Res. - Amend the Seward County Zoning Regulations to be consistent with the Seward County Comprehensive Plan

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Office Space Re-organization for Road Dept., Aging Services, Zoning/Weed Dept. and Veteran’s Service Office

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 12:31 p.m.

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 15th day of August 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

August 15, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on August 15, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on August 15, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of August 8, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve claims for the period through August 4, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH AUGUST 4, 2023					
ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	SEWARD CO SHRF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$358.00
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,670.49	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$34.76
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	EQ	\$183.92	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,635.25
AERNI LAW, LLC	SE	\$574.65	ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTNG	SE	\$438.64
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$20.99	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$3,479.61
ALLO COMM	UT	\$175.00	SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	FE	\$869.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$166.59	TWIN RIVERS HEALTH CARE	SE	\$45.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$19,166.54	THE VERDIN COMPANY	SE	\$2,160.00
BRENNAN...LAW OFFICES	SE	\$374.70	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,212.32
BURESH LAWN CARE	SE	\$1,400.00	WELLS FARGO FIN LEASING	EQ	\$198.15
CATTLE BANK & TRUST	SE	\$79.68	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,051.98
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$14,427.70	3RD MILLENNIUM CLASSROOMS	SE	\$360.00
CLERK OF THE DIST CRT	SE	\$325.00	ACKERMAN DESIGN & ENG	SE	\$39.00
CORI J STAVA	SE	\$577.00	BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$49.60
CULLIGAN	SE	\$25.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$46,911.93
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$284.66	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$286.45
EATON POWER QUALITY DIV	SE	\$63.00	HEARTLAND TIRES	EQ	\$9,041.45
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX	SE	\$124.89	LOAD KING	SE	\$451.65
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$13,448.95	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$6.25
BRIAN FORAL	SE	\$977.29	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SE	\$379.82
GALLS LLC	SE	\$708.57	MILLER SEED	SU	\$425.00
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SE	\$278.00	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$54.44
HERPOLSHIMERS INC	EQ	\$517.49	NEBRASKA TRUCK REPAIR	SE	\$38.75
HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$337.23	NEWMAN SIGNS	SU	\$292.42
HSI EMERGENCY CARE SOL	SE	\$106.39	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$39.95
INDOFF INC	SU	\$64.99	NMC, INC	SE	\$2,347.61
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$82.57	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$2,151.22
JONES BANK	SE	\$198.00	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$185.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,584.10	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$713.80
DAVID KIMBLE	SE	\$243.00	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$54.66

KIRBY ROTH INSURANCE	FE	\$150.00	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$11,630.91
KOTIK & MCCLURE, ATTYS	SE	\$2,541.88	ALLEN K SHAFFER	SE	\$2,139.92
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$67.56	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	SE	\$39.98
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$283.57	MIDDLE CREEK PRINTING	SU	\$27.75
RELX INC	SE	\$213.00	CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY	FE	\$500.00
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$7,167.19	GFWC SEWARD WOMAN'S CLUB	FE	\$189.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$4,716.02	SEWARD CO AG SOCIETY	FE	\$1,000.00
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$105.97	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$131.25
NATIONAL SHERIFFS ASSOC	FE	\$142.00	ALTAR CONSTRUCTION	SE	\$101,094.73
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$600.00	AWARDS UNLIMITED	SU	\$85.30
NEBRASKA ORTHOPAEDIC	SE	\$8.35	LANDAUER	SU	\$954.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	SE	\$25.50	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$697.74
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	SE	\$180.87	SCALES SALES & SERVICE	SE	\$660.00
PAC N SAVE	SU	\$1,153.47	TRANSUNION RISK & ALT	FE	\$836.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$170.00	CIDNET	SE	\$3,130.89
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$5.00	TFD SUPPLIES	SU	\$250.00
CA MARKETING,	SE	\$486.92	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	FE	\$1,000.00
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$16,123.75	SALARIES		\$281,134.52
QUADIENT LEASING USA	EQ	\$231.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$90.29	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	MID AMERICAN WISCONSIN		
DELL ROMAINE CO	SE	\$284.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SECRETARY OF STATE	FE	\$60.00	VSP VISION		
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$530.00	WADDELL & REED		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,507.89			

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

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with the Chair of the Planning Commission, attended a Veterans Committee meeting, met with Commissioner Hain on Zoning matters, attended several Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) meetings, met with Allo about the new phone system for Seward County, provided more grant information to Nebraska Dept. of Transportation, met with HR Dept on various issues, volunteered at the Seward County Fair, and sent an email to the Seward County Court office about art in the Detention Center.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the Highway Supt. Administrative Assistant and submitted a grant for a scrap tire event, met with Commissioner Ahmic, the County Assessor, and the Building and Grounds Supt. about space issues in the courthouse and spent a great deal of time at the Seward County Fair.

Commissioner Culver reported he received various emails and has a Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) meeting tonight.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he also spent time at the Seward County Fair in the Visitor's Committee Booth and checked roads.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he met the new Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Director, worked at the Visitor's Committee booth at the Seward Fair, worked on details in regard to the East Seward Road project, worked with the Building and Grounds Supt. on various issues and attended the City of Seward Planning Commission meeting the previous night.

Commissioner Hain led discussion on the "Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Road Dept. Apparel" item on the agenda. She stated that the previous costs estimates did not include costs for any printing or logo on the back of the shirt. She indicated the extra costs would be \$196.00.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds in the amount of \$196.00.

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

Candace Meredith, Deputy Director of NACO, and Elaine Minzel, Legal Counsel, were present to update the Commissioners on activities of their organization. They gave information about their upcoming workshops/conferences. She also gave information about various projects such as work on rural broadband, cybersecurity, salary studies and legislation recently enacted.

The next item on the agenda was a public hearing in regard to adopting an amendment in the Seward County Zoning Regulations.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to open the Public Hearing.

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

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Director, gave information about the Planning Commission's recommendation for adopting the amendment at their meeting.

Deputy County Attorney, Barb Armstead furnished a proposed amendment with different wording.

Both Paulsen and Commissioner Ahmic stated there are members of the Planning Commission that are requesting different wording in regard to the Dwelling definitions in the Zoning Regulations. During discussion, the Commissioners decided the wording as suggested by Armstead would be best.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to close the public hearing at 9:53 a.m.

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

The Commissioners will hold another public hearing to address the new language.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the Commissioner Ahmic, Building and Grounds Supt., Eric Hofer and Assessor, Marilyn Hladky in regard to moving offices within the courthouse. She specifically talked about the former County Court office. Hladky said she can move her items out of the vault of that office and Hofer will move his extra supplies into the vault so the Weed/Zoning Office can use the outer area of the office. The nursing mothers' room would be in the corner room of the office. The Highway Supt's Office would then occupy the current Weed/Zoning Office on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse. The Aging Services would move from Milford to the West Wing and occupy the area that the Highway Supt. currently occupies. Hain also stated while looking in the various offices for changes, the office furniture would stay at the West Wing Building for the Aging Services. The Aging Services desks would be moved into the current Zoning Office for the Hwy Supt. office personnel. Wicht said he would like to keep the desks he and his employees currently have. He also said the courthouse would need to have a radio antenna for his radios and if the Commissioners want him to leave his desks, he would like to know what he is getting. Paulsen said she previously got a bid of \$600 to move her office upstairs to the 3rd floor. Ahmic also said parking would need to be worked on. Culver stated he would like to see all the changes down on paper. Ahmic said she would like to approve it and then set a timeline for the move. Zabrocki suggested the week after Labor Day.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve the office space reorganization for the Roads Dept., Aging Services, Zoning/Weed Dept. and Veterans Service Office, specifically moving Aging Services to the West Wing, moving the Veteran's Service Office into the current Highway Supt. Office, moving the Roads Dept. into the current Weed/Zoning office on the 2nd floor, and relocating the Weed/Zoning office to the 3rd floor of the courthouse.

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

Wicht was also present to discuss the paving of Sunrise Road which is Project C-80 (591). He gave the Commissioners two proposals to consider. One proposal was to hard surface the road and the other was to return it to gravel. Traffic counts were taken to help decide what action should be taken.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve project C-80 (591) paving of Sunrise Road request for bids on paving from Hwy 6 running on the east side of Milford to 210th Road and from Sunrise Road South on 224th Road south 500 ft and grinding of Sunrise Road from 210th Road east ½ mile.

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

Wendy Elston, County Attorney, and Casey Tieman, Office Manager, were present to give information about the Equitable Sharing agreement item on the agenda.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 for the County Attorney's Office.

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

Ann Dobesh, Extension Educator, was present to discuss a contract for a new copy machine.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman to sign the Equipment Lease Contract for a new copy machine at the Extension Office.

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

The Commissioner then discussed the surplus property/auction for Seward County. Eric Hofer, Buildings and Grounds Supt., said there are a lot of offices that have surplus property that needs to be removed. An auction/garage sale was suggested that could be held at the Weed Dept. building. Hofer was directed to email offices for a list of surplus items. He will get back to the Commissioners on the amount of surplus inventory and then it will be decided if an auction is viable.

Hofer was present to discuss the proposed Courthouse Lawn Policy. Discussion was held in regard to liability insurance for events held on the courthouse lawn. Zabrocki will research the county insurance issue to see about events such as the Farmers Market. The policy will be considered at a later date.

The Commissioners considered the agreement with the Verdin Company for repairs of the Courthouse chimes.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman to sign the Chimes Proposal with the Verdin Company.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 11:24 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 11:30 a.m.

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, was present to discuss funds for the Seward County Appreciation events and allow a committee to organize.

Knutson explained the plans for the events and a committee of employees would organize them. In other years, an event at the end of the year was held. She stated that this year there were ideas to change that. Ideas were to have multiple events such as hosting family friendly events or a tailgate. She said it was suggested a survey be sent out for feedback.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve the request for funds for the Seward County Employee Appreciation events and allow the committee to organize and set the allowance up to \$50 per employee.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Zoning/Weed Dept. Fee Report for July 2023 in the amount of \$1,200.00.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki

Voting No: Ahmic, Hain, Culver

Motion Failed

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

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

CORRECT.	TAX YEAR	TAX YEAR	TAX YEAR	TAX YEAR	TAX YEAR	TOTAL TAX	NAME
NUMBER	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
362-19R		746.75				\$ 746.75	R TUCKER HMSTD EXP-100% TO 60%
363-19R		\$ 714.12				\$ 714.12	L LUTH HMSTD EXP-100% TO 50%
364-18R	-142.96					\$ (142.96)	J SPANGLER MOB HOME TAKEN OFF
365-19R		(101.96)	(103.58)			\$ (101.96)	J SPANGLER MOB HOME TAKEN OFF
366-20R						\$ (103.58)	J SPANGLER MOB HOME TAKEN OFF
367-19R		692.50				\$ 692.50	G MEINBERG HOMESTD FROM 30% TO 0%
368-22R			(175.85)	\$288.46		\$ 288.46	OLD MILL FARMS -ACC-MH SOLD/MOVED
369-20R						\$ (175.85)	CORR L& VALUE-ADAMEK
370-21R				\$(173.60)		\$ (173.60)	CORR L& VALUE-ADAMEK
371-17R						\$ 411.95	ADD UNRPTD BLDG-EBERSPACHER
372-18R	415.36					\$ 415.36	ADD UNRPTD BLDG-EBERSPACHER
373-19R		422.72	437.19			\$ 422.72	ADD UNRPTD BLDG-EBERSPACHER
374-20R						\$ 437.19	ADD UNRPTD BLDG-EBERSPACHER
375-21R				\$ 446.83		\$ 446.83	ADD UNRPTD BLDG-EBERSPACHER
376-17R						\$ 272.77	ADD UNRPTD HOUSE ADD-SLEIGHT 2017
377-18R	283.16					\$ 283.16	ADD UNRPTD HOUSE ADD-SLEIGHT
378-19R		287.20	291.45			\$ 287.20	ADD UNRPTD HOUSE ADD-SLEIGHT
379-20R						\$ 291.45	ADD UNRPTD HOUSE ADD-SLEIGHT
380-21R				287.38		\$ 287.38	ADD UNRPTD HOUSE ADD-SLEIGHT
381-22R					\$ (4,974.12)	\$(4,974.12)	EXEMPT RETROACTIVE SOLD TO GOVT
382-22R					\$ (100.36)	\$ (100.36)	CORR TO EXEMPT STATUS
383-22R					\$ (3,306.51)	\$(3,306.51)	CORR TAX TO REFL LOT ONLY 1/1/22
384-22R					\$ (4,641.78)	\$(4,641.78)	CORR TAX VALUE AFTER SEPARATION
385-22R					\$ (582.64)	\$ (582.64)	CORR VALUE NOT ROLLED OVER
386-22R					\$ (782.82)	\$ (782.82)	DEP OF REV CHNGE HMSTD 70 TO 100%
387-22R					\$ (831.22)	\$ (831.22)	CURTIS PLAT VAC & PARCEL SPLIT OFF
388-22R					\$ 368.00	\$ 368.00	CURTIS ADD VAC ADD LAND TO PARCEL
389-22R					\$ 209.48	\$ 209.48	CURTIS ADD VAC ADD LAND TO PARCEL
390-22R					\$ 58.75	\$ 58.75	ACCEL BLDG SOLD MOVED 800010361
391-18R	422.68					\$ 422.68	ADD TO TAX ROLL MACHINE SHED
392-19R		428.75	435.06			\$ 422.75	ADD TO TAX ROLL MACHINE SHED
393-20R						\$ 435.06	ADD TO TAX ROLL MACHINE SHED
394-21R				428.94		\$ 428.94	ADD TO TAX ROLL MACHINE SHED
395-22R					\$ 429.41	\$ 429.41	ADD TO TAX ROLL MACHINE SHED
396-19R		265.86	269.83			\$ 265.86	ADD FOR HOUSE ADD-FIALA
397-20R						\$ 269.83	ADD FOR HOUSE ADD-FIALA
398-21R				266.03		\$ 266.03	ADD FOR HOUSE ADD-FIALA
399-22R					\$ 266.30	\$ 266.30	ADD FOR HOUSE ADD-FIALA
400-21R				2,364.71		\$ 2,364.70	ADD GRAIN BIN
401-22R					\$ 2,391.66	\$ 2,391.66	ADD GRAIN BIN
402-20R			(1,302.86)			\$(1,302.86)	CORR VALUE GRNBINS OWNED BY OTHERS
403-21R				(1,284.50)	\$ -	\$(1,284.50)	CORR VALUE GRNBINS OWNED BY OTHERS
404-22R					\$ (1,285.92)	\$(1,285.92)	CORR VALUE GRNBINS OWNED BY OTHERS
405-20R			867.15			\$ 867.15	ADD FOR UNRPTD GRN BIN
406-21R				813.70		\$ 813.70	ADD FOR UNRPTD GRN BIN
407-22R					\$ 845.43	\$ 845.43	ADD FOR UNRPTD GRN BIN
408-23R					\$ 674.58	\$ 674.58	ACCEL 2023 ON SECC HOUSE
409-20R			3,014.02			\$ 3,014.02	BOLTE HMSTD CHANGED 100% TO 0%

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on August 22, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 8, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on August 22, 2023 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 15, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discussion Only – Renaming a portion of East Seward Road to Prairie Flower Road
7. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
8. Discuss/Action – Budget Discussion for 23-24 Seward County Budget
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for August 29, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Request permission to Display Pinwheels and Signs on Courthouse Lawn for Suicide Awareness Month from 9/8/2023 - 9/22/2023

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Carrie Rodriguez/Probation – Update on Probation Services for Seward County

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Conditional Use Permit for an Accessory Building in Precinct A in the S ½ NE ¼ of Section 25 Township 12 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res.& Findings of Facts - Conditional Use Permit for an Accessory Building in Precinct A in the S ½ of NE ¼ of Section 25 Township 12 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

10:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Introduce Public Defender and Discuss Transition Details

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn the Seward County Board of Commissioners at 1:44 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 22nd day of August 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

August 22, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on August 22, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on August 22, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Hain to approve the minutes of August 8, 2023.

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

Woolsey updated the Commissioners on activity of the Assessor's Office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 12, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 22, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn the Seward County Board of Equalization meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 September 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

August 22, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on August 22, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on August 23, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the minutes of August 15, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt. updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked with Commissioner Hain on getting a quote from a mover for the reorganization/moving of offices, received correspondences about a road project near Milford, attended the Planning Commission meeting, and is inquiring for information on artwork at the Justice Center.

Commissioner Hain reported she followed up on report of a dumping issue, met with an employee at the Detention Center, attended a round table discussion at the Detention Center on programming services for inmates, met with the Aging Services Office personnel about their office move to the West Wing, met with Sheriff/Jail Office personnel about ambulance costs for inmates, picked up work apparel for the Road Dept. and gave information about a mobile sign on the courthouse lawn.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) meeting, worked on questions that have risen with the Milford Road Project including meeting with the construction company personnel of the project, attended the Planning Commission meeting and worked with various correspondences.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Visitors meeting and checked roads.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, the 4th of July Committee meeting, attended a meeting with the new auditor for Seward County, dealt with a constituent about his driveway in regard to the East Seward Road Project, received an email about using a texting service, is attempting to address a problem with an ambulance billing sent to the Detention Center, and will attend a Nebraska Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) in Kearney on Wednesday and a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) 3rd quarter meeting in Broken Bow Thursday and Friday.

Katie Webster of the Seward County Attorney’s Office was present to request permission to display pinwheels and signs on the Courthouse lawn for Suicide Awareness Month from 9/8/2023-9/22/2023.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to grant the request to display pinwheels and signs on the Courthouse lawn for Suicide Awareness Month from 9/8/2023-9/22/2023.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed renaming a portion of East Seward Road to Prairie Flower Road. Commissioner Zabrocki led discussion and gave information about the request. In the future, due to development in the region, East Seward Road may be extended in a different direction. A small portion of the current named road will need to be renamed because of this. It was suggested by the City of Seward representatives that the name be changed to Prairie Flower Road. There was consensus with the Board of Commissioners to agree with the name change and directed the Deputy County Attorney to draw up a resolution indicating the name change.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Zoning Administrator’s Fee Report for July 2023 in the amount of \$1,200.00.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Carrie Rodreguez, Chief Probation Officer of the 5th Judicial District, and Jeff Banholzer, Chief Deputy Probation Officer, were present to give information about the services the probation office provides to Seward County.

Emily Manning of the Extension Office and Christine Haney, a member of the Extension Board, presented a new Constitution and Bylaws document for the Commissioners’ consideration.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Seward County Extension Office’s new Constitution and Bylaws.

CONSTITUTION

Art. I: Name

The name of this organization shall be Nebraska Extension in Seward County.

Art. II: Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to establish, maintain, and provide direction to the Nebraska Extension program in Seward County, Nebraska, in order to aid in diffusing among the people of such county, useful and practical information on priority issues identified by the executive board (here after referred to as the “Extension Board”), program participants of the county extension organization, county residents, and further, to encourage the application of such information. The program shall be carried on in each county or group of counties under the direction of the Extension Board of the extension organization of the county in such manner as may be mutually agreed upon by the County Board and the Extension Board of such county or counties provided for in Neb. Rev. Stat. §2-1602, R.R.S. 1943, as amended, and the Regents of the University of Nebraska through their duly appointed Extension representatives. The Extension Board is a unit of the county government and shall be granted such powers and authority as bestowed upon it by the county.

Art. III: Scope

The Nebraska Extension program, a collaborative effort of federal, state, and county governments, conducts programs in priority issue areas that include Beef & Livestock Systems, Water & Integrated Cropping Systems, Agricultural Profitability, 4-H Youth Development, Food Nutrition & Health, Horticulture, Landscape, & Environmental Systems, Rural Prosperity Nebraska, and Early Childhood; which have been identified by the Extension Board, program

participants of the county extension organization, county residents, and Nebraska Extension, which also facilitates extension engagement programs with other appropriate units of the University as deemed necessary.

Art. IV: Participation

The programs shall be widely available to people residing in the county. No one's participation in the Extension Programs shall be illegally discriminated against based upon race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, and/or political affiliation. Extension shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local non-discrimination laws. In order to ensure that the residents of the county are offered the opportunity to participate in the planning and operations related to the activities of Extension, the Extension Board meetings shall be conducted in conformity with Neb. Rev. State. §§84-1407 through 84-1414, as amended, and any other applicable Public Meetings Laws.

Art. V: Extension Board

Section 1. Extension Board

The governing power of the organization shall be vested in an Extension Board, the members of which shall be selected in a manner and to be representative of the county, as delineated in this Constitution, the Bylaws, and a written interlocal agreement between the County Board(s) and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.

Section 2. Officers and Responsibilities

At the first meeting after January 1 each year, the Extension Board shall choose from its members, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and other ad-hoc positions as needed. Officers shall serve until their successors are selected, qualified and installed.

The duties of the officers shall be such as defined in the Bylaws.

Section 3. Duties

The responsibilities of the Extension Board will be to develop extension program objectives, goals and needs. In order to facilitate such development, the Extension Board shall:

I. PROGRAMMING

- a) Evaluate the program's ability to meet objectives and engage in strategic planning in order to facilitate improvements.
- b) Convene appropriate Program Advisory Committees to establish and support extension program direction.
- c) Where appropriate, engage in collaborative efforts with the executive boards of other county extension organizations, in order to more efficiently and effectively meet those program needs that cross over more than one extension organization's geographic boundaries.

II. PROPERTY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

- a) Provide facilities adequate to accomplish program objectives.
- b) After carefully considering the input of Nebraska Extension, and County Board guidance, and in collaboration with the Lead Extension Educator and Engagement Zone Coordinator, develop and approve an annual program budget realistically designed to accomplish the goals of the program and submit a

request to the County Board to fund the budget, in accordance with state statutory requirements and the requirements of the County Board relating to timely budget requests.

c) Monitor, and/or approve claims within the budget following approval of said budget by the County Board. Prior to the Extension Board's application for grant funds or other similar kinds of restricted gifts, the Extension Board will fully inform Nebraska Extension of the grant and its applications. Prior to submitting any such grant application, Nebraska Extension and the Extension Board will mutually agree upon the use and administration of the funds.

d) As required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§2-1606 and 2-1607, R.R.S., file with the county clerk of the County on or before January 1 of each year (1) a report of program work during the preceding year; (2) a sworn itemized statement of expenditure during the preceding year, and (3) a budget or estimate of funds necessary for the carrying on of such work during the ensuing year. Such report shall also be provided at the same time to the Nebraska Extension.

e) Submit such reports as requested or required by the County Board, Nebraska Extension, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

f) Provide as requested program reports to the County Board relative to the accomplishments of the extension program in the area.

III. PERSONNEL

a) Provide office support staff and County funded Extension Assistants, in numbers and qualifications commensurate with the realistic needs of the program, after careful consideration of the recommendations and input of Nebraska Extension.

b) Work collaboratively with and provide advice and direction to the Lead Extension Educator (i.e. University of Nebraska-Lincoln employee appointed to oversee daily operations) in the areas of budget, personnel and programming.

c) Provide Nebraska Extension with feedback or input regarding the hiring, termination and performance of its employees (i.e. Extension Educators and Extension Assistants) providing services to the County extension program. The Extension Board may participate in any interview process associated with the appointment of a new Extension Educator or Extension Assistant in its program, in order to provide a meaningful input to Nebraska Extension.

An Executive Committee will be the elected officers of the Board approved to perform duties delegated by the Extension Board.

Art. VI: Meetings

The Extension Board shall meet at least six times a year. In the months that the Extension Board does not meet, the officers (or Executive Committee) may meet to transact that business for which they (or it) have authority to transact. These meetings shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Extension Board.

A special meeting of the Extension Board may be called by the President or by written notice signed by four members of the Extension Board. This written notice may be in an electronic format, but any decision or discussion of the special meeting topic in advance of or at this special meeting must take place at a public meeting, publicized in advance. All Extension Board meetings shall be conducted in conformity with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§84-1407 through 84-1414, as amended, and any other applicable Public Meetings Law.

Art. VII: Notice of Meetings

All Extension Board meetings shall be conducted in conformity with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§84-1407 through 84-1414, as amended, and any other applicable Public Meetings Laws, including the required publication of the meeting time, place, and agenda. Except as otherwise provided by law, the minutes of the meetings, kept by the secretary or other designee, shall be a public record open to inspection by the public upon request during normal business hours.

Art. VIII: Quorum

Four Extension Board members shall constitute a quorum for transacting business at all regular and special Extension Board meetings. Members of the Extension Board shall be entitled to one vote per member on any action put to vote. A vote carrying a majority of a quorum shall be deemed the action of the Extension Board.

Art. IX: Location of Extension Office

The office of Seward County Extension shall be located at 322 South 14th Street, Seward, NE 68434.

Art. X: Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Extension Board, by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the total Extension Board membership.

BYLAWS

Art. I: Extension Board

Section 1. Membership

The County Board by resolution will adopt the number of Extension Board members. The Extension Board will be composed of six registered voters in the county, appointed by the County Board to assure equitable representation of the organization's population.

A director shall be appointed by county commissioners to represent each of the following county commissioner districts: (Contact County Clerk or Seward County Government website for most current District representation.)

District

I

II

III

IV

V

At Large

Section 2. Candidates for Appointment

Interested potential candidates will be identified through an open nomination process, as specified in a written interlocal agreement between the County Board and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.

Section 3. Term of Service

All terms of service shall begin on January 1 of each year. All persons serving as officers or members of the Extension Board shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed and accepts the position. All persons appointed shall serve three-year terms. In order that some continuity within the Extension

Board is preserved, staggered appointments should be used. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

Section 4. Vacancies

In the event a vacancy on the Extension Board exists because of death, resignation, incapacity, relocation outside of the region the member was appointed to represent, or other reason, the County Board shall appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term. At any time, the County Board may remove a member of the Extension Board, if it determines that the member's participation or lack of participation is not in the best interest of the Extension program.

Section 5. Compensation

Extension Board members may receive compensation for the public service they provide. They may be reimbursed for mileage at the rate deemed permissible by the Internal Revenue Service and County Board.

Art. II: Duties of Officers

Section 1. President

The president of the organization shall:

- a) provide overall leadership of the Extension Board in relation to programming, finances, and operations of the county extension organization.
- b) act as official liaison for the Extension Board between the county extension organization, the County Board, and the University of Nebraska Board of Regents through its assigned representative.
- c) serve as presiding officer for all meetings of the organization.
- d) identify and appoint Program Advisory Committees.
- e) perform such other functions as are assigned by the Extension Board.

As required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§2-1606 and 2-1067, as amended, the president shall join the secretary in filing with the county clerk of the County on or before January 1 of each year (1) a report of program work during the preceding year; (2) a sworn itemized statement of expenditures during the preceding year, and (3) a budget or estimate of funds necessary for the carrying on of such work during the ensuing year.

Section 2. Vice President

The vice-president shall assume the duties of the president in the absence of the president and perform such other functions as are assigned by the Extension Board.

Section 3. Secretary

The secretary of the organization shall keep on file in the Nebraska Extension Office in Seward County, copies of all minutes and any written agreements (contracts, grants, etc.) entered into by the Extension Board, send copies of such agreements to the County Board and Engagement Zone Coordinator, and perform such other functions as are assigned by the Extension Board. As required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§2-1606 and 2-1607, as amended, the secretary shall join the president in filing with the county clerk of the County on or before January 1 of each year (1) a report of program work during the preceding year; (2) a sworn itemized statement of expenditures during the preceding year, and (3) a budget or estimate of funds necessary for the carrying on of such work during the ensuing year. Such report shall also be provided at

the same time to the Nebraska Extension Dean & Director. This office may be combined with that of Treasurer.

Section 4. Treasurer

The treasurer shall report to the Extension Board at each regular meeting, the financial standing of the organization. A financial report of all county funds shall be prepared annually for submission to the County Board and to the Dean and Director, Extension Division, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska. This office may be combined with that of the Secretary.

Art. III: Committees

The president, with the approval of the Extension Board, may appoint persons to the following committees:

Program Advisory Committee
Nomination Panel
Budget Committee
Others as needed

A. Program Advisory Committees shall be an integral part of the extension program's planning process. Program Advisory Committees shall consist of individuals in the County or region for the purposes of providing the Extension Board with specific advice, planning and evaluation of extension program needs, and to assist in identifying resources necessary to facilitate programming. Persons having specific interests or skills relating to program needs should be included in the Program Advisory Committee whenever possible. Program Advisory Committees shall provide regular progress reports to the Extension Board through a representative or staff member or as otherwise directed by the Extension Board. Family and Community Education Councils and 4-H Councils may also serve as Advisory Committees.

B. The Nomination Panel selected by the Extension Board from current Extension Board members and other citizens of the county will coordinate the nomination process and make recommendations to the County Board. The County Board will announce the opportunity to serve by providing notice of any vacancies. The Extension Board shall complete its nomination process by November 15 of each year, and the appointments shall be made by the County Board no later than the last scheduled County Board meeting of the calendar year. In making its recommendations, the Extension Board shall consider the following criteria for balance in representation: geographic location, program interest, leadership potential, possession of specifically needed skills, and cultural diversity (e.g. gender, race, etc).

C. The Budget Committee shall make budget recommendations, and with the assistance of the Lead Extension Educator, or their designee, prepare an annual budget for presentation to the County Board, as required herein.

Art. IV: Order of Business

At regular meetings of the Extension Board, the following order of business shall be observed. A consent agenda item may be used for routine, procedural, informational, and self-explanatory non-controversial items typically found in an agenda.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes of prior meetings
3. Financial Reports
4. Committee Reports
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business

7. Updates from Councils/Boards/Staff
8. Adjournment

Art. V: Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the authority in matters not covered by the constitution or bylaws.

Art. VI: Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Extension Board, by a favorable vote of two-thirds of the total Extension Board membership.

This Constitution and these Bylaws were adopted at a meeting of the Seward County Extension Board held at

_____ on _____.

John K. Culver, County Board Chairman August 22, 2023

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:55 a.m.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to open a public hearing at 10:02 a.m. for a Conditional Use Permit for an Accessory Building in A Precinct in the S ½ NE ½ of Section 25 Township 12 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

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

Zoning Administrator Becky Paulsen gave information about the Conditional Use Permit and the Planning Commission recommendation of approval with stipulations.

No one spoke in favor of said request.

Gerald Green spoke and asked questions about the request and zoning of the area.

Russell Priess also spoke and asked questions about the request.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to close the public hearing at 10:16 a.m.

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

Commissioner Ahmic asked that the permit be tabled since the person who applied for the permit and the owner are two different individuals. The Deputy County Attorney will look into the situation and report back to the Board at a later date.

Paulsen then gave information about a short form plat.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3770 in regard to approving a short form Plat for Popken Addition in A Precinct in the South ½ of Section 8 Township 12 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3770 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Patricia Popken owns 100.5 acres of land and has applied for a Short Form Plat, and described as a tract of land in the South 1/2 of, Section 8, Township 12N, Range 4E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the POPKEN ADDITION Short Form Plat and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on July 17th, 2023, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the POPKEN ADDITION Short Form Plat, with a vote of 7 For, 0 Against, and 2 Absent 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 POPKEN ADDITION Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3770 .

Moved by: Hain Seconded by: Ahmic 08/22/2023

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Paulsen then gave information to the Commissioners about her office activities.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3771 in regard to authorizing the Chairman to sign an agreement with the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation concerning the use of Izaak Walton Road as a detour during road closures on Highway 15.

**Resolution # 3771 of the
Seward County Board of Commissioners**

Exhibit "C" to US-34 North and South-State Highway Detour Agreement

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska ("State") intends to improve State Highway N-15 starting approximately 100' south of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Crossing at MM 66+23 and extending north just beyond the intersection of N-15 and North Avenue at MM 67+32, located in Seward County;

WHEREAS, Seward County ("County") recognizes that the State had statutory authority under *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 39-1346* to designate County Roads as a detour for the State Highway System;

WHEREAS, the State has determined under the authority of *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 39-1346* and *39-1347* it is necessary to establish a detour during the construction of the above project on designated county roads;

WHEREAS, the proposed detour route will include State Highway Us-34, 294th Rd., Izaak Walton Road and State Highway N-15;

WHEREAS, terms of the proposed detour are memorialized in a separate agreement to be signed by representatives for both parties, herein referred to as US-34 North and South-State Highway Detour Agreement;

WHEREAS, this resolution will be attached to the Agreement as Exhibit "C";

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED the Chairperson of the Seward County Board of Commissioners, or the Vice-Chair in his absence, is authorized to sign the US-34 North and South-State Highway Detour Agreement on behalf of the County;

Dated this 22nd day of August 2023.

AGREEMENT

STATE OF NEBRASKA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COUNTY OF SEWARD
PROJECT NO. STP-15-2(117)
CONTROL NO. 12080
US-34 NORTH AND SOUTH-STATE HIGHWAY DETOUR

THIS AGREEMENT is between the County of Seward ("County") and the State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation ("State") collectively referred to as the "Parties".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the State intends to improve State Highway N-15 ("N-15"), at the location shown on Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, State has determined under the authority of Neb. Rev. Stat. §39-1346 and 39-1347 it is necessary to establish a detour during the construction of the above said project on designated county roads, as shown on Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, County Board has authorized the Chairperson to sign this agreement, as evidenced b the Resolution of the County Board, as shown on Exhibit "C".

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of these facts and the mutual promises of the Parties hereto, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

State has plans to make improvements to N-15 located in the City of Seward, in Seward County, at the location shown in Exhibit "A", attached and incorporated herein by this reference. This project will reconstruct 1.09 miles and resurface 0.37 miles of N-15. The reconstruction segment will start approximately 100' south of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad crossing at MM 66+23 and extend north to just beyond the intersection of N-15 ad North Avenue at MM 67+32. The resurfacing segment of this project will start at MM 67+32 and extend to MM 67+69, where the existing pavement changes from concrete to asphalt. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 200 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

SECTION 2. STATE'S AUTHORITY

County recognizes that the State has statutory authority under Neb. Rev. Stat. §39-1346 to designate County Roads as a detour for the State Highway System.

SECTION 3. STATE HIGHWAY DETOUR

The proposed detour route will include State Highway US-34 (US-34), 294th Rd., Izaak Walton Rd. and N-15, as shown in Exhibit "B", attached and incorporated herein by this reference. The Project will be phased, and the County Road detour will be in Phase 1, as shown on Exhibit "B". Phase 1 improvements will necessitate the closure of N-15, from MM 66+23 to MM 66+46, to all traffic from approximately April 1, 2024 to July 1, 2024. Local traffic will have access from the south on N-15 to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad crossing at MM 66+23, during the detour. The detour also includes a segmented reconstruction

of US-34 and N-15 intersection that will necessitate the use of said County roads from July 7, 2024 to approximately August 7, 2024.

SECTION 4. PRECONSTRUCTION INSPECTION

The Parties agree the Nebraska Department of Transportation and County Representatives will inspect and document the conditions of the county road to be designated as a state highway detour prior to their use as a detour route.

SECTION 5. TRAFFIC CONTROL

State agrees to erect and maintain road closure and detour signing. All signing shall be in conformance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), current version.

SECTION 6. POST CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION

Upon completion of State's project, the Nebraska Department of Transportation and County Representatives will inspect the condition of the surfacing of that part of Izaak Walton Road and 294th Road within the County's jurisdiction that was used for State's detour to determine deterioration from the pre-detour condition that warrants repair. State agrees to compensate County for damages along the proposed detour route caused by the normal use of the detoured State highway traffic. County will submit an invoice for the agreed upon reimbursable costs to State's District 1 Project Manager. State will make every effort to reimburse County within 4 days of the invoice submittal. After construction of State's project, County will continue to have jurisdictional responsibility for Izaak Walton Road and 294th Road located within County.

SECTION 7. AUTHORITY TO SIGN

The County Board has authorized the Chairperson of the Board to execute this Agreement, as evidenced by the Resolution of the County Board, attached as Exhibit "C", and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY

The invalidity or unenforceability of any such clause, provision, section, or part shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of the Agreement, which shall be construed and enforced as if the Agreement did not contain invalid or unenforceable clause, provision, section or part.

SECTION 9. COMPLETENESS

This Agreement is the complete and exclusive statement of the arrangement between the parties, and supersedes all proposals, oral or written, and all other communications between the parties relating to the subject matter thereof. It may be amended from time to time in writing by the mutual consent of the Parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereby execute this Agreement pursuant to lawful authority as of the date signed by each party.

EXECUTED by the County this 22nd day of August 2023.

WITNESS:

Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

John K. Culver, Chairperson, County Board

EXECUTED by the State this _____ day of 2023.

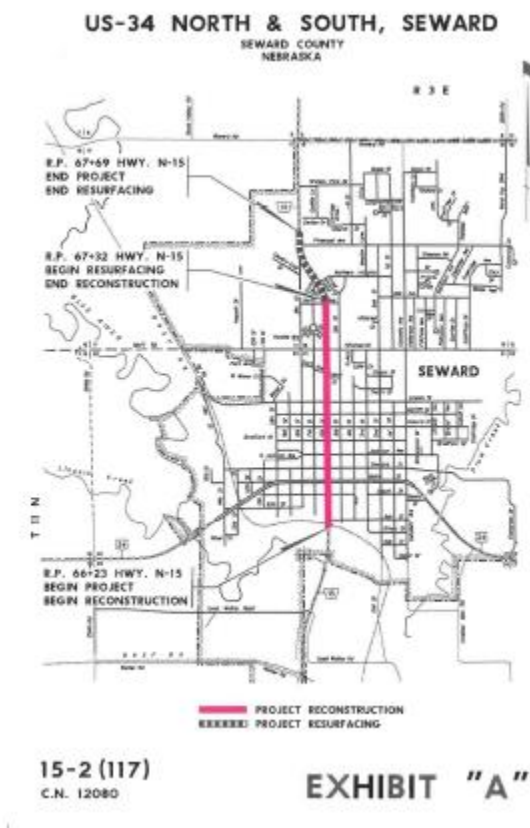
STATE OF NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Mick Syslo, P.E.

Roadway Design Engineer

RECOMMENDED
Brandon Varilek, P.E.
Brandon Varilek 08/08/23
District 1 Engineer Date

Project No. STP-15-2(117)
Control No. 12080
County of Seward

Agreement No. XL2320





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

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

The Board also considered two Surplus Property Disposal Requests from the Road Dept.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign the Property Disposal Requests from the Road Dept.

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

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, introduced Public Defender, Matt Aerni. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, led discussion on the transition period. He has accepted court appointments in Seward and Lancaster County and questions arose when those appointments would end. His starting date is planned for October 2, 2023.

The Commissioners considered a quote for new chairs for the jury room in the Justice Center. The chairs currently used are from the original courtroom when it was in the Courthouse and are in poor condition.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the quote from Eakes in the amount of \$6,843.87 for new chairs in the jury room in the Justice Center to be paid out of the Inheritance Fund.

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

The Commissioners then discussed an offer for two chairs identified as surplus property of Seward County. The Commissioners considered a sale/auction for surplus items.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to accept the offer for two chairs identified as Surplus Property in the amount of \$20 per chair.

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

During Infrastructure Related Grants discussion, Commissioner Ahmic said she had to re-submit forms to Safe Streets and Roads Grant. The grant is for \$200,000 and is a Planning Grant. Commissioner Hain also reported on some grant details.

The Commissioners discussed the proposed 2023-2024 Seward County budget.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on August 29, 2023 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 22, 2023
- 4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through August 18, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

- 5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
- 6. Commissioners Reports
- 7. Discuss/Action – Res. – Renaming of Portion of East Seward Rd. to Prairie Flower Road
- 8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
- 9. Discuss/Action – Budget discussion for the 2023-2024 Seward County Budget
- 10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 5, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Award Contract for Acceptance of FY2024 County Justice Reinvestment Grant for the Detention Center

Discuss/Action – Authorize the Awarded Grant of \$5,495.00 to be Placed in the Commissary Fund

Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment Two of Software License and Service Agreement with CenterSquare Technologies LLC

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn the Seward County Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 August 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

August 29, 2023
Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on August 29, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on August 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of August 22, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain to approve claims for the period through August 18, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH AUGUST 18, 2023					
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,685.05	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$7,595.69
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	EQ	\$490.34	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	EQ	\$1,142.91
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$20,565.81	UPS	SE	\$34.63
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$706.15	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	SE	\$714.17
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$419.99	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	SE	\$20.00
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$150.00	VISA	FE	\$4,460.07
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$33.99	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94
CATTLE BANK & TRUST	SE	\$39.84	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,519.72
CENTRALSQUARE TECH	EQ	\$10,362.00	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	SE	\$4,301.00
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$310.97	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$11,059.72
CHI HEALTH COMPANY	SE	\$44.00	HEARTLAND TIRES	SU	\$1,852.65
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	EQ	\$299.98	HYDRAULIC EQUIP SERV	SE	\$178.87
CONNER PSYCH SERV	SE	\$425.00	MAINELLI WAGNER	SE	\$12,704.00
CONTINUUM	SE	\$700.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$210.00
DIAMOND DRUGS	SU	\$207.35	MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$510.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$400.90	NORRIS PUB POW DIST	UT	\$1,642.89
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$1,949.35	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$29,168.20
GALLS LLC	SE	\$30.93	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	SU	\$362.96
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$5.00	SPEECE LEWIS ENGINEERS	SE	\$9,000.00
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SU	\$415.37	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$19,244.96
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$2,138.74	CHAPTERS BOOKS & GIFTS	SU	\$29.58
HERPOLSHEIMERS	EQ	\$1,159.81	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING	SE	\$527.00
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$201.00	LIBERTY HOUSE	SE	\$459.94
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$219.40	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$175.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$21,118.91	DELTA DENTAL OF NE	FE	\$234.53
KINER SUPPLY CO	SU	\$325.84	VSP INSURANCE	FE	\$15.57
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	FE	\$131.48	MILFORD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$201.60
LEE ENTERPRISES	EQ	\$550.00	NE ASSN OF SENIOR CENTERS	FE	\$220.00
LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$25.00	SEWARD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$454.30
MENARDS	SU	\$16.07	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$181.30
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$99.00	BAUDVILLE	SE	\$379.08

NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$540.00	ART ON DISPLAY	FE	\$1,480.00
NE CHILD SUPP ENF ASSN	FE	\$215.00	AWARDS UNLIMITED	SU	\$92.40
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$93.00	LEADSONLINE	SE	\$2,241.00
NEB PUB HLTH ENV LB	SE	\$105.00	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$167.99
ONESOURCE	SE	\$197.50	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$440.35
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$131.70	SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$4,123.50
POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$330.48	SALARIES		\$300,950.90
QUADIENT	EQ	\$200.45	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SECRETARY OF STATE	SU	\$60.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$59.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50	DELTA DENTAL		
SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$4,408.00	VSP VISION		
ST OF NE DAS STATE ACCNTG	SE	\$795.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked with a moving company to coordinate office moves including the movement of phones and technology, met with Allo about the new phone system for Seward County, attended a Nebraska Transportation Summit, and reported all information for the Public Transit grant has been submitted.

Commissioner Hain reported she attended a Nebraska Transportation Summit, worked with the Road Dept. Admin. Asst. to get the county-supplied apparel ready to distribute, is working on finding individuals for the Aging Service Advisory Board for Seward County and received comments about the change in cell phone reimbursement for the Road Dept.

Commissioner Culver reported he participated in a Zoom interview for the Veteran Service Officer, attended the Nebraska Transportation Summit, received calls about roads, checked on a road project south of Milford and has been working with the E911 Director on new panic buttons.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he didn't have any meetings this week but reached out to some county contacts and received calls about the Veterans Service Officer position.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Nebraska Transportation Summit, attended the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (NIRMA) meeting in Broken Bow, and checked on a road project east of Seward, and is working on an ambulance billing issue with the Detention Center.

The Commissioners did not discuss a resolution for renaming a portion of the East Seward Road. The item will be on next week's agenda for consideration.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to explain grant awards/agreements she has requested the Commissioners to consider.

Moved by Hain and seconded Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Award Contract for Acceptance for FY2024 County Justice Reinvestment Grant for the Detention Center.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the awarded grant of \$5,495.00 to be placed in the Commissary Fund.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman to sign Amendment 2 of the Software License and Service Agreement with CenterSquare Technologies LLC.

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

Commissioner Hain gave information about an Interlocal and Subaward with the City of Lincoln for Seward County Aging Services.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement for 2023-2028 with the City of Lincoln for Aging Services.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Subaward with the City of Lincoln for 2023-2024.

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

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning was present to give information on four plats she has requested the Commissioners to consider.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3772 in regard to approving the Administrative Plat titled Gerkenmeyer Farm Subdivision in J Precinct in the S ½ of Section 21 Township 10 North Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3772 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Gale Kruse and Phil Bangert own 1.3 acres of land and have applied for an Administrative Plat Subdivision to add 3.7 acres for a total of 5.0 acres, and described as a tract of land in the South 1/2 of, Section 21, Township 10N, Range 3E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Administrative Plat shall be called the GERKENSMEYER FARM SUBDIVISION Administrative Plat and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on August 21st, 2023, to consider the Administrative Plat, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the GERKENSMEYER FARM SUBDIVISION Administrative Plat, with a vote of 8 For, 0 Against, and 1 Absent 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 GERKENSMEYER FARM SUBDIVISION Administrative Plat, with Resolution NO: 3772.

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Zabrocki August 29, 2023

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3773 in regard to approving the short form plat titled Krupicka Subdivision in I Precinct in the NE ¼ of Section 25 Township 10 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3773 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS James Krupicka owns 103.75 acres of land and has applied for a Short Form Plat, subdividing lot 1 with 5.32 acres, and lot 2 with 5.32 acres with the remainder of 93.15 acres and described as a tract of land in the Northeast 1/4 of, Section 25, Township 10N, Range 4E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the KRUPICKA SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on August 21st, 2023, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the KRUPICKA SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat, with a vote of 8 For, 0 Against, and 1 Absent 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 KRUPICKA SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3773.

Moved by: Hain Seconded by: Schmieding August 29, 2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3774 in regard to approving the short form plat titled Patricia Vavra Addition in E Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 14 Township 11 North Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3774 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Patrica Vavra is the trustee of 83.28 acres of land and has applied for a Short Form Plat, subdividing 7.91 acres with the remainder of 75.28 acres and described as a tract of land in the Southeast 1/4 of, Section 14, Township 11N, Range 1E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the PATRICIA VAVRA ADDITION Short Form Plat and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on August 21st, 2023, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the PATRICIA VAVRA ADDITION Short Form Plat, with a vote of 8 For, 0 Against, and 1 Absent 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 PATRICIA VAVRA ADDITION Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3774.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic August 29, 2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3775 in regard to approving the short form plat titled Mitchell Vavra Addition in D Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 10 Township 12 North Range 1 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3775 OF
THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Patrica Vavra is the trustee of 40.00 acres of land and has applied for a Short Form Plat, subdividing 8.41 acres with a remainder of 31.59 acres and described as a tract of land in the Southeast 1/4 of, Section 10, Township 12N, Range 1E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the MITCHELL VAVRA ADDITION Short Form Plat and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on August 21st, 2023, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the MITCHELL VAVRA ADDITION Short Form Plat, with a vote of 8 For, 0 Against, and 1 Absent 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 MITCHELL VAVRA ADDITION Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3775.

Moved by: Hain Seconded by: Ahmic August 29, 2023

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:47 a.m.

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

Dan Kovar, Chairman of the Seward County Veterans Service Committee, was present to introduce Ray Foreman, who is being recommended by the Seward County Veterans Committee, for the Veterans Service Officer position. Kovar said that at first, Mr. Foreman stated he would be able to take the position at 30 hours, but upon further discussion, Mr. Foreman can work 40 hours/week. Mr. Foreman then gave information about himself. Chairman Culver stated he would like the Veterans Service Committee to have a bigger presence and oversight of the position. Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, gave information about the position and stated if appointed, he would start October 16, 2023. Kovar said they have talked to Mr. Foreman about the flexibility in hours the position may require.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to accept the recommendation of the Seward County Veterans Service Committee of Ray Foreman for the Veterans Service Officer of Seward County starting October 16, 2023.

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

Tim Huntington, Deputy Sheriff, was present to request the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certificate.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Drug Fund Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certificate.

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

Commissioner Hain led discussion about signage of the West Wing. In light of the moving of many offices, the current sign will not be correct. She suggested having decals/signage on the front door of the building. It will be looked into and on a future agenda.

Aaron Shropshire and Aaron Jones were present to talk about the request for a traffic study on McKelvie Road at 196th Road, then west approximately 0.6 mile to show need for paving due to safety, condition of the road after rains and dust control. He read a statement about the above-mentioned traffic concerns and possible solutions. After considerable discussion, the Highway Supt. was directed to do a traffic study on the road.

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on the Black Belt Movers bid for the department relocations. Ahmic stated that the moving will probably be done in one day. The bid includes moving mostly everything but personal property and computer monitors.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the bid from Black Belt Movers of Lincoln for the department relocation on September 12-13, 2023 with Misty Ahmic to sign the quote in the amount of \$2,895.00.

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

During Infrastructure Related Grants discussion on the agenda, there was discussion about the Safe Streets and Roads Grants. A Planning Grant was already submitted in preparation of submission of the Safe Streets and Roads Grant.

There was discussion about the budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 5, 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 August 29, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Res. – Renaming of a Portion of East Seward Road to Prairie Flower Road
7. Discuss/Action – Road Dept. Safety Apparel Policy
8. Discuss/Action – Signage at the West Wing
9. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 12, 2023

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the Seward County Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, 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 September 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

August 31, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

An Emergency Meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 8:00 a.m. on August 31, 2023 in the Commissioner's Room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board, Seward City Hall and the Seward Library 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 Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on August 31, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.
Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Absent: Member: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain

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 Commissioners are convening an Emergency Meeting today due to insufficient funds in the Aging Service Fund. They are considering a resolution which would direct the County Treasurer to transfer funds from the Inheritance Fund in order to pay obligations for the month of August 2023.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3776 in regard to authorizing the County Treasurer to transfer \$2,500 from the Inheritance Fund to the Aging Services Fund to meet obligations for the month of August 2023.

RESOLUTION # 3776 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Seward County Board of Commissioners ("Board") is the ultimate budgeting authority for Seward County;

WHEREAS, the Seward County Treasurer is the entity responsible for overseeing and monitoring accounting funds for county departments in order to pay financial obligations;

WHEREAS, Seward County Aging Services is a department of Seward County;

WHEREAS, the Seward County Treasurer has notified the Board that there are not sufficient monetary funds in the Aging Services Fund to meet obligations for August 2023;

WHEREAS, reconciliation of the Aging Services Fund revealed that revenues did not meet expenditures as budgeted;

WHEREAS, the Board has the authority to transfer monetary proceeds from various funds, including the Inheritance Tax fund, to Seward County departments in order to meet financial obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Seward County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Seward County Treasurer to transfer

\$2,500.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Seward County Aging Fund to meet obligations;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED said funds are to be paid back to the Inheritance Tax Fund by Seward County Aging Services, without interest, when such funds become available, but no later than the end of this fiscal year, which is June 30, 2024.

Dated this 31st day of August 2023.

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

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 5, 2023 are as follows:

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4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 29, 2023
5. Discuss/Action – Approve minutes of August 31, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Res.- Renaming of a Portion of East Seward Road to Prairie Flower Road
8. Discuss/Action – Road Dept. Safety Apparel Policy
9. Discuss/Action – Signage at the West Wing
10. Discuss/Action - Infrastructure Related Grants
11. Discuss/Action - Agenda for September 12, 2023

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 8:05 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: 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 5th day of September 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

September 5, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on September 5, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on September 5, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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.

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

Those officials present for the first meeting of the month with the Commissioners were Spencer Conradt, Terry Wicht, Emily Manning, and Roxanne Knutson.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of August 29, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of August 31, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Abstain: Ahmic, Hain

Motion Carried

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she had an Allo meeting about gathering phone information, has been working on preparation for the new Veterans Service Officer, thanked the State of Nebraska for loaning the County signs for the 238th Road project, attended County Attorney's picnic and thanked the Board for the opportunity for department team building activities.

Commissioner Hain reported she attended the Four Corners Health Department budget meeting, inspected three of the four roads in the county that have been treated with DustLock with Commissioner Culver, continues to reach out to individuals regarding Aging Services Advisory Board, is working with UNL Extension on grant writing webinar, and met with the Human Resources Director regarding personnel.

Commissioner Culver reported he inspected roads, visited with the highway superintendent and a constituent who had some road concerns, and handled some correspondence with the 911 Board.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will be attending a Region Five meeting and a Visitors Bureau meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the emergency board meeting held August 31st to transfer funds to the Aging Service Fund to pay obligations for the month of August, worked with Human Resources, and inspected the East Seward Road project.

Zabrocki led the discussion on renaming a portion of East Seward Road. He stated that, due to projected growth in the region, the City of Seward may extend East Seward Road in a different direction. Because of this, a small portion of the road needs to be renamed from East Seward Road to Prairie Flower Road.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No 3776 in regard to renaming a portion of East Seward Road to Prairie Flower Road.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3776
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §39-1402, the Seward County Board of County Commissioners ("Board") holds the responsibility for overseeing public roads in Seward County ("County"), including creating, improving, maintaining, and discontinuing these roads, and enforcing relevant laws;

WHEREAS, Seward Street is a public street that begins in the City of Seward and continues into the unincorporated portion of Seward County to the east;

WHEREAS, a plat was approved by the Seward City Council and filed on September 7, 2022, for a subdivision east of Seward named "Prairie View Addition";

WHEREAS, in anticipation of this subdivision, the City has paved a portion of East Seward Road;

WHEREAS, East Seward Road mainly runs east-west, except at its eastern end where a T-intersection leads it south to meet Highway 34/McKelvie Road (see Exhibit "A");

WHEREAS, the t-intersection and southern portion of East Seward Road lie in the County's unincorporated area and is therefore under the County's jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, the subdivision's plat suggests renaming the southern portion of East Seward Road to "Prairie Flower Street";

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to rename the southern portion of East Seward Road to align with the subdivision's vision;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Seward County Zoning Regulations, the road's name should conclude with "Road";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the portion of road at East Seward Road's eastern end which veers south to meet Highway 34, as shown in Exhibit "A," shall be renamed "Prairie Flower Road."

Dated this 5th day of September 2023.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Hain

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

Attest: Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

Exhibit A



Eric Hofer, Building & Grounds Superintendent, provided the Commissioners with a list of surplus items available for potential auction. Hain stated that there are some departments that are still going through the process of looking at what they have available. Potential dates for a surplus auction/sale were discussed, as well as details such as pricing of items and what fund(s) those proceeds would go to. It was decided that Hofer will reach out to departments and ask them to put a price on their available surplus items and submit those to him by September 21st. The proposed date of the sale will be Saturday, October 21st. Ahmic suggested letting the proceeds of the sales go to each department's sinking funds. Hain said she is also in favor of the departments putting the proceeds in their sinking funds.

The next item on the agenda was the Lawn Use Policy. Zabrocki stated that he has made a few calls regarding the insurance for the use of the lawn. He has been in touch with Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA), the county's insurance provider, as well as Suhr & Lichty Insurance Agency. Although there may be options available, such as vendors buying insurance by-the-hour for events, one would need to be purchased for every event, including the weekly Farmers Market. After discussion, Hofer was asked to revise rule #6 of the policy from "Any individual or group using the courthouse grounds *shall* provide the County with proof of an insurance liability policy naming Seward County as an additional insured in an amount of at least \$1 million" to "Any individual or group using the courthouse grounds *is encouraged to* provide the County with proof of an insurance liability policy naming Seward County as an additional insured in an amount of at least \$1 million."

Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, gave information on a Conditional Use Permit for an Accessory Building in A Precinct in the S ½ NE ¼ of Section 25, Township 12N, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m. This item had been discussed and tabled previously, because the person who applied for the permit and the owner were two different individuals. Because a public hearing had already taken place for this permit, another one is not required. Ahmic stated that she would like the conditions set by the Planning Commission (no living quarters and no residence on property) listed on the Resolution.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3777 in regard to approving the Conditional Use Permit for an Accessory Building in A Precinct in the S ½ NE ¼ of Section 25, Township 12N, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m., with no living quarters and no residence on the property, as conditions set by the Planning Commission.

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO 3777 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS RATHE have applied for a Conditional Use Permit for an accessory building on 3 acres, and

WHEREAS the property is described as a tract in the South ½ of the Northeast ¼ of, Section 25, Township 12N, Range 4E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS The Planning Commission held a public hearing to consider the application at a regular meeting on July 17th, 2023, 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 August 22nd, 2023, 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
 x No one appeared to support said Conditional Use
 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 an accessory building on 3 acres at the described location. Parcel ID of 800023668 on a tract of ground located in the South ½ of the Northeast ¼ of, Section 25, Township 12N, Range 4E Seward County Nebraska.

*No living quarters

No residence on property <conditions as set by planning commission

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Zabrocki September 05, 2023

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

Attest: Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

Terry Wicht, Highway Superintendent, said he has started checking into the purchase of sign boards for the Road Department. He stated that the price can range anywhere from \$20,000-\$30,000, depending on what kind of sign it is. For the construction project on 238th Road, the County is borrowing signs from the State of Nebraska. If the County were to purchase signs, they could be used to notify people of various Road projects. Zabrocki suggested applying for a NIRMA safety grant and stated that American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds could be used for the remaining balance if the grant did not cover the total cost. After discussion, the Commissioners stated that they would like signs capable of displaying multiple lines. Wicht stated he would do more research on cost.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:11 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 10:16 a.m.

No one was present for the 10:00 a.m. agenda item "Disposal and Storage of old Records that may be of Interest to Researchers."

Roxanne Knutson, Human Resources Director, was present for the Road Department Safety Apparel Policy discussion. She stated that the apparel item can be found under the "Safety" section of the personnel manual. Previously, the policy only included safety vests, rather than clothing. Knutson worked with the Deputy County Attorney to change the wording in the policy. Discussion was held on different options for apparel, being shirts, jackets or vests. Several road department employees have expressed that they do not want to wear the shirts, but the Commissioners would like them to wear the apparel for safety reasons, as well as to be easily identified as county employees. It was decided that if employees would choose not to wear the shirt, they would be required to wear a safety vest. Ahmic suggested having the Road Department logo applied to the safety vests already in use by employees.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the general safety guideline changes for safety clothing and vests as submitted by the county attorney's office.

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

GENERAL SAFETY

Safety

All employees shall participate in safety programs and meetings, wear protective equipment as provided, and as applicable, and follow safety rules. All employees are encouraged to promote safety awareness and bring forth safety suggestions to their Department Head. Employees shall observe prudent safety precautions at all times. Failure to follow safety rules or using poor safety judgement can result in disciplinary action and/or termination of employment. Each employee shall be trained to know what to do in case of fire or other disaster as well as the location and use of first aid supplies. Safety precautions include the observance of traffic regulations when driving or operating County vehicles and equipment. All employees who operate a County owned vehicle, or use a personal vehicle in conjunction with their employment, are required to wear safety belts.

a. Hard Hats:

All employees shall wear hard hats, as supplied by the County, whenever working in an environment where a blow to the head could occur. Specifically, County employees shall wear hard hats in the following activities:

- When cutting, trimming and/or loading trees, shrubs and overgrowth
- When working in or around an area where a jackhammer is being used to remove concrete;
- When working in or around an area where a backhoe or loader is to be used on the project;
- When working in or around an area where others are working overhead. For example, when working in a trench or pit or when working in or around scaffolding or buildings under construction or repair;
- When working in a bucket truck or digger derrick and when working as a ground man for linemen in a bucket truck;
- When working with underground electrical work.

Non-authorized persons shall not be allowed to be at a construction site or other area where hard hats are required.

b. Safety Clothing and Vests

To ensure safety for employees, high-visibility safety clothing shall be worn by Roads Department employees at all times while working on the roads or when exposed to traffic or construction equipment within a work area. Such high-visibility safety clothing, such as reflector vests and/or issued apparel, shall be provided by the County. If apparel has been issued to a Department of Roads employee, the employee shall wear that apparel unless inappropriate for the weather conditions. The issued apparel and vests shall be in addition to the necessary barricades and flashers used at a construction site. Sheriff Department personnel shall wear orange reflector vests when engaged in any traffic-related assignments.

The signage at the west wing discussion was tabled until next week.

Ahmic led discussion about Infrastructure Related Grants. The BIP Grant was discussed, as well as engaging with a firm other than Mainelli Wagner & Associates to assist with the said grant.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to go into Executive Session at 10:49 a.m. for personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

The Chairman re-stated the Executive Session is for Personnel.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to come out of Executive session at 12:03 p.m.

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

The Chairman stated personnel issues were discussed and the Liaison is authorized to take action discussed in executive session.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 12, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of August 22, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 12, 2023 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 5, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through September 1, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

1. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
2. Commissioners Reports
3. Discuss/Action – Signage at West Wing
4. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
5. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 19, 2023

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 12:11 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 September 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

September 12, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on September 12, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on September 12, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
County Treasurer: Jake Zlatkovsky

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 August 22, 2023.

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

Jake Zlatkovsky, County Treasurer, presented a vehicle exemption application for the Board's consideration.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Vehicle Exemption Application for Great Plains Community Church on a 2010 Ford 15 Passenger Van VIN # 1FMNE1BL7ADA27402.

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

Marilyn Hladky, County Assessor, is present at 8:38 a.m. and updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 26, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of September 12, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn the September 12, 2023 Board of Equalization meeting at 8:49 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 September 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

September 12, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on September 12, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on September 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the minutes of September 12, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the claims through the period of September 1, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 2023					
ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	BRENT SCHLUCKEBIER	SE	\$5.91
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,557.47	SEWARD COUNTY COURT	SE	\$775.25
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$32.30	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$218,596.13
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$32.62	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$529.74
ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	UT	\$170.00	SEWARD CO SHERIFF'S DEPT	SE	\$117.80
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$19,912.45	SEWARD CO SHERIFF UNCOL FEES	FE	\$644.00
BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$97.64	SEWARD CO TREASURER	SE	\$15.00
BOB BARKER COMPANY	SU	\$275.00	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$56.35
BRENNAN,NIELSEN&W LAW	SE	\$3,060.80	SEWARD SMILES	SE	\$655.00
BURESH LAWN CARE LLC	SE	\$700.00	JOY SHIFFERMILLER	SE	\$579.75
DENA BUSHNELL	SE	\$312.50	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$6,624.25
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	SE	\$1,152.00
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$14,888.57	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$7,857.49
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$473.00	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$2,388.00
COMFORT INN	TR	\$344.85	UPS	SE	\$2.77
CONTINUUM	SE	\$1,500.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$2,227.18
CORNHUSKER INTERNATL	EQ	\$1,280.55	VOSS LIGHTING	EQ	\$493.00
CULLIGAN	SU	\$113.25	WALL, ROBERT	SE	\$250.00
JACK DANIEL	SE	\$45.21	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	EQ	\$198.15
DES MOINES STAMP MFG	SU	\$99.25	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,172.58
DIAMOND DRUGS, INC	SU	\$364.12	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$7,110.00
ANN DOBESH	SE	\$255.45	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$94.19
E 911	FE	\$37,100.67	CENTRAL STATES HYDRAULIC	EQ	\$443.81
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	EQ	\$7,817.79	CHEMSEARCH	SE	\$977.45
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$743.09	DALE JOHNSON ENT, INC	SU	\$44,444.68
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$320.25	HEARTLAND TIRES	EQ	\$2,963.40
GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM	SE	\$2,001.00	HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$152.00
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	EQ	\$580.00	INLAND TRUCK PARTS	EQ	\$581.15
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	EQ	\$961.45	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$32,774.65
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$543.06	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
JENNIFER JOAKIM	SE	\$541.50	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	EQ	\$576.98

JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,404.14	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$53.83
KINER SUPPLY CO	SU	\$51.40	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$39.95
RYAN KRENK	SE	\$25.56	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	SE	\$63.31
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$32.75	TRUCK CENTER CO	EQ	\$1,906.95
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$5,647.00	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.96
RELX INC	SU	\$213.00	FAST MART INC	SU	\$50.00
LIFEGUARD MD	SE	\$629.00	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	SE	\$40.00
STEPHANIE LUEBBE	SE	\$23.60	LIBERTY HOUSE	SE	\$99.90
SUE MEDINGER	SE	\$23.60	NE NATL GUARD MUSEUM	FE	\$126.00
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$249.26	NE TOURISM COMMISSION	FE	\$550.00
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$145.20	DELTA DENTAL OF NE	SE	\$200.06
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$47,371.79	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$260.40
SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$268.05	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$143.75
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,453.34	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$439.60
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$391.40	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$186.90
NATL ASSOC CO VETERANS	FE	\$350.00	ART ON DISPLAY	SE	\$740.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$40.00	FIRST WIRELESS	UT	\$339.95
NEBRASKA.GOV	SE	\$13.50	NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY	TR	\$38.29
DALE NIEMANN	SE	\$26.20	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$277.80
NIFCO MECHANICAL SYS	SE	\$363.52	TRANSUNION RISK & ALT	FE	\$436.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	SE	\$101.32	URIBE REFUSE SERVICES	SE	\$156.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$65.00	EVERBRIDGE INC DBA NIXLE	SE	\$3,570.91
SCOTT PEKAREK	SE	\$28.84	K2 REAL ESTATE DEVELOP	SE	\$114,877.41
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$248.00	CENTRALSQUARE TECH	EQ	\$10,221.49
POLLACK AND BALL LLC	SE	\$2,042.50	SALARIES		\$292,046.58
QUADIENT, INC	SE	\$30.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$163.61	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$1,070.00	DELTA DENTAL		
ZOE RICHERT	SE	\$18.34	VSP VISION		
KEVIN SCHLENDER	SE	\$281.25	WADDELL & REED		

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

Schweitzer updated the Board on activities of her office.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with two University of Nebraska representatives in regard to the Missile Base Silo project, met with Allo representatives in regard to the new phone system for the County, attended Milford City Council meeting, reported on conversations about information and help from an engineering firm for a grant, met with Commissioner Hain and the HR Director about the new logo roll out, got some signage for an NRD site, worked with Soarin' Group in regard to technology of the various offices that are re-locating, went to the Aging Services office in Milford and packed it up since it is relocating to the West Wing building, met with the District Court Bailiff, went to the West Wing to help prepare for the move, and will start interviews for Public Transit Director.

Commissioner Hain reported she received calls from constituents about a Utica road project, met with the HR Director and Commissioner Ahmic about department logos for the offices that are moving, packed up the office of Aging Services, worked with Aging Partners of Lincoln, scheduled a meeting in regard to additional programming needs for the Detention Center, worked on opioid funds, received a call about a matter involving a motor grader.

Marty Walter, representing the Seward VFW, was present to ask that flags be flown on the flag poles surrounding the Courthouse in observance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Friday September 15, 2023.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request from the Seward VFW Post 4755 to fly POW/MIA flags on the flag poles surrounding the Courthouse in observance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Friday September 15, 2023.

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

Spencer Conradt was present to submit his resignation effective September 21, 2023.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to reluctantly accept the resignation of Spencer Conradt, E911 Communications Director, effective September 21, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:27 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:35 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the re-organization of the Aging Services Department.

Roxy Knutson, HR Director, was present to report that the current Aging Services Director, Kathy Ruzicka, retired effective September 7, 2023. Hain requested the Board appoint an interim director until a new permanent director is hired. The Department had a full time 30 hour/week Director and a 24/hour part-time employee. Commissioner Hain suggested that current part time position be eliminated and a full time 40 hour/week position for the Director.

Sandy Shaw, the current part time employee, spoke and stated that in time, with the current department hours of a 30-hour and 24-hour employee, that a 40-hour employee could do the job as of now. She commented that in future years, a part time employee might be needed.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to increase the Program Director hours for Aging Services to 40 hours /week and eliminate the part time position.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Hain reported that she has talked with personnel at Aging Partners who could assist the interim director with some immediate duties. After discussion, it was also noted that Blue Valley Community Action could also assist.

Knutson reported that Sandy Shaw has agreed to be the interim director.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to appoint Sandy Shaw as the Interim Aging Services Director with the starting wage of \$24.17.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., presented a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign the agreement for Project BRO-7748(1) Beaver Crossing South.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3779 in regard to authorizing the Chairman sign the agreement for Project BRO-7748(1) Beaver Crossing South Bridge.

RESOLUTION
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT – BK1704
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO.2

SEWARD COUNTY
Resolution No. 3779

Whereas: Seward County and JEO Consulting Group, Inc. 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 t 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, Inc. 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, 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 12th day of September 2023 a Seward Nebraska.

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

Board/Council Member Zabrocki

Moved the adoption of said resolution

Member Hain 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, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports: (cont)

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with details of the E911 Dept. in light of the recent Director resignation, checked roads, worked with Soarin' Group on various projects and received various communications.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Visitor's Committee event and attended the Region V meeting.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to discuss the request to increase nursing hours for the Detention Center. Currently Seward County contracts for 8 hours per week of nursing from an outside contractor. She stated that due to an increase in inmates and those needing medication, 8 hours is not enough to complete all the necessary work. She is requesting four additional hours. Commissioner Ahmic suggested looking into a relationship with our local hospital for these services in the future.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:30 a.m.

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

Commissioners Reports: (cont)

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he went to the Seward City Council meeting and the Seward Planning meeting, participated in a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) webinar, checked inventories, met with the E911 Director and with Sheriff Vance.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to correct Resolution No. 3776, adopted September 5, 2023, in regard to naming Prairie Flower Road to be resolution No. 3778.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman sign the Non-Appropriation Addendum to the Extension Office Equipment Lease Agreement for a copy machine.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for August 2023 in the amount of \$31,812.25.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for August 2023 in the amount of \$4,251.39.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed signage of the West Wing building. Currently, office/departments are moving, and signage needs to be changed. It was decided that a sign such as the Extension Office already has located on the property would look appropriate.

The Commissioners have recently provided shirts for the Road Dept. that are reflective and identifiable as "Seward County". Discussion was held on making reflective safety vests that are identifiable also.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve printing of safety vests for Seward County employees at a cost of \$7 per vest with costs to be paid out of American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) funds.

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

Motion Carried

During the Infrastructure Related Grants agenda item, Commissioner Ahmic reported she and Commissioner Hain have a meeting with Mainelli Wagner & Associates in regard to the Bridge Investment Program grant and expressed concern with their service. She also noted information about grant money that was awarded for a hard surfacing project known as the "Beaver Road". Three million dollars of the estimated \$5.2 million project has been awarded. Discussion led to asking Senator Fischer for help in securing funds for the remaining costs.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 19, 2023 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 12, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Approve Inventories of Seward County
7. Discuss/Action – Participation in Operation Green Light on Nov 6-12, 2023
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 26, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Joan Shurtliff – Disposal and Storage of old Records that may be of Interest to Researchers

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Region V Services – Request to Approve Organization Name Change from Region V Services to Apace

Discuss/Action – Res. – Reflect Name Change from Region V Services to Apace in Interlocal with Seward County

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Ambulance billing for the Detention Center

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by to adjourn the Seward County Board of Commissioners meeting of September 12, 2023, at 11:28 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 September 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

September 19, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on September 19, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on September 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 September 12, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

During public comments, Dave Pankoke expressed concerns regarding an incident with a motor grader operator.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported on the recent move of some of the county departments to different offices and thanked the moving company & Soarin' Group for their help, she had a call with the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) and its current district president to talk about a new potential project that would allow them to provide grant writing services throughout the state, completed inventories, had a weekly call with Allo and stated that the west wing transition from Windstream to Allo for phone service will take place on September 25th, met with a representative from Mainelli Wagner and Associates along with Commissioner Hain, worked on grants, attended the NACO district meeting, sat in on Public Transit Director interviews, and asked the rest of the Commissioners to also share Broadband Task Force information as she shares it in various places such as social media and the newspaper.

Joan Shurtliff was present to discuss the disposal and storage of historical records that may be of interest to researchers. She shared information on the various places where historical records are kept throughout the county. She stressed the importance of preserving historical records and suggested the Commissioners look into an archive where all of the records could be housed and accessed more easily.

Matt Kasik & Sarah Kramer from Region V Services spoke regarding the upcoming rebranding and name change from Region V Services to Apace. Kasik stated that their name is similar to Region V Systems, therefore causing confusion amongst people seeking Developmental Disability provider services. He explained the process of the name change and rebranding leading up to this point, stating that the Region V Services board had already voted to approve the name change and move forward with the process, but requested approval from the Commissioners for the name change as

well, along with an amendment to the interlocal agreement to reflect the change. Discussion was held, including questions about the steps that were taken leading up to this point, such as when the name change was presented to the internal staff and overall cost of rebranding. Ahmic asked if the rebranding/name change was shared at the Region V Services general board meeting held in May, and stated that she would like a copy of the minutes from that meeting. The Commissioners asked many questions and stated their Region V Services Board representative voted in opposition of the name change.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to deny the Region V Services request for name change, due to lack of transparency and opposition to the money being spent on rebranding.

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

Sheriff Mike Vance and Detention Center Director, Maria Hatfield were present to discuss ambulance billing for the Detention Center. Zabrocki stated that the City Council previously voted to allow their fire/rescue service to bill for their services. The county has received two bills for transportation of prisoners from the Detention Center. Hain commented that she would like city and county to work together for a resolution on this. Hatfield reported she had reached out to another county and that county has an agreement with the city that they aren't charged for prisoner transportation from the Detention Center, unless they are transporting out of town. Culver recommended Vance approach the city to see if they will work with the county and make a plan for billing. Zabrocki will visit with the City Administrator as well.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:39 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Donna Hendrickson from the Seward Chamber was present to request permission to install a sound system downtown. The sound system will be located on the City's light poles, but the connection would be on the northwest corner of the courthouse square. They have received funding from a donation for the project, along with money raised during Seward County Gives week and a Visitors Bureau grant, and now they are in the process of establishing the next step. Seward Electronics gave the Chamber a quote for the cost. This will need to go through City Council before it can begin.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Seward Chamber's request for permission to install the downtown Seward sound system.

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

The next item on the agenda was the Christmas Festival Committee's request for permission to use the north lawn of the courthouse from November 1-17, 2023 for decorating the Christmas tree

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain to approve the request from the Christmas Festival Committee to use the north lawn of the courthouse from November 1-17 for decorating the Christmas tree.

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

The Christmas Festival Committee also requested the use of the courthouse lawn for activities on November 25, 2023, such as live reindeer, tree lighting, and Santa's house, as well as the courthouse public restroom. They asked that the restrooms be open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the activities and parade.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the Christmas Festival Committee's request to use the courthouse lawn for activities on November 25, 2023 such as live reindeer, tree lighting and Santa's house, as well as the courthouse public restrooms from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

Human Resources Director, Roxanne Knutson led the discussion on appointing a Grievance Board member. Spencer Conradt, E911 Director, has taken another

employment opportunity and there will be a vacancy on the board when he leaves. The term is a 5-year term. Zabrocki suggested the Commissioners reach out to the different departments and try to find someone willing to serve. This will be on the agenda next week.

The next item on the agenda was the discussion of the Public Defender position and compensation. It was made clear when the incoming Public Defender accepted the position that compensation could not be changed. Ahmic stated that the offer cannot be rescinded after it was made. She has asked NACO for their assistance. Deputy County Attorney, Barb Armstead advised that it can be presented to him that he can withdrawal his acceptance of the position if he chooses. Culver stated to let the incoming Public Defender know that the board chooses not to meet his demands. Hain stated that she is extremely disappointed by this situation because the position was filled, therefore stopping the search for other potential candidates.

Building & Grounds Superintendent, Eric Hofer brought the updated Courthouse Lawn Policy for the Commissioners' consideration. Previously, it was decided to change the verbiage on one line of the policy to read that people are "encouraged" to provide the county with proof of an insurance policy, rather than to read that people "shall" provide the county with proof of an insurance policy.

Molly Bargmann, a member of the public, asked if the policy would be available for the public to review prior to board approval. Ahmic stated that the policy has been available at multiple meetings prior to this meeting, as this item has been discussed several times. Hain stated that it would be helpful to have all of the information that is going to be discussed at the meetings available online with the agenda, prior to the meeting. Deputy County Clerk, Brandy Johnson stated that the agenda is kept current in the County Clerk's office at all times, and the public is welcome to see the documentation with the agenda requests at any time. She also noted that the agenda is available online as a courtesy, but is not required to be posted online. Time was allowed for Ms. Bargmann to review the policy.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the courthouse lawn policy for use of the courthouse grounds and the accompanying application for use.

RULES FOR USE OF SEWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE GROUNDS

1. Use of the courthouse grounds requires submission of an application and approval of the Board of Commissioners after consideration at a public meeting. The application shall be signed by the responsible party and will include an acknowledgment of responsibility for the payment for any damages occurring to the courthouse grounds during the event.
2. The courthouse grounds shall not be used for any unlawful purpose.
3. The use of the courthouse grounds shall not interfere with normal county government operations or with normal public access to the courthouse during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.)
4. Nothing shall be placed on or attached to the courthouse grounds or building that could be harmful to grass, trees, statues, or sprinkler system, including placing stakes in the lawn unless previously approved by the Board of Commissioners.
5. The applicant is responsible for cleaning the courthouse grounds and returning it to its pre-event condition immediately after the event.
6. Any individual or group using the courthouse grounds is encouraged to provide the County with proof of an insurance liability policy naming Seward County as an additional insured in an amount of at least \$1 million.
7. Any individual or group using the courthouse grounds shall be responsible to reimburse the County for any and all damages occurring during the event.

8. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to refuse use of the courthouse grounds for any event that may compromise the security of the courthouse or the safety of courthouse employees or the general public.
9. Only vehicles with turf tires allowed on the lawn. (No cars or trucks.)
10. Only events that are advertised as being open to the public, without advance registration required, will be approved.
11. Violation of any of these rules may cause for the County to deny an application for future use of the courthouse grounds by the same group or individual.
12. No electricity will be supplied by the county and diverting electricity from county property is prohibited.
13. No alcohol is permitted on or around courthouse grounds.

Adopted by the Seward County Board of Commissioners the 19th day of September, 2023.

Procedure -- Courthouse lawn use application.

Acquire an application from county web site or from the County Clerk's office.

Complete and return application to Clerks office and request to be on agenda.

If approved, a copy of the application would be sent to Building and Grounds, Sheriff's Office, and E911 Communications.

APPLICATION FOR USE OF SEWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE GROUNDS

Date(s) of use: _____

Time of use (start and end times): _____

Group Requesting Use: _____

Name of Person Responsible: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Name of Event: _____

Type of Event: _____

Specific areas of Courthouse grounds you request to use: _____

Is the event open to the general public? _____ yes _____ no

Were you supplied with a copy of Courthouse lawn policy _____ yes _____ no

Number of participants expected: _____

What equipment will be used on the grounds? _____

When will equipment be set up? _____

Is food served for a fee? _____ yes _____ no

If yes, has the appropriate Health Department permit been obtained? _____yes _____no

Has this group used Courthouse grounds for other events? _____yes _____no

A liability insurance policy naming the County as an “additional insured” is encouraged in the amount of at least \$1 million at the time of event. Does this group have liability insurance to cover this event?

_____yes _____no

I have read the *Rules For Use of Courthouse Grounds*. I understand that Courthouse grounds will be left clean and neat condition after use. I am liable for all damages, expenses and loss caused by any person who attends or participates in this scheduled event. By signing this application, I agree to defend and hold harmless the County regarding any damage which may occur as a result of this scheduled function.

Signature of Responsible Person

Date

Please return application to: Seward County Clerk, PO Box 190, Seward, Ne 68434

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

Next, Hofer discussed the courthouse holiday lighting. He has reached out to Corey Mueller from Blue River Electric, who provided a quote for \$18,000 to install all new LED lights around the outside of the courthouse. Ahmic stated that she would like him to pursue uplighting the building from the ground as well, with the ability to change the colors of the uplighting. Ahmic asked Hofer to set up a meeting with Corey Mueller for the uplighting.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the bid for \$18,000 from Corey Mueller for the courthouse holiday lighting to be paid out of the inheritance fund.

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

Highway Superintendent, Terry Wicht, & Assistant Highway Superintendent, John Regnier were present to discuss the plan for the DustLock project for dust control on rural roads. They presented photos of roads that have had DustLock applied to them. Hain reported that she and Regnier had observed roads in other counties and locations that have had DustLock applied. She has spoken to the other counties and the supervisors reported that they are in favor of the product. Wicht has spoken with other highway superintendents who said that the roads have to be maintained, even after the DustLock application. Co-op currently uses mineral oil on the roads for dust control. It was suggested that Wicht reach out to them to see if they would be interested in exploring the DustLock product along with the county. Co-op could be asked to put funds toward it so they don't have to use mineral oil on the roads. The county would then be able to see what the effects are right in the county. Hain reported she would like to participate in the meeting with Wicht and the Co-op, at which time they can ask Co-op to pay the grant match amount.

Next, the Sunrise Road paving project C-80(591) was discussed. Wicht reported that he would like to start advertising for bids for the project on September 27th, 2023.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request for the Highway Superintendent to solicit bids for the Sunrise Road paving project C-80(591) to be opened October 10th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. and to be awarded on Oct 17th, 2023.

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

Commissioner Reports (cntd):

Commissioner Hain reported she assisted with the office move of some departments, worked with the interim Aging Services Director and Aging Partners to fill in the gaps through the transition, continues working on finding individuals to serve on the Aging Advisory Board, met with the E911 Director and some E911 employees to tour the dispatch center, attended a meeting with Commissioner Ahmic and a representative from Mainelli Wagner and Associates, attended the NACO fall meeting, completed

inventories, had a monthly meeting with the Detention Center Director, met with Commissioner Ahmic on infrastructure related grants, and communicated with the Highway Superintendent about a sign issue.

Commissioner Culver thanked Commissioners Hain and Ahmic for their help with the department moves, spoke with a constituent regarding zoning, reviewed E911 Director applications, worked on Blue Valley Community Action Committee items, finished inventories, and inspected roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Visitors Bureau meeting, met with the Extension Office, worked on inventories, and made visits to constituents.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the NACO district meeting, met with an employee, attended interviews for the Public Transit Director, spoke with a constituent, thanked Commissioners Hain and Ahmic on their help with the department moves, and had a phone meeting with the City of Seward Administrator.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Sheriff fee and mileage reports for July 2023 in the amounts of \$1,504.00 and \$646.69 respectively.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the inventories of Seward County.

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

Commissioners Recessed at 12:21 p.m.

Commissioners Reconvened at 12:29 p.m.

Ahmic discussed participating in Operation Green Light from November 6-12, 2023. She suggested placing green light bulbs in all the lights in the courthouse windows. She has asked the incoming Veterans Service Officer to ask the cities and villages to participate as well.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to participate in Operation Green Light from November 6-12, 2023.

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

During the Infrastructure Related Grants agenda item, Commissioner Ahmic reported that she and Commissioner Hain met with Mainelli Wagner and Associates in regard to the Bridge Investment Program grant. She also stated that she and Commissioner Hain are working with Human Resources on the county webpage to include "Current Commissioner Projects" to keep constituents informed. They sent Senator Fischer an email containing information about a potential road project and have worked on a potential opportunity for recreation & tourism funding.

During the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) discussion, Commissioner Hain reported that a pod in the Detention Center contained significant moisture due to humidity, and suggested possibly using ARPA funds to upgrade some of the heating & air units at the Justice Center to resolve the issue.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 26, 2023 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 2023-2024 Budget

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 26, 2023 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 12, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 26, 2023 are as follows:

Convenes as soon as the Board of Equalization Meeting is over

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of September 19, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Approve Claims through September 15, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – POW/MIA Flag to be Flown Year-Round at Courthouse
6. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
7. Commissioners Reports
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for October 3, 2023

9:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Appoint Grievance Board Member

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Seward/York interlocal for District Judge Bailiff

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the September 19, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, 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 26th day of September 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

September 26, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A Special Budget meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on September 26, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

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

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to open the public hearing at 8:30 a.m. for the adoption of the 2023-2024 Seward County Budget.

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

No one appeared or made a comment at said hearing.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to close the public hearing in regard to adopting the 2023-2024 Seward County budget at 8:32 a.m. for Seward County.

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

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

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 3rd day of October 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

September 26, 2023
Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session upon adjournment of the budget hearing meeting on September 26, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on September 26, 2023 at 8:33 a.m.
Present: Chairperson: John Culver
 Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Hain to approve the minutes of September 12, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

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

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

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 10, 2023 are as follows:
8:30 a.m.

- 1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of September 26, 2023
- 4. Discuss/Action – Res. – Set Levies for Seward County Taxing Entities
- 5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 9:09 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of

this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 10th day of October 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

September 26, 2023
Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session upon adjournment of the Seward County Board of Equalization meeting at 9:09 a.m. on September 26, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on September 26, 2023 at 9:09 a.m.
Present: Chairperson: John Culver
 Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
 County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the request for a new starting wage for the Heavy Equipment Mechanic Position starting at \$22.16.

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT

SEWARD COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 3780

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adopted this 26th day of September, 2023 at Seward Nebraska.

The Board of Commissioners of Seward County
Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

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

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

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

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

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

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

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

SEWARD COUNTY - SHERIFF FINANCIAL OFFICE - FISCAL YEAR 2018					
ADP LLC	SE	\$3,019.70	SEC OF STATE - ELECTIONS	SU	\$60.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$140.11	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$727.54
AERNI LAW, LLC	SE	\$2,502.20	SEWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$35.81
AGING SERVS FUND	FE	\$47,664.00	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$21.18
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$97.86	JOY SHIFFERMILLER	SE	\$942.75
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$21,908.35	SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$4,058.66
AUTO GLASS NATION	SE	\$2,527.44	SOFTWARE UNLIMITED	EQ	\$3,334.54
BEAR GRAPHICS INC	SU	\$163.94	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTING	SE	\$910.50
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$676.80	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$7,431.07
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$1,320.00	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$1,484.50
BRENNAN LAW OFFICES	SE	\$628.08	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	EQ	\$1,142.91
BRYAN MEDICAL CENTER	SE	\$13,233.94	UNIV OF NEBRASKA	SE	\$1,890.06
BUTLER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$88.05	US POSTAL SERVICE	SU	\$10,000.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$33.99	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$1,893.44
CHARM-TEX	SE	\$89.80	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	FE	\$20.00
CHARTER COMMUNIC	UT	\$310.97	VISA	FE	\$7,588.75
DERBY INDUSTRIES	SU	\$210.80	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$20.68	WATER ENGINEERING	SE	\$210.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$32.97	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$11,443.18
JENNIFER EICKHOFF	SE	\$14.42	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$869.50
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	EQ	\$249.78	ZABKA PERDUE FUNERAL	SE	\$1,500.00
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$14,451.56	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$5,129.18
GALLS LLC	SE	\$446.68	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$713.33
GBE CPA	SE	\$4,000.00	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$27,650.47
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	SE	\$270.37	MENARDS	SU	\$554.63
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,513.74	NEBRASKA TRUCK REPAIR	SE	\$70.50
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF	SE	\$34.96	NMC, INC	EQ	\$6,181.57
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$195.60	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$1,518.15
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$212.89	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$28.97
INDOFF INC	SU	\$23.98	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$205.58
JENNIFER JOAKIM	SE	\$541.50	POWERPLAN	EQ	\$4,477.53
JONES BANK	FE	\$137,479.59	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$107.27
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$23,589.98	CATTLE BANK & TRUST	FE	\$137,496.94
KINER SUPPLY CO	SU	\$972.66	CHAPTERS BOOKS & GIFTS	SU	\$68.76
KIWANIS OF SEWARD	SE	\$135.00	NE NATL GUARD MUSEUM	FE	\$51.00
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	EQ	\$131.48	NE RURAL RADIO ASSN	FE	\$375.00
LAUBER FUNERAL SERV	SE	\$550.00	PIZZA KITCHEN	SU	\$235.35

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

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

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

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

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

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

Commissioners Reports:

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

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

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

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

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign a Surplus Property Disposal Request from the County Treasurer.

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

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to approve hanging the POW/MIA flag at the courthouse year-round with the replacements to be paid by Seward County.

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

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to appoint Nancy Kavulak the Interim E911 Director with an hourly rate of \$34.61/hour effective September 22, 2023.

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

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

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

RESOLUTION # 3781 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

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

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Seward County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

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

DATED AND PASSED THIS 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

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

SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 3782
SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

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

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

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

1. The 2023-2024 property tax request is set at \$10,549,339.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 4.64%
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$.270941 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Seward County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.294315 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Seward County will exceed last year's by 14%.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023.

Dated this 26th day of September 2023.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

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

Motion Carried

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

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

8:30 a.m.

- 1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
- 4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of September 26, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

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

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

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 3rd day of October 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

October 3, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on October 3, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on October 3, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Those officials updating the Commissioners on activities of their offices/departments were: Ann Dobesh, Sandy Shaw, Gary Petersen & Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of September 26, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he had a meeting with the Building & Grounds Supt. in regard to the AC/humidity problem in the Detention Center and the surplus property sale, a meeting with the interim 911 Director, a BRIDGES meeting, a Seward City Council special budget meeting, and a meeting about the courthouse silhouette lighting. He participated in interviews for the Public Transit Director and completed the document for SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SEND). He will be going to the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) conference in the next few weeks.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he had a meeting with the Building & Grounds Supt., talked with a Region V representative, attended a Visitors Committee meeting and checked roads.

Commissioner Culver reported he also visited with a Region V representative, attended the Seward/Saline Solid Waste Agency meeting, a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, met with a constituent about zoning regulations, checked on a road project south of Milford, talked with the courts about the Public Defender position, dealt with a vendor invoice and attended a Consumption Tax Informational Seminar.

Commissioner Hain reported she is continuing to work on obtaining members for an Aging Services Advisory Board, contacted Farmers Coop about paying for product for dusty roads, attended the Epic Consumption Tax presentation, attended the Staplehurst

Village Board meeting, met with HR and Aging Partners representatives, met with the County Clerk about setting levies, participated on a call with Senator Fischer's staff, shared information about broadband, will meet with the jail personnel in regard to programming. She also voiced appreciation to the Road Dept. in regard to a road problem in her district.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with Allo, contacted Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) about possible legislation about public officials and employees on private land, participated in Senator Fischer's call, sat in on interviews for Public Transit Director, spent time with constituents about a road project south of Milford, and finished the NACO Institute of Excellence class.

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, was present to discuss the job posting of the Highway Supt. position in light of the current Highway Supt. announcing his retirement effective the end of December 2023. Commissioner Ahmic stated she had contacted NACO about other counties that had a similar opening for that position. She said some counties have multiple interviews with a candidate so all Board members can meet them. The job description, which was updated this past year, was discussed.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to post the job opening for the Seward County Highway Supt. effective Oct 3, 2023 using the current job description.

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

Eric Hofer, Building & Grounds Supt., was present to discuss the surplus property sale on October 27, 2023. Offices had priced the items and the Commissioners gave Hofer the authority to accept less than what was priced.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic that we move forward with the Seward County surplus property sale on October 27, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 pm to be held at the Seward County Weed Dept. Building.

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

Brett Baker, a resident of Seward County who lives along East Seward St., was present to discuss the East Seward Road Project. He stated communication has been lacking now that the project is near the end. He gave a handout of the emails and pictures from him and other property owners that were sent to the City of Seward. The Commissioners suggested that since this was a city project, he should speak to the Seward City Council.

The Board of Commissioners recessed at 10:20 a.m.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman sign the Memorandum of Agreement with Blue Valley Community Action in the amount of \$14,149.

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

The Commissioners discussed the LB644 public hearing. Commissioner Hain led discussion about the hearing that took place on September 20, 2023. The hearing, which was held due to the passage of legislation at the Nebraska Legislature, was very disorderly. Brandy Johnson, Deputy County Clerk, who moderated the hearing, said that others she had talked to thought changes were warranted. Discussion was had about trying to educate people about the reason for the hearing, timing of the hearing, etc. It was decided that a small group be formed to list the problems and possible solutions and meet with Senator Ben Hansen's staff in the near future.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) organization in the amount of \$41,500.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman sign the Memorandum of Agreement for Hope Crisis Center in the amount of \$18,011.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman sign the Public Membership Agreement with Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) in the amount of \$60,100.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Hain, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman sign the Funding Disbursement Agreement with Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) in the amount of \$60,100.
Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman sign the agreement with BRIDGES in the amount of \$12,500.00.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman sign the Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan with Maximus.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Joint Public Hearing Report from the County Clerk.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

During the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Commissioners Ahmic and Hain stated they are still attempting to get letters of support and working on grant applications. Ahmic also stated they have completed information for the Commissioners page on the county website.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 10, 2023 are as follows:
8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of September 26, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Res. – Set Levies for Seward County Taxing Entities
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 10, 2023 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 3, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the Period through September 29, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

1. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
2. Commissioners Reports
3. Discuss/Action – Signage for the West Wing Building
4. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman sign MOU for Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) District (SEND)
5. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
6. Discuss/Action – Jail Inspection
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for October 17, 2023

- 9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Matt Kasik/Region V – Authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement with Region V
- 9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize Emergency Manager Director to apply for the 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant and to submit Reimbursement Documentation Reports.
- 10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Jon Hempel – Property Line Dispute – Request Seward County to pay for Survey to Identify new Property Line

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn the meeting of October 3, 2023 at 11:44 a.m.

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 10th day of October 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

October 10, 2023
Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on October 10, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on October 10, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky
Absent: Member: Misty Ahmic

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 Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes for September 26, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Discussion was held for a budget that was submitted late.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3783 in regard to setting the levies for Seward County Taxing entities to include a request for Bee Nebraska in the amount of \$61,610.00 due to the fact that the Bee budget was submitted late.

Resolution 3783 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 10th day of September 2023

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

10/10/23				
Exhibit A				
SEWARD COUNTY LEVIES				
2023-2024				
SUBDIVISION	FUNDS - List each one separately	VALUATION	FINAL LEVY	2023-2024 Tax Request
County				
Seward County	General	\$3,603,661,734	0.273314	\$9,849,339.00
Seward County	Debt Service	\$3,603,661,734	0.019425	\$700,000.00
Seward County	Veteran's Aid	\$3,603,661,734	0.000000	\$0.00
Total Seward County	Total	\$3,603,661,734	0.292739	\$10,549,339.00
Schools				
SD#5-Milford	General	\$792,030,552	0.915842	\$7,253,750.00
SD#5-Milford	Special Bldg.	\$792,030,552	0.034079	\$269,918.00
Total Milford School Dist			0.949921	\$7,523,668.00
SD 9-Seward	General	\$1,896,782,132	0.703850	\$13,350,505.00
SD 9-Seward	Bond	\$1,896,706,147	0.085209	\$1,616,162.00
SD 9-Seward	Spec. Bldg.	\$1,896,782,132	0.009053	\$171,717.00
SD 9-Seward	Qual.Cap.Purpose Fd.	\$1,896,782,132	0.000000	
Total Seward School Dist.			0.798112	\$15,138,384.00
SD#67-Centennial	General	\$1,646,029,327	0.449158	\$7,393,279.00
SD#67-Centennial	Bond - K-12	\$1,646,029,327	0.048786	\$803,030.00
SD#67-Centennial	Special Bldg.	\$1,646,029,327	0.036820	\$606,061.00
Total Centennial School District			0.534764	\$8,802,370.00
Cities & Villages				
Beaver Crossing	General	\$26,087,676	0.448488	\$117,000.00
Bee	General	\$14,915,118	0.413071	\$61,610.00
Cordova	General	\$9,062,290	0.121382	\$11,000.00
Garland	General	\$13,917,673	0.450000	\$62,629.52
Goehner	General	\$13,888,446	0.310080	\$43,065.29
Milford	General	\$150,654,932	0.436584	\$657,735.45
Milford	Bond	\$150,654,932	0.045468	\$68,500.00
Pleasant Dale	General	\$13,231,984	0.400000	\$52,927.94
Seward	General	\$671,055,752	0.299000	\$2,006,456.70
Seward Airport	General	\$671,055,752	0.028157	\$188,950.76
Seward Airport	Bond	\$671,055,752	0.006843	\$45,918.75
Staplehurst	General	\$9,357,407	0.450000	\$42,108.33
Utica	General	\$62,692,444	0.334588	\$209,761.60
Utica	Bond	\$62,692,444	0.092434	\$57,949.00
Miscellaneous				
J Precinct Cemetery	General	\$207,283,183	0.000786	\$1,630.00
Pleasant Dale Cemetery	General	\$195,103,443	0.000905	\$1,765.00
Seward County Ag. Society	General	\$3,603,661,734	0.010406	\$375,000.00
Seward Fire District	General	\$2,968,877,369	0.019406	\$576,134.92
Seward Fire District	Sinking	\$2,968,877,369	0.006266	\$186,030.00
Seward Fire District	Bond	\$2,968,877,369	0.004969	\$147,525.00

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 24, 2023 as follows:

8:30 a.m.

- 1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
- 2. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of October 10, 2023
- 3. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn the October 10, 2023 meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization at 8:59 a.m.

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 24th day of October 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

October 10, 2023
Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on October 10, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on October 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present:	Chairperson: John Culver
	Members: Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
	County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Absent:	Member: Misty Ahmic

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 October 3, 2023.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the claims for the period through September 29, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2023					
ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$10,863.64
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$153.99	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$362.50
ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	UT	\$177.17	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA	SE	\$1,881.34
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$20,798.51	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$196.49
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC LLC	SE	\$942.10	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$18,900.00
BLUE VALLEY COMM ACT	SE	\$14,149.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES	UT	\$4,307.38
BOB BARKER CO	SE	\$325.27	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	EQ	\$305.66
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$5,315.63	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$1,200.81
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$7,896.11	WOODS & AITKEN	SE	\$236.50
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$435.00	WYANDOT CO SHERIFF	SE	\$17.00
DISTRICT 5 PROBATION	SE	\$33,288.05	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$2,908.50
E 911	SE	\$68,174.67	YORK CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.50
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,802.82	BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$278.50
ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING CO	SE	\$437.50	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$132.79
BRIAN FORAL	SE	\$1,913.97	CATHER & SONS CONST	SE	\$934.12
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$33.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$3,016.02
GBE CPA	SE	\$3,652.50	FRONTIER COOP	SU	\$30,008.53
GRAHAM TIRE	SU	\$636.00	HEARTLAND TIRES	SU	\$2,302.75
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$148.03	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$77,076.83
T HETHERINGTON	SE	\$95.40	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$1,285.47
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$218.00	MIDWEST UNLIMITED	SE	\$205.85
HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$337.23	MILLER SEED	SU	\$400.00
HOPE CRISIS CENTER	SE	\$18,011.00	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$39.95
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,651.68	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$524.55
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$44.07	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$26,743.01
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$7,037.20	TRUCK CENTER CO	SU	\$1,491.67
RELX INC	SE	\$213.00	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	SE	\$1,427.60
MAXIMUS INC	SE	\$2,600.00	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$53.84
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$3,513.31	SEWARD CO HISTORICAL SOC	FE	\$300.00
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$46,873.16	DELTA DENTAL OF NE	FE	\$234.53
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,682.34	VSP INSURANCE CO	FE	\$108.08
MOTOROLA	EQ	\$8,993.73	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$131.25
NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$4,941.71	MORGAN CAMPBELL	SE	\$25.13
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$153.18	ABC ELECTRIC	SE	\$11,695.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$135.00	BURMEVES LLC	SE	\$5,060.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$30.70	GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$605.00
CA MARKETING	SE	\$866.38	IDEMIA IDENTITY	SE	\$445.00
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$973.77
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$9,325.75	JONES BANK	SE	\$50.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	SU	\$30.00	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$385.08
SEWARD CO BRIDGES	FE	\$12,500.00	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$737.87
SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$60,100.00	SECURITY EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$627.85
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$1,005.00	VALLEY CO TREASURER	EQ	\$5,500.00
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$224,236.96	DELL MARKETING L P	SE	\$1,117.08
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,267.19	CIDNET	SE	\$300.00
SEWARD SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$226.00	SALARIES		\$294,499.70
SEWARD SMILES	SE	\$655.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO	SE	\$53.12	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SMPC, LLC	SE	\$5,405.98	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$21,174.25	DELTA DENTAL		
ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	SE	\$448.00	VSP VISION		
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	SE	\$50.55	WADDELL & REED		

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

The following officials updated the Commissioners on activities of their offices/departments: Mike Vance and Sherry Schweitzer.

Commissioners Reports:
Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the City of Seward Planning Commission meeting, the City of Seward Council meeting, spent time with 911 Interim, attended the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) Roundtable webinar, a Broadband Board webinar, and looked into the panic button issue.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he talked to his office liaisons, had correspondence with a Region V representative, met with the Extension Office Educator, and attended a Literature Dinner at the Isaac Walton League Cabin. He has Visitors Committee and Region V meetings in the near future.

Commissioner Culver reported he checked roads, attended a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting, checked the Milford Road Project now that it is completed, and communicated with a Region V representative.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:18 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:20 a.m.

Commissioners Reports: (Cont.)

Commissioner Culver continued: He reported he dealt with correspondence between Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) issues.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the Aging Services Interim Director on various matters, participated in group discussion involving a grant, received emails about road concerns, spoke to the Sheriff about body cams for the Assessor's staff, worked with Building & Grounds in regard to the surplus sale, discussed a request from Senator Ricketts' Aide to assist in a presentation about sewer and water infrastructure, worked with Human Resource office in regard to the Aging Services job description, asked how the interview process for the Highway Supt. should happen and attended the Faith in Blue event, and will re-schedule a jail programming meeting. She is still looking for Board members for the Aging Services Board.

The 9:15 a.m. item of a Region V representative appearing before the Board was withdrawn at their request.

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, presented two agreements for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chairman to sign the Annual Renewal with Advanced Correctional Healthcare for Medical Services for the Detention Center with renewal Option 2 in the amount of \$64,999 and to add an additional 4 hours per week of nursing care for a total of 12 hours at an additional cost of \$18,720.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman sign the Annual Maintenance and Support Agreement with Idemia for a Fingerprint Machine in Court Security Office in the amount of \$1,869.

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

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, was present to ask the Commissions for permission to apply for the 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant and to submit reimbursement document reports.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Emergency Manager to apply for the 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant and to submit reimbursement document reports.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:41 a.m.
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Dan Kovar, Chairman of the Seward County Veteran's Office, was present to discuss the request to reappoint members to the Veteran's Service Committee. Commissioner Hain said she had talked to Commissioner Ahmic, who was absent from said meeting, and she had asked that the item be tabled until later. Kovar stated the names to be re-appointed should have been re-appointed in June and asked that the Commissioners proceed. All

Commissioners stated their opinions on whether the re-appointments should be tabled or not. It was decided that the item will be on next week’s agenda.

The Commissioners discussed new signage for the West Wing building. Recently, offices have moved from the West Wing and so a new sign is needed to reflect the current offices housed at the building.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the signage for the west wing building in the amount of \$469.79 and accept the template that does not have the border with the cost to be paid out of the Commissioners Sinking Fund for buildings and grounds expenses.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND) with the funding amount being \$8,628.00.

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

Jon Hempel was present to discuss a property line dispute and request Seward County to pay for a survey to identify the property line. He gave information about a property line dispute with a neighbor. Hempel said they believe laws have been broken and have called the proper authorities, but no enforcement has taken place. Commissioner Hain offered to help and set up a meeting with the representative with the County Attorney’s office to try to help get answers for Hempel’s questions.

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, was present to discuss the Aging Services Program Manager Job Description. She stated that two job descriptions have been combined into one.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the Aging Services Program Manager Job Description as recommended by Human Resources.

SEWARD COUNTY JOB DESCRIPTION

Position:	Aging Services Program Manager
Last Revised:	2023
FLSA Job Status:	Full-Time/ Non-exempt
Reports to:	Seward County Board of Commissioners, Aging Partners
Supervisory Responsibilities:	None

I. GENERAL FUNCTIONS

This position is responsible for budgeting, coordinating, and expanding the goals and activities of the Seward County Aging Services Program. The Program Manager ensures that outreach, information and assistance, and educational programming for older adults in all towns and rural communities within Seward County are being provided. Work also involves data collection, reporting, and reconciliation for all components of the program requirements. This position is supervised by the Seward County Board of Commissioners and receives general guidance from Aging Partners.

II. ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop and implement services for older adults and underserved clients including outreach, information and assistance, health programs and other educational or special event programming.
- Implement new programs/services in communities throughout Seward County.
- Ensures services meet standards for Older Americans Act (OAA), State of Nebraska, Seward County policies, and other applicable regulations.
- Works to identify underserved areas within the county or other gaps in service availability.
- Establishes relationships with local senior centers and works to create and manage pop-up clinics throughout the county to better serve older adults.
- Maintain program data, through Aging Partners approved software, and client reporting systems and submits monthly reports for services provided and data collected.
- Adheres to and understands the inter-local agreement with Aging Partners and Seward County including the mission, philosophy, policies, and procedures.
- Collaborates closely with Aging Partners for updates, trainings, and other guidance as needed.
- Creates, maintains, and reconciles the Aging Services budget in for the Seward County Board of Commissioners approval.

- Submit financial reimbursements request/reports to Aging Partners.
- Ensure senior center compliance with all OAA and state policies and prepare for future monitoring visits.
- Organizes routine confidential records and filing including computer word processing and databases.
- Promote services locally through presentations, newspaper articles, monthly newsletter, social media, personal contacts, health fairs, and more.
- Attend Medicare workshops and other trainings related to job duties as requested.
- Attend Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) trainings, to be a certified SHIP Counselor in the Medicare Part D program to provide help to older adults with basic questions regarding Medicare.
- Work with senior centers to develop and provide county-wide wellness and life enrichment opportunities.
- Other duties as assigned.

III. REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES

- Ability to represent the program positively and effectively.
- Maintain high standard of confidentiality and able to understand confidential matters regarding clients, other program staff or agency partners and the public.
- Ability to maintain routine record and files including computer word processing and data bases.
- Ability to interpret rules, regulations, and policies and to make decisions in accordance with established precedent.
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Ability to prepare and make formal presentations to groups as requested.
- Computer and software skills necessary to the program.
- Knowledge of human behavior and the physical, mental, and social needs of older adults.
- General knowledge of community resources and services available to older adults.
- Must possess organizational and time management skills to work accurately with frequent interruptions and to handle multiple tasks and deadlines.
- Ability to work with a broad range of professionals, clients from all socio-economic levels, families, and others in an objective and non-prejudicial manner.
- Ability to work independently with program policies and procedures.
- Ability to effectively operate a computer, Windows programs, and other data collection software as needed.
- Knowledge of record keeping systems and the ability to do accurate, complete and on time reporting. Comfortable with computer databases or other reporting systems.

IV. DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree in a human service related, business, nursing, social services, or related field.
- Experience working in human services, gerontology, community health or aging services is preferred.

V. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Must be at least 19 years of age
- Valid Nebraska Driver’s License
- Must be eligible to work in the United States

VI. WORKING CONDITIONS & PHYSICAL EFFORT

This job operates in a professional office environment. This role routinely uses standard office equipment such as computers, phones, photocopiers, filing cabinets and fax machines. This is largely a sedentary role; however, some filing is required. This would require the ability to lift files, open filing, cabinets and bend or stand as necessary.

VII. OTHER

Please note this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities and activities may change at any time with or without notice.

Employee Acknowledgment of Job Description	
This job description supersedes all previous job descriptions written for this position. I understand that this is a description of my current job duties and responsibilities. I understand that neither this nor the County’s Personnel Manual is a contract for employment.	
_____ Employee Signature	_____ Date
_____ Supervisor/HR Signature	_____ Date

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for September 2023 in the amount of \$13,559.40.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for September 2023 in the amount of \$22,052.25.

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

In regard to the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Commissioner Hain gave information about letters of support for a grant application.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:58 a.m. to proceed to the jail for an inspection.
The Commissioners re-convened at 11:14 a.m. at the Detention Center.

The Commissioners inspected the jail.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 17, 2023 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 10, 2023

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 24, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Request from Road Dept. to use Inheritance Funds to help purchase a Motor Grader

Discuss/Action – Open bids for Milford East Paving Project C-80(691)

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Jeanne Wiemer/Seward Arts Council – Request to Place Artwork from Seward County Artists in the Justice Center

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Nextlink Application for the Seward County ROW for Construction of New Underground Fiber Optic Line from Pleasant Dale to Milford

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Dan Kovar – Re-appoint members to the Veteran’s Service Committee – James Deremer and Marvin Schulz

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 11:37 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 17th day of October 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

October 17, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on October 17, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on October 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 the October 10, 2023 meeting.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Hain, Culver,

Abstain: Ahmic

Motion Carried

Those officials who gave reports on their offices/departments were Terry Wicht, Highway Superintendent and Eric Hofer, Building & Grounds Superintendent.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported that he continues to monitor the E911 Department while it is without a Director, has worked with Human Resources to schedule interviews for the E911 Director, attended a 4th of July Committee Meeting, attended a Historical Society meeting, and worked with Soarin Group to move forward with updating panic buttons for county offices.

Commissioner Schmieding reported that he attended an Extension Board meeting, will attend a Visitors Committee meeting and inspected roads.

Commissioner Culver reported he worked on reviewing the safety committee manual, dealt with constituent calls regarding zoning, and will be attending several meetings in the upcoming weeks.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the Detention Center Director, secured a couple new members to serve on the Aging Advisory Board, but is still looking for people to serve, attended the Beaver Crossing Village Board meeting, where she gave them an update on funding, met with the County Attorney, visited with the Milford Senior Center Director, received the new logos for county vehicles and reached out to Mustang Graphics for the use of the logos, attended the snow training class put on by the Road Department, received an email from a constituent regarding roads, inspected road conditions, called several producers in search of letters of support, and received contact information with the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy regarding water and sewer infrastructure.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she also had several calls from constituents regarding zoning items, worked with ALLO on the County's phone transition, worked with the new Veterans Service Officer, received calls about Highway Superintendent position vacancy, and reminded everyone about CASA's Scare at the Fair event.

Terry Wicht, Highway Superintendent and Jeff Fleischman, Road Department Foreman were present to discuss requesting the use of funds from the Inheritance Fund for the purchase of one, or possibly two, new motor graders. Wicht stated that after reviewing his Road budget, there will be enough to pay for a new truck and pup trailer, as well as half of a new motor grader. He also plans to purchase a new sign truck out of the Special Road budget. Wicht and Fleischman presented various options regarding trading in older motor graders or selling them at auction to help with the cost of purchasing new ones. Their request from Inheritance funds is \$28,425.00 for one, or \$350,185.00 for two, as the cost of each new motor grader is \$350,760.00. Currently, the Road Department has twenty motor graders, with sixteen operators. Culver stated that he would prefer to pay for one new machine but does not see a need to purchase new motor graders just because the current ones are getting older. Zabrocki stated that he would prefer to have fewer spare motor graders and either trade or auction three or four off to alleviate some expense for the purchase of new ones before the old machines become problematic. After much discussion, Ahmic asked that Wicht and Fleischman get a list of pricing options for new machines and bring it back to the board.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to open the bids for the Milford East Paving Project C-80(691)

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

Motion Carried

Bids were received from: Pavers, Inc. and Constructors, Inc.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:51 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 9:54 a.m.

Jeanne Wiemer from the Seward Arts Council was present to request placing artwork from local Seward County artists in the Justice Center as a collaboration between the Arts Council and the County. They would like to place three to six pieces of art in the Justice Center for one year at a time. If the artwork was for sale, they would keep an inventory and the artists themselves would be responsible for selling it. Once the pieces are in place, the Arts Council would create a press release announcing the collaboration. Culver stated that he is opposed to this because he doesn't feel that the Justice Center is the appropriate place for this, and it could potentially damage the walls.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Seward Art Council's request to place artwork from Seward County artists in the Justice Center beginning in January 2024 to be displayed for one year at a time, with the Art Council to return with a recommendation for the next artist, with images.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki

Voting No: Culver

Motion Carried

Dale Dishman, NextLink representative, was present to discuss an application for the Seward County Right of Way for construction of new underground fiber optic line from Pleasant Dale to Milford. Terry Wicht spoke of his concern that this project would go down Sunrise Road, and any projects on paved roads must not take place in the Right of Way, and NextLink would be liable for any damages to the road. Dishman reported that they can adjust the designs to account for the Highway Superintendent recommendations. Ahmic said she would like to see the designs modified and brought back before the permit is approved. NextLink will modify their designs and submit to the highway department to be brought back to the Commissioners.

Dan Kovar, Veterans Service Committee Chairman and Ray Foreman, Veterans Service Officer, were present for the re-appointing James Deremer and Marvin Schulz to the Seward County Veterans Service Committee item on the agenda. Hain asked about the current process for soliciting members to serve on this board. Kovar stated that the

county is divided into five sections, with representatives from each section. Ahmic reported that she was sent a letter by the VFW stating that they had a recommendation to appoint someone to the committee. Ahmic had previously asked that this be tabled so the nominations discussion can take place at the next Veterans Committee meeting before being brought to the Commissioners. Culver stated that he feels the Commissioners owe it to the veterans of the county to re-appoint these members who have already been serving. Ahmic would like to review the statutes at the Veterans Committee meeting before making a decision, Hain said she feels that it is imperative to follow the proper procedures and that this is the time to do that.

Moved by Culver and seconded by Schmieding to re-appoint James Deremer and Marvin Schulz to the Veterans Service Committee.

Affirmative Vote: Culver, Schmieding

Voting No: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic

Motion Failed

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the chairman to sign two surplus property disposal requests transferring property from Emergency Management to the Zoning & Weeds Department and placing other items to be sold at the County Surplus Sale scheduled to be held later this month.

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

Motion Carried

Ahmic presented a video from the University of Nebraska Lincoln to provide insight on the re-imaging of the missile silo.

The next agenda item was the clarification of the Commissioners' intent regarding the motion for uploading audio recordings to the Seward County website. Culver asked that this be tabled due to County Clerk, Sherry Schweitzer being absent, as this task would directly affect her. Hain stated that she would like to discuss this item, as the audio recordings have not been updated on the website since July. This item will be added to the agenda when Schweitzer can be present.

During the Infrastructure Related Grants discussion, Hain reported that she had received an email from Mainelli Wagner Engineering. As part of the infrastructure package, they're trying to find ways to add in more recreational uses for the bridges, such as pedestrian walkways and bikeways. The engineering costs for that would be significant though. Hain has reached out to several producers and farmers recently.

During the Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds item, Ahmic reported that the Village of Pleasant Dale has submitted two invoices for their previously approved drinking water project.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 24, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of October 10, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 24, 2023 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 17, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through October 13, 2023

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 – Agenda for October 31, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award bid for Milford East Paving Project C-80(591)

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by to adjourn the October 17, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:02 a.m.

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

Motion Carried

State of Nebraska)

County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 24th day of October 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

October 24, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on October 24, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on October 24, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson
County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 meeting.

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

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 14, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of October 24, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the October 24, 2023 meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization at 8:57 a.m.

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

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, the undersigned County Clerk of Seward County, Nebraska do hereby certify the foregoing minutes are true and are part of the official records of this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 14th day of November 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

October 24, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on October 24, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on October 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve claims for the period through October 13, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH OCTOBER 13, 2023					
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,697.00	REDWOOD TOX LAB	SE	\$32.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$51.19	SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$30.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$21,056.20	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$321.68
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$360.00	SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$91.69
BOB BARKER CO	SU	\$109.22	SEWARD SMILES	SE	\$380.00
BRENNAN, NIELSEN LAW	SE	\$1,211.95	SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	SE	\$197.07
BURESH LAWN CARE	SE	\$700.00	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	SE	\$965.00
CABELL CO SHERIFF	SE	\$25.00	SEND D	FE	\$8,628.00
CAPITAL AUTOGLASS	SE	\$49.95	ST OF NEB DAS STATE ACCNTNG	SE	\$795.50
CASA	FE	\$41,400.00	STEPHANIE FLYNN LAW	SE	\$5,420.56
CENTEC CAST METAL	SU	\$1,526.20	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$7,075.43
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$310.78	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$2,214.50
CHI HEALTH CO CARE	SE	\$81.00	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SU	\$213.66
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$7,271.70	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	FE	\$1,142.91
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	EQ	\$399.98	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$253.79
CULLIGAN	SE	\$28.00	VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	FE	\$20.00
DIAMOND DRUGS	SU	\$245.47	VISA	FE	\$5,022.26
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$404.99	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX	SE	\$147.88	WELLS FARGO FINAN LEAS	EQ	\$230.66
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$4,003.44	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$11,018.55
FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$380.58	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$1,438.00
FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$986.32	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$39.91
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$60.00	BROKEN ARROW EXCAVATING	SE	\$9,190.00
GALLS LLC	SE	\$170.79	COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPL	SU	\$147.84
GRAHAM TIRE	SU	\$648.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$19,545.89
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,568.74	EQUIPMENT BLADES	EQ	\$808.21
HAMPTON BY HILTON	TR	\$476.00	GERHOLD CONCRETE	SU	\$4,605.80
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$453.11	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$13,881.84

HITZ TOWING INC	SE	\$373.06	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$35.00
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$64.00	MIDWEST SERVICE & SALES	EQ	\$5,200.00
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	TR	\$980.00	NE PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	UT	\$52.66
KEARNEY INVESTMENT CORP	SE	\$344.85	NMC, INC	SE	\$2,870.10
HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$288.39	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$1,604.34
INDOFF INC	SU	\$67.97	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	SU	\$150.82
INTL ASSOC ASSESSING OFFICE	FE	\$240.00	OVERLAND READY MIXED	SU	\$1,161.90
JONES BANK	SE	\$248.18	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$926.19
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,790.58	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO	SE	\$192.44
KOTIK & MCCLURE, ATTYS	SE	\$1,010.01	POWERPLAN	SE	\$59.28
LA QUINTA INN & SUITES	TR	\$1,507.63	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	SU	\$1,872.51
LEE ENTERPRISES	SE	\$325.00	PIZZA KITCHEN	SU	\$93.95
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$2,370.81	VALENTINO'S SEWARD	SU	\$237.93
LIFEGUARD MD, INC	EQ	\$199.00	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$1,475.00
LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$93.45	CORI J STAVA	SE	\$588.00
SUSAN MAGILL	SE	\$525.00	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$8,813.72
MATAGORDA CO SHERIFF	SE	\$75.00	JR AUDIO	SE	\$1,000.00
MATTSON RICKETTS LAW	SE	\$3,500.00	JEFF NELSON	SE	\$780.00
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$476.26	POTTER REPAIR	SE	\$1,531.78
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$2,213.20	SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	EQ	\$260.00
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$1,255.84	TRANSUNION RISK & ALT	SE	\$436.00
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$524.98	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$191.55
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERVICES	SE	\$6,251.45	SARGENT DRILLING	SE	\$88,984.71
MORROW, POPPE	SE	\$1,091.25	BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$12,518.70
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$411.23	CIDNET	SE	\$2,693.22
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$150.00	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	SE	\$1,000.00
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	FE	\$90.00	SALARIES		\$296,376.58
NEBRASKA.GOV	FE	\$16.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
ONESOURCE	SE	\$225.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
PER MAR SECURITY SERV	SE	\$548.64	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
POLARIS LAW GRP	SE	\$66.50	DELTA DENTAL		
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$1,244.25	VSP VISION		
PRINTELECT	SU	\$199.95	WADDELL & REED		
QUADIENT	SE	\$79.80			

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Reports:
 Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, attended the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) meeting and worked on E911 items.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will attend a Visitors Committee meeting.

Commissioner Culver attended a Blue Valley Community Action meeting, attended the county Safety Committee meeting, attended a Planning Commission meeting, and dealt with various correspondence.

Commissioner Hain reported she attended a legislative discussion meeting, gave a presentation to the Utica Senior Center, has been working with Aging Services and Aging Partners, attended a NIRMA Conference, inspected several roads and reached out to Road Department about some problem areas, spoke with Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy about water and sewer infrastructure, and is working on edits for a job description.

Commissioner Ahmic attended a legislative discussion meeting, gave updates on the Allo phone transition in county offices, received feedback on the Safe Streets and Roads grant, worked with Zoning, had calls regarding water conservation, worked on Public Transit items, attended Scare at the Fair, worked on some items for the Veterans Service Officer, attended Buddy Check, and attended the Planning Commission meeting.

Jon Regnier, Assistant Highway Superintendent, was present along with Adam Mace from Mainelli Wagner & Associates to give their recommendation for the awarding of the bid for Milford East Paving Project C-80(591).

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to award the bid for the Milford East Paving Project C-80(591) to Pavers, Inc with a total project amount of \$689,635.51.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:44 a.m.
The Commissioners reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

Regnier, Jeff Fleischman, Road Department Shop Foreman, and Zach Happel of Murphy Tractor and Equipment were present to discuss the request from the Road Department to use the Inheritance Fund to help purchase either one or two new motor graders. The Road Department would like to either trade or auction four motor graders and get two new ones. The quoted price from Murphy Tractor for two machines is \$739,992.00, not including the trade in value of the equipment. The bid from NMC Cat is \$635,520.00 including the trade in value and the maintenance agreement. Both bids include the Sourcewell government contract amount. Culver asked Fleischman which brand he preferred, to which Fleischman stated pros and cons of each. Happel said Murphy Tractor will still honor their trade value until the new machines are delivered, so if the county chooses to try to auction the four motor graders that are being discarded, they don't sell and the new ones haven't been delivered, the old machines can still be taken on trade. Zabrocki stated that he would like to explore the option of trying to sell the old ones at auction and if they don't sell, then trade them out.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the request from the Road Department to accept the Sourcewell bid from Murphy Tractor & Equipment for the purchase of two motor graders in the amount of \$732,992.00, with \$98,142.00 to be paid by the Special Road Fund and the remaining balance of \$634,850.00 to be paid out of Inheritance, with any proceeds from the sale of the four old motor graders to be paid back to the Inheritance Fund.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Roxanne Knutson, Human Resources Director, and Tiffany Allen, Assistant Human Resources Director, were present to discuss the reclassification of the Public Transit Assistant Director position and wage. Currently, there is a Public Transit Director and a Coordinator/Dispatcher position in Public Transit. The Coordinator has been completing more tasks in place of the Director than what is included in that position's job description. In order for the department to grow, Human Resources would like to reclassify the Coordinator position to Assistant Director to better define the role of that position. As a result of this reorganization, there will be changes to the salary line items in the Public Transit budget made in the future. Currently, the Coordinator position salary is \$19.13/hour. With the new added duties, it is requested to be changed to \$20.67/hour. Culver stated that he would like the new job description to read that this position will have *minimal* supervisor duties, rather than no supervisor duties, since the Assistant will fill in in the absence of the Director when the Director is gone.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the reclassification of the Public Transit Assistant Director's position and wage. The position will pay \$20.76/hour which equates to \$43,000.00 annually.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Hain, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3784 to allow Jones Bank to Withdraw Pledged Securities.

RESOLUTION NO. 3784 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS the Jones Bank & Trust desires to withdraw the following securities as it was pledged to the Seward County Treasurer on April 29, 2019 and will be sunk on November 15, 2023:

<u>DESCRIP</u>	<u>CUSIP#</u>	<u>MARKET VALUE</u>
VERDIGRE NE	923393AW2	\$180,000.00

WHEREAS the County Deposits will still be protected at all times.

LET IT BE RESOLVED that this County board accepts the above withdrawal of security pledging by the Jones Bank as of 10/24/2023.

Dated this 24 day of October, 2023.

Moved by: Schmieding Seconded by Zabrocki

Ayes: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Hain,

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Brandy M. Johnson, Deputy County Clerk

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Sheriff Fee & Mileage Report for August 2023 in the amounts of \$1726.00 and \$847.02.

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

Motion Carried

During the Infrastructure Related Grants discussion, Adam Mace from Mainelli Wagner & Associated reported on the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant and discussed the timelines of submitting the grant information. During the discussion on the Safe Streets and Roads Grants, Ahmic reported that the county will need to have a comprehensive safety action plan to complete this grant.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 31, 2023 are as follows:

9:00 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 24, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for Monday, November 6, 2023

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the October 24, 2023 Seward County Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, 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 October 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

October 31, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on October 31, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on October 31, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of October 24, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt. and Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk updated the Commissioners on activities of their departments/offices.

The Board talked about the agenda item "Clarification of the Commissioners' Intent regarding the Motion for Uploading of Audio Recordings to the Seward County Website on April 25, 2023." Commissioner Hain led discussion of the subject and stated the motion made on that day was to have one month of audio recordings uploaded to the County website for a period of one month and then they would be removed upon uploading the next week's recording, but the motion did not say that. The motion said, "to add Commissioner meeting voice recordings to the county website for a period of one month and that will be done by Human Resources." A lengthy discussion was held about the context of the discussion and intent of the motion. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney gave her legal opinion of the issue. Each Commissioner stated their thoughts on the subject. Because it was on the agenda as "Discussion Only" and no absolute consensus was arrived at, the Commissioners went to the next item on the agenda.

The next item on the agenda was "Designate Seward County Employees who will Record and Provide Commissioner Meeting Audio Recordings to the Human Resources Department for Uploading to the County Website." Hain said she would volunteer to record the meeting in addition to the County Clerk's recording and then give her recording to HR to put on the county website. Some Commissioners voiced concern about having two recordings of the meeting. Hain said she wants greater information and transparency for the public. Commissioners Zabrocki, Schmieding and Culver said they have never been asked by the public about wanting audio recordings. County Clerk Sherry Schweitzer stated that the minutes have been posted on the county website for 10-15 years and if anybody wants to listen to the recordings, all they have

to do is contact her. No action was taken at this time. The subject will be on the agenda for next week.

The Commissioners considered a Purchase Agreement with Murphy Tractor. It was discovered the agreement did not have correct information on it. The Commissioners decided that the information should be corrected, and the item will be put on the agenda at a later date.

Jake Zlatkovsky, County Treasurer and Sherry Leising, Deputy County Treasurer were present to give information about the Distress Warrant items on the agenda.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Treasurer's Certification of Distress Warrants for Tax Year 2022 to be collected by the Seward County Sheriff.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3785 in regard to allowing First Bank of Utica to replace an Irrevocable Letter of Credit.

RESOLUTION NO. 3785 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, First Bank of Utica replaced an irrevocable letter of credit, number 76935, which expired 10/04/23 with a new irrevocable letter of credit, number 82651, in the amount of 3,000,000.00. The effective date is 10/05/23 and the expiration date is 10/04/24.

WHEREAS, County funds will continue to be fully covered.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Seward County Board approves the irrevocable letter of credit replacement.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2023.

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

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain to accept the County Treasurer's 1st Quarter Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

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

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director gave information about a quote from Soarin' Group for a replacement of the computer in the EOC Room in the Justice Center. Currently, the computer in the podium is connected by an outlet/wiring in the floor. Whenever the podium gets moved, the wires get unplugged which causes problems. She said the computer needs to be replaced and that Soarin' Group will change the wiring so the connecting issue can be resolved. She also mentioned the bulb of the projector in the room needs to be replaced at a cost of \$376.06.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the request for funding for the two quotes from Soarin' Group for replacement of IT items in the EOC room at the Justice Center: 1. in the amount of \$957.00 and the other in the amount of \$376.06 to be paid out of the IT budget in the General Fund.

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

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director joined Hatfield on the request for an employee due to a change in employment status. The employee did ask to go part time previously and now she is asking to go back to full time.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the request for the pay exemption for employee # 120021 due to a change in employment status and that they be started at a full-time wage of \$24.40/hour.

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

Knutson introduced Brandy Hafer as the recommended candidate for the new Public Transit Director. Commissioner Ahmic gave information about her.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to accept the request to accept Brandy Hafer as the new Public Transit Director with an annual wage of \$48,000 with a start date of Nov. 6, 2023.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on the new arrangement of desks at the West Wing. She stated due to the change in offices, the Veterans Service Office will be at the front of the office along with Aging Services. Public Transit will then be towards the back of the room. Due to these changes, a new desk is needed for the Veteran's Service Office for the Admin Asst. The budget for the Veteran's Service Office is small and did not plan for this expense. Marissa Pfile, Veteran's Service Officer Assistant presented a quote from Eakes on a desk which would work.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the Veterans Service Office the request to purchase a desk not to exceed \$2,200 to be paid out of Inheritance Funds.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SEND) meeting, an E911 meeting, a meeting with the Building & Grounds Supt. about the chimes and a meeting with HR. He also dealt with a personnel issue.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he had a Visitor's Committee meeting and will have a Region V meeting in Lincoln and an Extension Board meeting in the near future. He also spoke to the Building & Grounds Supt. and constituents in his area.

Commissioner Culver reported he received calls about zoning and about a bridge that was damaged by a car accident, attended the 911 Board meeting, checked into communication equipment for motor graders, visited the Sheriff's Office Building addition, checked roads and received various correspondences.

Commissioner Hain reported she participated in an opioid abuse webinar, met with Road Dept. about the snow removal plan, met with a Village of Staplehurst trustee, met with a representative of Nebraska Dept. Environment and Energy, helped with the county surplus sale, had a follow-up meeting in regard to a program for inmates who are released from the Detention Center, is continuing to try to find Aging Service Board members, and worked on a presentation for a meeting with Senator Ben Hansen.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she received calls from possible candidates for Highway Supt. and calls wanting information about zoning, gave information about communications with constituents whose road name may change, and gave information about the changing of phone systems with Allo. She also gave information on the Lumin installation for E911, Safe Street and Roads Grant(s), went to York County about car use for the District Judge Bailiff, gave information about the Veterans Service Officer and his Assistant's test results, Operation Greenlight, the Public Transit audit, and mentioned email problems that she has encountered.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman sign the Surplus Property Disposal Request from Public Transit.

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

During discussion on the Infrastructure Related Grants, Commissioner Ahmic stated the Commissioner Webpage now lists the projects they are working on. Commissioner Hain stated that she will participate in a meeting via Zoom in regard to the grants and is trying to get letters of support for a grant.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on MONDAY November 6, 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 October 31, 2023
5. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through October 27, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Audio Recordings on County Website
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for November 14, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Highway Supt. Interview Process

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn the County Board of Commissioners Oct 31, 2023 meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 6th day of November 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

November 6, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on November 6, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on November 6, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Those officials who updated the Commissioners on activities of their offices were Marilyn Hladky, Sandy Shaw and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of October 31, 2023.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the claims for the period through October 27, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH OCTOBER 27, 2023					
ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	STATE OF NE DEPT CORR.SERV	SE	\$1,987.70
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$4,557.47	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$7,084.46
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$133.32	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$2,113.00
ALL COPY PRODUCTS	SU	\$21.14	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	SU	\$133.25
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$24.44	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$167.99
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$20,314.85	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$3,008.38
ASSN FLOODPLAIN MGRS	FE	\$180.00	VISA	FE	\$550.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$906.55	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$181.70
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,425.00	CHEMSEARCH	SE	\$2,853.90
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$664.93	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$47,427.90
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	SU	\$139.99	KV ENTERPRISES	SU	\$50.83
COMFORT INN	TR	\$107.00	HEARTLAND TIRES	SU	\$2,339.44
CONNER PSYCH SERV	SE	\$425.00	MAINELLI WAGNER	SE	\$62,685.20
GREGORY L MUELLER	SE	\$1,010.00	MIDWEST UNLIMITED	SE	\$44.75
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	TR	\$853.65	MILLER SEED	SU	\$200.00
E 911	SE	\$44,869.17	SID DILLON	EQ	\$1,366.13
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$110.80	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	SU	\$711.81
EATON CORP	SE	\$126.00	SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	SE	\$55.50
EGAN SUPPLY	SU	\$116.48	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$104.70
EMBLEM ENTERPRISES	SU	\$459.99	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$56.12
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$13,153.30	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$13,068.98
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$233.50	SUE IMIG	SE	\$180.00
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$61.50	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	SE	\$180.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$96.90	DELTA DENTAL OF NEBR	FE	\$234.53
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$144.45	VSP INSURANCE	FE	\$15.57
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$263.23	MILFORD AGING	SE	\$1,873.50

JONES AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$130.00	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$137.50
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,790.58	SEWARD AGING	SE	\$2,175.20
KONICA MINOLTA PREM FIN	EQ	\$131.48	UTICA AGING	SE	\$1,705.80
LA QUINTA INN & SUITES	TR	\$629.70	GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$2,200.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$1,620.47	COR THERAPEUTIC SERV	SE	\$78.24
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$145.20	CIVICPLUS	SE	\$6,391.00
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$47,765.84	CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCING	SU	\$422.15
MIPS INC	SE	\$2,386.34	GREAT PLAINS COMMUN	UT	\$605.00
NE FSMA	FE	\$55.00	URIBE REFUSE SERV	SE	\$156.00
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$10.00	LAST MILE NETWORK	UT	\$870.00
PLATTE CO DETENTION FAC	SE	\$175.00	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTNG	SE	\$115.00
POSTMASTER	SU	\$310.00	SALARIES		\$288,144.07
QUADIANT, INC	SU	\$1,875.13	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
REDIGER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$156.29	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$101,796.84	DELTA DENTAL		
SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$1,534.10	VSP VISION		
ST OF NE DAS COMM	SE	\$1,382.40	WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he participated in a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) roundtable event via Zoom, attended an E911 Director interview and will have another interview today. He also had two meetings about a personnel matter.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he had a Visitors Committee meeting, noted he received a constituent compliment of the Treasurer's Office, will have a Region V meeting, received a comment about a City of Seward intersection, and will be attending a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) meeting in York.

Commissioner Culver reported he received emails about various road projects, talked to the Road Dept. about barricades at road projects, checked roads, and met with constituents near a road project.

Commissioner Hain reported she and Commissioner Ahmic participated in a call to Mainelli & Associates about a grant for a road project, reached out to Road Dept. personnel for accounting details, met with Senator Ben Hansen, went through applications for Aging Service Program Director, completed edits for team lead position, is working on a water event with Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) at the Seward Civic Center, sent information to Ag Society for Emergency Plan, worked on unsold items from surplus property, attended the GOP Gala Fundraiser and will be going to other entities about the NDEE item.

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt. presented a Surplus Property Disposal Request for the Commissioners consideration. He did not have an estimated value for the motor graders listed on the form, so the Commissioners will consider this next week when he obtains an appraisal for the equipment.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she received phone calls about a zoning information and water conservation event, received questions about road issues, updated the Commissioners about the purchase of a desk for the Veterans Service office, reported on an audit for Public Transit, attended a meeting with Senator Hansen, attended a League of Women Voters event, updated the Legislative idea for Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), reminded others of Operation Green Light, had a call with Mainelli & Associates with Commissioner Hain.

The Commissioners discussed the Highway Supt. interview process item on the agenda. HR Director, Roxanne Knutson gave information about the timeframe the position has been offered and number of applications received. Commissioner Culver suggested two Commissioners and HR conduct the interviews of those candidates that are picked for interviews. Commissioner Zabrocki said he felt the same and would not be in favor of having the interviews in front of the whole Board which would require publishing, etc.

Commissioner Hain said she would prefer involvement with all Commissioners. Ahmic said she would not be in favor of a public meeting and suggested having a meeting with two groups made up of HR staff and two Commissioners and having the candidate in front of each group for 30 minutes. The decision was to have each candidate interviewed by one group consisting of the HR Director and two Commissioners, and the other group consisting of the Asst. HR Director and two different Commissioners. Knutson will start to schedule the interviews immediately.

The Commissioners then discussed the "Audio Recordings on the County Website" item on the agenda. Commissioner Culver led discussion and said the consensus last week was that the way the motion was interpreted stated voice recordings shall be added to the county website for a period of 4 weeks. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney said at previous meetings, when a motion is confusing or ambiguous, the context of the discussion should be considered. In this case, she felt the discussion was that the audio recordings should be on the website for one month *at a time*. After Culver made his statement, she said it was inconsistent with her legal opinion. Zabrocki stated he voted for the motion as stated. Hain said she has spent a lot of time on this subject. She said the motion was made April 25 and passed unanimously and ceased on July 11, 2023. She contacted Armstead for assistance with motion context. She offered to record meetings, as a Commissioner, to help relieve the undue burden on the Clerk's Office. She also said that she felt there is a duty to represent her constituents and provide the needs to the public.

Commissioner Culver stated there were many hours spent on this issue. He stated Hain could post it on her personal Facebook page. Armstead stated that her legal opinion was that the context of the motion was that the Commissioners meetings audio recordings would each be posted for a month and then it would drop off so there is a rotation of recordings. So that is why she felt the context means different than how the motion was stated. Zabrocki stated he is not opposed, but he wants to see it done correctly and with the right equipment and the right storage. Hain stated the microphone she purchased was a minimal expense and the cost would not be exorbitant. She also said she would donate the microphone. Ahmic said she was not in favor of having the Clerk's Office do extra work and she did not get any emails wanting the audio recording. Culver said he also did not get any emails from a constituent wanting this. Ahmic stated she did not feel it was in the best interest of the County Clerk's Office to spend time making sure the minutes match exactly with the audio recording.

Jason Schaefer, Danna Seevers, Kirk Hain and Tim Huntington spoke in favor of having audio recordings on the website.

Schweitzer commented that the minutes are posted on the county website soon after the meeting and that nobody has requested to have the audio recordings on the website.

Moved by Hain to upload the county commissioner audio recordings to the county website and that each audio recording be listed on the website for a minimum of one month.

Motion died for lack of a second.

The Commissioners then discussed recording meetings in the future.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for October 2023 in the amount of \$2,322.41.

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

Ahmic led discussion on the adding of a vehicle to the Seward County fleet for officials of the various offices to use for going to meetings, etc. She said there have been many instances where officials have wanted to use a vehicle, but one was not available. She said the two current vehicles are being used quite a bit by the bailiff and Public Transit, which is fine, but then other officials have to use their own vehicles. After discussion, it

was suggested that the county could use another SUV that is mid-size. Commissioner Ahmic will search for a vehicle and bring back ideas for the Board to consider.

The Commissioners discussed recommitting to Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) for liability and workers compensation insurance.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3786 in regard to recommitting to Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) for liability and workers compensation insurance for a 3-year term.

RESOLUTION 3786
FOR AMENDMENT AND ADDENDUM TO
NIRMA/NIRMA II INTERGOVERNMENTAL/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, Seward County has previously entered into Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements with various other Nebraska Counties and other public agencies to form and participate in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association II (NIRMA II) as authorized by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4301 et seq.) and the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-801 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, Counties and other Public Agencies as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4303 are allowed to participate in said cooperative undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that proper risk management requires the spreading of risk so as to minimize fluctuation in insurance needs and that benefits can be derived through the pooling of insurance purchasing by local government, and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II have provided coverages to the County in a cost effective way which meet and exceed that provided by standard insurance carriers; and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II provide risk management services such as loss prevention, safety audits and assessments, claims and litigation management, and coverages tailored to address loss exposures counties and other related public entities face not economically available from the sources; and

WHEREAS, these coverages and risk management services are essential for the continued effective and efficient use of county taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the current Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements will expire on June 30, 2024, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board hereby:

1. Extends its commitment to participate in NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027; and
2. Declares that this Resolution shall serve as an amendment and addendum to the previous Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements entered into by the County Board, said Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements readopted by and incorporated herein by this reference as amended.

After motion duly made by member Zabrocki and seconded by member Hain, the following members voted by roll call vote as follows in regard to adoption of said Resolution:

The following members voted in favor of the same: Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic, Schmieding

The following members voted against the same:

The following members were absent or not voting:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 6TH day of November, 2023.

Seward County Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

By: John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

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

Motion Carried

Zabrocki is absent at 10:34 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the remaining Unsold Items from Surplus Sale item on the agenda. It was decided that an email will be sent out to all employees that the remaining items would be offered to offices at no charge or to employees for personal use at a minimal charge.

For Infrastructure Related Grant discussion on the agenda, there was discussion about the billing by an engineering firm helping with information about grants. Ahmic also reported that she did get information about the Safe Street and Roads Grant.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 14, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of October 24, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 14, 2023 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 6, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

1. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
2. Commissioners Reports
3. Discuss/Action – Attachments on the Agenda that is posted on the County website
4. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
5. Discuss/Action – Agenda for November 21, 2023

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the November 6, 2023 at 10:54 am

Affirmative Vote: Hain, 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 November 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

November 14, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on November 14, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on November 14, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky
County Treasurer: Jake Zlatkovsky
Absent: Member: Raegan Hain

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 October 24, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the vehicle tax exemption application for two 2023 GMC 3500 RWD 155 with VINS 1GJZ7NFP8P1173072 and 1GJZ7NFP2P1172189 both for Concordia University.

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 28, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 14, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the Board of Equalization at 8:48 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: 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 28th day of November 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

November 14, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on November 14, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on November 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
 Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
 County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Absent: Member: Raegan Hain

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 6, 2023.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt. updated the Commissioners on information about road projects. The hard surfaced road near the northwest edge of Milford was specifically discussed and expressed the need for re-surfacing. They instructed Wicht the need to put it on the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan for 2024. They also talked about box culverts and the A St. bridge that was damaged by an auto accident.

Travis Boyll of Nebraska Machinery was present to discuss concerns about the recent motor grader bids. He gave them information about Caterpillar motor graders and wanted to hear concerns why, although the bid was lower, the Board chose the John Deere model.

The Board then discussed the request to not repair an older vehicle in the building and grounds department that was damaged by the June 2022 hailstorm and put the money from insurance into the department's sinking fund. The subject was tabled since the Building and Grounds Supt. could not be in attendance.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, checked roads, reported on the 911 Director vacant position, have been handling some of the administrative work at the 911 center, and will attend the recommitment dinner for Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA).

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the Region V meeting, worked with the Visitors Committee, checked roads, and will attend the recommitment dinner for Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA).

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Village of Bee, Pleasant Dale and Garland Board meetings, received constituent calls about road conditions, will have a Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) meeting this week and gave information on 911 director vacancy.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she asked the County Clerk to put agenda item supporting documentation on the county website along with the agenda that is already published. She attended the Milford City Council meeting, the Veterans Committee meeting, and a meeting in Gage County and learned about a Game and Parks Commission vacancy for a member from Seward County. She talked with the Highway Supt. about a road issue, researched information for a new fleet car and legislative issues, worked on zoning permit forms and the water conservation meeting details. She also reported that phones in the courthouse were changed with a new Allo system and encountered a few problems on Monday morning.

Wicht presented a Surplus Property Disposal form for four motor graders for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign a Surplus Property Disposal Request from the Road Dept. listing four motor graders with an estimated value of \$200,000.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign a purchase agreement with Murphy Tractor for two Motor Graders in the amount of \$732,992.00.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the Sheriff Fee and Mileage Reports for September 2023 in the amount of \$1,219.00 and \$895.44 respectively.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the County Clerk Fee Report for October 2023 in the amount of \$21,532.61.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Ahmic led discussion about the Public Defender Position item on the agenda. Currently it is vacant and has been vacant numerous times during the prior and current term. They considered not having it as an *elected* position. It was suggested that the Commissioners have a public hearing on the issue. An idea presented for the future was to appoint a public defender or contract for public defender duties. There was also an idea to raise the salary enough so that it would entice someone to file if kept as an elected position. No decision was made at this time. Commissioner Ahmic will get more information and the item will be discussed next week.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:40 a.m.

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

The Commissioners considered a new fleet vehicle for the county. Currently the fleet vehicles for the county are being used so much by officials and various employees that another vehicle is needed. The cost to drive a county vehicle is much more cost efficient than paying mileage to an employee going to a county meeting/event. Two vehicles that the State of Nebraska has on their state bid list are a 2024 Chevrolet Equinox Model LS and Model LT. Ahmic gave information on both models.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the purchase agreement for the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Equinox LT as a new fleet vehicle for Seward County in the amount of \$27,163 using the State of Nebraska bid and the cost to be paid out of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed appointing new members of the Veterans Service Committee. Ahmic explained that she attended the last committee meeting and has been contacted by

several people who would like to be on the committee. She gave information that even though the committee is currently two members short, only one will be appointed at this time.

Moved by Zabrocki to appoint Jim Deremer to the Veterans Service Committee for the term through June 2027.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Ahmic also led discussion about a designated parking spot for veterans at the West Wing annex. The Veterans Service Committee asked that a parking spot be designated at county buildings. The City of Seward officials were contacted and were not interested in designating a spot at the Courthouse. The Commissioners considered designating one spot at the West Wing and the Detention Center with a time limit.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki that a veterans parking spot be designated at the West Wing and the Justice Center with a 2-hour time limit.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Ahmic led discussion on the Legislative Support for County Employees and Officials item on the agenda. The Commissioners have been alerted that there are employees who are being troubled/concerned/harassed by the public while doing their job. She contacted Senator Hughes' office which informed them there is already a law concerning this issue. The Commissioners discussed how to relay information to the public if a certain situation arises. It was suggested that a flyer be made so that all offices can display it in their office and employees can use when away from their office. The HR Office will be asked to help with contacting the County Attorney's office to make sure the verbiage on the flyer is appropriate.

There was no information about infrastructure related grants.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 17, 2023 are as follows:

8:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period ending Nov. 10, 2023

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 21, 2023 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

4. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
5. Pledge of Allegiance
6. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 14, 2023
7. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 17, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows:

8. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
9. Commissioners Reports
10. Discuss/Action – Change Elected Public Defender Position in Seward County
11. Discuss/Action – Request to put Insurance Proceeds for a 2011 Ford Pickup from the Buildings and Grounds Dept. into a Sinking Fund
12. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
13. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
14. Discuss/Action – Agenda for November 28, 2023

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing – Application for a Re-Zone from A1 Agricultural to TA-1 Transitional Agricultural in the SE ¼ of Section 29 Township 12 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. - Re-Zone from A1 Agricultural to TA-1 Transitional Agricultural in the SE ¼ of Section 29 Township 12 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 11:48 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: 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 November 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

November 17, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 8:00 a.m. on November 17, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on November 17, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Absent: Member: Raegan Hain, Misty Ahmic

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 claims for the period through November 10, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH NOVEMBER 10, 2023					
ADP LLC	SE	\$2,635.35	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$12,028.45	WATER ENGINEERING	SE	\$210.00
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SE	\$180.89	WELLS FARGO FINAN LEAS	EQ	\$230.66
ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	UT	\$175.00	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,061.47
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$173.12	WOODS & AITKEN	SE	\$420.50
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	FE	\$20,539.63	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$3,726.00
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$480.00	BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$14.99
BRENNAN, NIELSEN... LAW	SE	\$1,983.91	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$39.91
CATTLE BANK & TRUST	SE	\$208.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$20,207.54
CHI HEALTH COMPANY	SE	\$22.00	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$101.15
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$10,042.36	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$182.50
CLERK OF THE DIST CRT	SE	\$994.00	MEMORIAL CLINIC	SU	\$270.00
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	SU	\$229.99	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$492.43
CORI J STAVA	SE	\$1,121.25	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$59.83
CULLIGAN	SE	\$57.25	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$39.95
DIAMOND DRUGS	SU	\$358.59	NMC, INC	EQ	\$6,871.48
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$2,108.78	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$1,423.10
ES&S	SU	\$1,220.57	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	SU	\$402.38
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX	SE	\$295.76	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$97.54
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	SU	\$14,209.35	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO	SE	\$175.65
GALLS LLC	SE	\$390.68	POMP'S TIRE SERVICE	EQ	\$1,398.00
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$547.54	POWERPLAN	SE	\$892.74
HIRERIGHT LLC	SE	\$158.30	RADIANT HEATING SYS	SE	\$275.00
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$64.00	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$16,144.84
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$232.06	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$27,645.09
IHS PHARMACY	SU	\$341.04	STRAIGHT-LINE STRIPING	SE	\$14,985.85
INDOFF INC	SU	\$282.83	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	SE	\$38.40
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$19,494.15	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	UT	\$713.80
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$250.00	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$50.75
RELX INC	SU	\$213.00	TEN POINT CONSTRUCTION	SE	\$645,601.06
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$83.17	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$40,112.87
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$148.50	GERKENSMEYER FARM	SE	\$250.00
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$90.00	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	SE	\$501.99
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$896.73	HOLLY MATZKE	SE	\$125.00

Chairperson

November 21, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on November 21, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on November 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki

County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

Absent: Member: Raegan Hain

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 November 14, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of November 17, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver

Abstain: Ahmic

Motion Carried

Eric Hofer, Buildings and Grounds Supt., was present to request that money received for an insurance claim for hail damage to one of his department's vehicles not be repaired and instead the money go into his sinking fund.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request to put the insurance proceeds for a 2011 Ford Pickup from the Buildings and Grounds Dept. into his Sinking Fund.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki

Voting No: Ahmic, Culver

Motion Failed

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the request to put the insurance proceeds for a 2011 Ford pickup from the Building and Grounds Dept. from a hail damage claim into the Buildings and Grounds Dept. Sinking fund in the amount of \$9,146.00.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:13 a.m.

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

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was in attendance to discuss going out for bids for a truck and pup.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Highway Supt. to go out for bids for a truck and pup on December 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported on Allo work for the new phone system, worked with a constituent and the Assessor on an issue, attended the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) meeting, worked on zoning permit forms, attended the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Board meeting, worked with the Highway Supt. on a paving project south of Milford and adding another project near Milford, met with Veterans Services Committee about bylaws, gave grant information and met with head of Nebraska Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP), gave information that artwork was hung in Detention Center, and reported there was an accident where a vehicle ran into the West Wing building.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with emails, had a conversation with Lancaster County Highway Supt. about road projects, attended a water conservation meeting last night and will have interviews for Highway Supt.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) meeting in York and will have a Visitors Committee meeting and Highway Supt. interviews this coming week and checked roads.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) meeting in York, attended a 4th of July meeting, a BRIDGES board meeting, and a water conservation meeting. He also met with personnel from the Sheriffs Dept., responded to a constituent call about a road issue, and spent time in the 911 Office helping with administrative duties.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to open a public hearing at 9:31 a.m. for the application to Re-Zone from A1 Agricultural to TA-1 Transitional Agricultural real estate in the SE ¼ of Section 29 Township 12 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator, gave information about the application for a zoning change and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to deny the request with a vote of 7 for, 0 against and 2 absent to deny the request.

Mindy Clark spoke in favor of said application. Denise Kelp, Attorney for Clark, was also in attendance with her.

Josh Delcamp and Ashley Terry spoke in favor of the application for re-zone.

Stepanie Nantkes, Ken Odvody, Alan Codr, Todd Adamek, Dan Nantkes, Lori Jirovsky, Jeannette Adamek and Julie Potter spoke against said application for re-zone.

Jesse Roberts spoke in favor of said application.

Marilyn Hladky did not speak in favor or against said application, but gave information about valuing property.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to close the public hearing at 10:26 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3787 in regard to the denial of the application to Re-Zone from A1 Agricultural to TA-1 Transitional Agricultural in the SE ¼ of Section 29 Township 12 North, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3787 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Nathan Merritt, Jesse Roberts, and Melinda Clarke, have applied for a Zoning District change for a quarter section of land from A-1 Agricultural District to TA-1 Transitional Agricultural District, and

WHEREAS The land is described as a tract in the Southeast 1/4 of, Precinct B. Parcel ID: 800025911 Section 29, Township 12N, Range 3E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, the owners of record are Nathan Merritt, Jesse Roberts, and Melinda Clarke, and

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

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the Zoning District change on October 23, 2023, 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 November 21, 2023, and

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

WHEREAS, 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.

 X Individuals appeared without commitment, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby adopt Resolution 3787 to approve , deny X , the Zoning District Change from A-1 to TA-1.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Schmieding November 21, 2023

Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic,

John K. Culver, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 10:34 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:39 a.m.

Brandy Hafer, Public Transit Director, was present to discuss a proposal to expand passenger fare for out-of-town travel. Hafer said she has been asked by a group to go and view Christmas lights. It was out of this request that she thought that a group rate would help with those organization/clubs/groups who want to use the whole bus for an activity. Hafer will get things organized for a hearing on the fares on December 6, 2023.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, was present to discuss the purchase of an enclosed trailer using TC Energy Grant Funds. Petersen gave the Commissioners information on a trailer he would like to purchase. A quote given to Petersen for the trailer was \$8,850.00.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Emergency Management Director to purchase a trailer with TC Energy grant funds in the amount of \$8,850.00

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

The Guardian RFID System Agreement for the Detention Center will be on next week's agenda.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3788 in regard to authorizing the Chairman to sign the Year-End Highway Superintendent Certification.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT 2023

Resolution No. 3788

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 21st day of November, 2023 at Seward, Nebraska.

County Board Members

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

County Board Member Ahmic

Moved the adoption of said resolution

Member Schmieding Seconded the Motion

Roll Call 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as adopted.

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

*Certification form for dates 01/01/23 – 12/31/23 attached to Resolution

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners discussed changing the Elected Public Defender position in Seward County. Ahmic gave information when another county dealt with a public defender position. Elected vs contracted and costs and employment status of the position was discussed. It was decided that a hearing will be held to hear comments from the public.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki that Seward County publish for a public hearing to change the Elected Public Defender status on December 19, 2023 in a generally circulated newspaper in Seward County.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

In regard to Infrastructure Related Grants, Ahmic stated that LTAP will be the ones to lead us in the Community Safety Action Plan, which can be a supplement for a grant.

There was discussion about the Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act Funds involving costs of safety vests for Seward County Road Dept. employees.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 28, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 14, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on November 28, 2023 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 21, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Res. – Debt Service Fund Obligations
7. Discuss/Action – Next Step Regarding Water Conservation Presentation
8. Discuss/Action – Change Elected Public Defender Position in Seward County
9. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
10. Discuss/Action – Agenda for November 5, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize the Chairman to sign the Guardian RFID System Agreement Addendum B Amendment for the Detention Center

10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Ms. Schneider/G1D – Presentation of GIS Program

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the Seward County Board of Commissioners at 11:59 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: 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 28th day of November 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

November 28, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on November 28, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on November 28, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
 Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
 County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
 County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky
Absent: Member: Raegan Hain

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 November 14, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: 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 December 12, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 28, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 8:50 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: 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 December 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

November 28, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on November 28, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on November 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Absent: Member: Raegan Hain

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 21, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver Motion Carried

Those officials present for the Public/Officials/Boards item on the agenda were Mariá Scamehorn, the new E911 Director for Seward County. She introduced herself and gave information on her background. Those officials also giving information about their offices/departments were Terry Wicht, Jake Zlatkovsky and Sherry Schweitzer.

The Board then discussed the next steps regarding the Water Conservation Meeting outcome item on the agenda. Previously, the Seward County Planning Committee hosted a meeting involving Water Conservation in Seward County and the impact zoning can have on it. Scott Pekarek, a member of the Planning Committee, spoke and explained there are many requests to change zoning in the water conservation area which is the eastern edge of Seward County. Many of those requests are turned down due to the building restrictions in the area because of lack of water. Pekarek stated representatives from the University of Nebraska were in attendance at the meeting. Phil Hargas, a former groundwater geologist for the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) was in attendance today and explained information about the Dakota aquifer. People at the conservation meeting suggested that the County do a study to get more data, given that nearby counties do not adhere to water conservation in their zoning regulations. The Board questioned what would be done with the data from the study. It was suggested having another meeting and inviting neighboring county representatives would be beneficial.

Brandy Hafer, Public Transit Director, was present to discuss the proposal to expand passenger fares to include rates for out-of-town travel. She provided information on the proposed rates. The Board will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the new rates.

Hafer also requested approval for a revised Driver/Passenger Handbook for Public Transit. The handbook will have the County Attorney's Office look through it and the approval of it will be on a future meeting agenda.

The Board recessed at 10:03 a.m.
The Board re-convened at 10:07 a.m.

Sarah Dickmeyer of Schneider Geospatial was present to give a power point presentation about a new program for GIS from Beacon. Officials asked questions about a possible new GIS website for the county. She gave information about costs and other financial information. The Board will consider proceedings with her company for GIS services at a later date.

Tim Huntington of the Sheriff’s Office presented an amendment for the Guardian RFID System Agreement. The Commissioners questioned the reason for the amendment and because Huntington was just presenting it in the absence of the jail administrator, he could not answer all questions. Commissioner Ahmic will reach out to Hatfield to get answers to questions and report next week.

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended an Aging Services meeting, the Seward City Council meeting, the Highway Supt. interviews, did administrative work at the 911 Center and met with the new 911 Director. He also attended a NDEE infrastructure meeting.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he has a meeting today with the Visitors Committee. He called on some area constituents about any concerns they have and participated in the Highway Supt. interviews.

Commissioner Culver reported he checked on roads and road projects, participated in interviews for Highway Supt. and will have a special 911 meeting this week. He also dealt with various emails. He attended the event with NDEE.

Commissioner Ahmic gave updates about Allo and the phone system. She worked on Public Defender and Board of Adjustment subjects and worked with Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) on a Transportation Working Group. She also participated in the Highway Supt. interviews, received calls abouts roads, had meetings with the Road Dept. and HR and attended the event with NDEE.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3789 in regard to transferring \$225,000.00 to the Debt Service Fund.

RESOLUTION #3789 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Seward County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) is the ultimate budgeting authority for Seward County;

WHEREAS, the Seward County Treasurer is the entity responsible for overseeing and monitoring accounting funds for the county in order to pay financial obligations;

WHEREAS, Seward County Debt Services is a fund in Seward County;

WHEREAS, reconciliation of the Debt Services Fund has revealed that revenues will not meet expenditures as required and budgeted;

WHEREAS, the Board has the authority to transfer monetary proceeds from various funds, including the Inheritance Tax fund, to Seward County funds in order to meet financial obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Seward County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Seward County Treasurer to transfer \$225,000.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Seward County Debt Service Fund to meet obligations.

Dated this 28th day of November 2023.

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

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

The Commissioners also discussed appointing members to the Seward County Board of Adjustment. Currently, the Board of Adjustment does not have any members. Commissioner Ahmic stated there needs to be 5 members with 1 alternate on the Board. Suggestions for the Board were Jon Propst, Eric Landkamer, Kent Fickel, Stephanie Luebbe, Ryan Stutzman, Adam Hladky and Phil Hargus.

Zabrocki thanked Commissioner Ahmic for her work on the subject.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to appoint Jon Propst, Eric Landkamer, Kent Fickel, Stephanie Luebbe, Ryan Stutzman, Adam Hladky and Phil Hargus to the Seward County Board of Adjustment.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on the Public Defender position subject on the agenda. Ahmic said she was able to obtain an employment contract of another county that has a contracted Public Defender. Ahmic stated she talked with NACO and said other counties are having the same problem. Contracted attorney vs. employee was discussed. If an individual/firm were contracted, they would not be an employee. A policy Board would need to be created if the attorney were contracted. It was decided to hold a hearing to cease having an *elected* public defender and seek a contracted individual/firm for 2025.

During the Infrastructure Related Grants subject on the agenda, Ahmic reported the Streets and Roads Grant representatives continue to contact her about details.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 5, 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 November 28, 2023
5. Discuss/Action – Claims through the period of November 24, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for December 12, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Meter and Electricity for Siren Pole at Seward Interchange

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing – Amend the Seward County Zoning Regulations Consistent with the Seward County Comprehensive Plan
Discuss/Action – Res.-Seward County Zoning Regulations Consistent with the Seward County Comprehensive Plan

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Add Group Rate to Public Transit Fares

Discuss/Action – Res. - Add Group Rate to Public Transit Fares

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 12:27 pm

Affirmative Vote: 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 December 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

December 5, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on December 5, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on December 5, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Absent: Member: Raegan Hain

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 updating the Commissioners on activities of their office/department were Terry Wicht, Eric Hofer and Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the minutes of November 28, 2023.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to approve claims for the period through November 24, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH NOVEMBER 24, 2023					
ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$1,856.36	SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$9,065.31
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$189.11	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTNG	SE	\$910.50
AMERICAN UNION VENTURES	FE	\$35.00	ST OF NE DAS COMMUN	SE	\$1,382.40
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$22,427.27	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$7,679.98
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,901.87	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$125.00
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$75.00	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	EQ	\$1,142.91
BOB BARKER COMPANY	SU	\$123.16	UPS	SE	\$53.31
BRENNAN, NIELSEN...LAW	SE	\$57.00	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	EQ	\$167.99
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,460.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$1,149.27
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	EQ	\$39.14	VISA	FE	\$2,615.99
CHARTER COMMUNIC	UT	\$310.97	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$2,274.09
COMFORT INN	TR	\$449.80	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$3,095.50
CONNER PSYCH SERV	SE	\$425.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$43,516.45
DHHS	SE	\$500.00	FRONTIER COOP	SU	\$25,846.46
E 911	SE	\$44,869.17	G & P DEVELOP LANDFILL	SE	\$20.41
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$229.98	HEARTLAND TIRES	EQ	\$451.90
ES&S	SU	\$667.65	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SE	\$23.27
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$1,887.18	NEBRASKA TRUCK REPAIR	SE	\$29.75
FIRST WIRELESS	UT	\$291.60	TROYER CONCRETE	SU	\$400.00
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$56.00	TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	EQ	\$287.82
GBE CPA	SE	\$17,812.50	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$18,655.70
GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$1,513.74	CATTLE BANK & TRUST	FE	\$578,180.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$339.96	THE VERDIN COMPANY	SE	\$23,700.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	FE	\$338.73	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$255.50
INDOFF INC	SU	\$647.88	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$452.90

JENNIFER JOAKIM	SE	\$250.00	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$175.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$22,175.47	HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$327.48
KIWANIS CLUB OF SEWARD	SE	\$170.00	JONES BANK	SE	\$100.00
KOTIK & MCCLURE...LAW	SE	\$358.75	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$1,451.50
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$143.26	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$254.89
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$26.00	SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$12,322.49
NE ASSN OF CO ASSESSORS	FE	\$25.00	UTICA BODY & PAINT	SE	\$1,000.00
NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$600.00	DEBT SERVICE JUSTICE CNTR	FE	\$225,000.00
NEBRASKA DEPT OF LABOR	FE	\$6,111.76	SIGN SOLUTIONS USA	SU	\$49.90
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$93.00	APCO INTL	SE	\$375.00
NE WEED CONTROL ASSN	FE	\$210.00	SALARIES		\$314,578.25
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SU	\$8.99	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$81.56	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$712.75	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
REGION V SYSTEMS	SE	\$3,210.00	DELTA DENTAL		
SEWARD SMILES	SE	\$373.00	VSP VISION		
JOY SHIFFERMILLER	SE	\$900.00	WADDELL & REED		

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he participated in a Zoom call with Congressman Mike Flood, attended the Emergency E911 Meeting, the Highway Supt. interviews, and met with the E911 Director, followed up on Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) recommitments and attended the Four Corners Health Dept. Meeting.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he helped the Visitors Committee with a project, participated in the Highway Supt. interviews, received a constituent call about a bridge project, and met with the County Treasurer.

Commissioner Culver reported he participated in the Zoom call with Congressman Mike Flood, attended the Emergency E911 Meeting, participated in the Highway Supt. interviews, received calls from constituents, checked roads during snowstorm on Sunday and contacted the Road Dept. about the road issues.

Commissioner Ahmic stated she felt the Road Dept. needed to respond to road conditions earlier than they did in regard to the Sunday Night snowstorm, did get a phone system problem worked out with Allo, attended the Zoom call with Congressman Mike Flood and will reach out to Milford representatives on a grant application. She also participated in Highway Supt. interviews, met with the Detention Center Director and attended the Utica Board of Trustees meeting.

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion on adding some electrical services on the Courthouse lawn. Recently, participation in Operation Green Light and other events would have been easier if there were more outlets around the courthouse square. The Commissioners discussed where the power would come from – the lamp posts or the courthouse. Ahmic will get a quote for electrical outlets trenched from the courthouse for both statues on the North side of the courthouse.

Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, was present to give information about a siren near the Seward I-80 Exit. Alyssa Hendrix, owner of the property where the siren has been located, was also in attendance. Petersen said the siren is old, parts cannot be bought for it and is a 3-phase electrical service. Hendrix gave information about the location of the current siren and about an easement in the northwest corner of her property close to where the siren is located.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to direct the Emergency Management Director to secure bids to replace the tornado siren at the Seward I-80 Interchange with a 110 System and include trenching of new electrical service with the cost to come out of Fund 2501 – Emergency Manager Grant Fund.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:33 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:36 a.m.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to open the Public Hearing at 9:37 a.m. to amend the Seward County Zoning Regulations to include and define combination dwellings to be consistent with the Seward County Comprehensive Plan.

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

Becky Paulsen, Zoning Administrator gave information about the proposed amendment.

No comments were received at said hearing.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to close the Public Hearing at 9:40 a.m.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3790 in regard to approving the amendment to the Seward County Zoning Regulations to include and define combination dwellings to be consistent with the Seward County Comprehensive Plan.

RESOLUTION NO 3790 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Seward County Board of Commissioners desires to amend its Zoning Regulation, and the proposed amendments are consistent with the Seward County Comprehensive Development Plan and,

WHEREAS A Public Notice setting forth the Notice of Public Hearing by the Seward County Planning Commission on the amendments incorporated herein, was published in the Seward County Independent, and the Milford Times on June 6, 2023, as required by law, and the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the amendments incorporated herein, June 26, 2023, and the Planning Commission recommended Approval of the amendments incorporated herein, with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 against, and 2 absent, and

WHEREAS A Public Notice setting forth the Notice of Public Hearing by the Seward County Board of Commissioners on the amendments incorporated herein, was published in the Seward County Independent, and the Milford Times on November 21, 2023, as required by law, and the Seward County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the attached amendments incorporated by reference herein, August 15, 2023, and

WHEREAS The proposed amendments would affect Section 2.03. of the existing regulations and would add a new Section for Combined Dwelling(s). Included are the regarding amendments to the Zoning Regulations of Seward County Nebraska, consistent with the Seward County Comprehensive Plan. Pursuant to Article 2, Definition of Terms, Section 2.03 of the Seward County Nebraska Zoning Regulations. The proposed amendments relate to regulations for Combined Dwelling

2.03.161.01 DWELLING. COMBINATION shall mean a combination of a dwelling unit and a machine shed under a common or connecting roofing system. A Combination Dwelling shall not be classified as a farm building. The residence portion of the facility shall meet the minimum standards for Single-Family Dwelling. In addition, the Combination Dwelling must meet the following standards:

- The Combination Dwelling shall have no less than 600 square feet of finished living space to include a kitchen, bathroom, and living/sleeping quarters.
- Combination Dwelling cannot have wheels, axels, transporting lights, or removeable towing apparatus attached.

- Allowable in: A-1, TA-1, RR-1 MU-1

WHEREAS X No one appeared to oppose said amendments.
 Individuals appeared to oppose said amendments.
 X No one appeared to support said amendments.
 Individuals appeared to support said amendments.
 Individuals appeared without commitment of said amendments, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby.

approve 4 deny 0 Resolution NO 3790 and the adoption of the amendments incorporated herein.

Moved by: Ahmic Seconded by: Zabrocki December 5, 2023
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Misty Ahmic,
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Zoning Administrator's Fee Report for July 2023 in the amount of \$1,200.00.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Zoning Administrator's Fee Report for August 2023 in the amount of \$1,875.00.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to accept the Zoning Administrator's Fee Report for September 2023 in the amount of \$1,725.00.

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

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Zoning Administrator's Fee Report for October 2023 in the amount of \$1,275.00.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:55 a.m.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to open the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. to add a Group Rate to Public Transit fares.

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

Brandy Hafer, Public Transit Director, gave information about the new proposed group fares. She stated she has been asked to take groups for trips and developing a group rate would be a good idea.

Gale Jungemann-Schulz, Jolynn Moesta and Teresa Schoen, all spoke in favor of adding a group rate for Public Transit.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to close the Public Hearing at 10:09 a.m.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Schmieding to add a Group Rate as follows to the Public Transit Fares.

Group Rate:

Lincoln and surrounding Seward County–

Group up to 12 at a rate of \$175 for out-of-town transportation (3 stops included as per current rates) The trip would include 5 hours of time, including drive time round trip.

- Can add two-wheel chairs to the group (which is not wheelchair seating) is \$5 each
- Each hour over 5 hours of service would be \$25/hour.
- Additional stops above the 3 would go as:
 - o 4 stops \$50
 - o 5 stops \$75
 - o 6 stops \$90
 - o Additional stops above 6 would be \$30/stop

Omaha –

Group up to 12 at a rate of \$225 for out-of-town transportation (3 stops included as per current rates) The trip would include 5 hours of time, including drive time into Lincoln and back.

- Can add two-wheel chairs to the group (which is not wheelchair seating) is \$5 each
- Each hour over 5 hours of service would be \$25/hour.
- Additional stops above the 3 would go as:
 - o 4 stops \$60
 - o 5 stops \$90
 - o 6 stops \$100
 - o Additional stops above 6 would be \$30/stop

Grand Island –

Group up to 12 at a rate of \$200 for out-of-town transportation (3 stops included as per current rates) The trip would include 5 hours of time, including drive time into Lincoln and back.

- Can add two-wheel chairs to the group (which is not wheelchair seating) is \$5 each
- Each hour over 5 hours of service would be \$25/hour.
- Additional stops above the 3 would go as:
 - o 4 stops \$60
 - o 5 stops \$90
 - o 6 stops \$100
 - o Additional stops above 6 would be \$30/stop

Reviewed and approved by Seward County Board of Commissioners:

John Culver, Chairman

12/05/2023

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve the updated Public Transit Drug and Alcohol Policy.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 10:13 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:15 a.m.

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht, and Asst. Highway Supt., Jon Regnier were in attendance to discuss using County Road 238 (Matzke Highway) and then Highway 34 heading east from Seward to Lincoln as a Detour Route for the State of Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT). The Commissioners expressed worry about using Matzke Highway as a detour for interstate traffic which includes many semi-trucks. The Commissioners asked Wicht to communicate to the NDOT questions that arose during discussion such as using Highway 6 as a detour rather than Matzke Highway. The resolution and agreement will be considered after questions have been answered.

HR Director, Roxanne Knutson was present to discuss the request to change to Employee Only Contribution for Health Insurance Premium. She explained that because of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) rules, the IRS has stated that Seward County has to offer "affordable" plans for its employees. She gave information about a formula that the IRS uses to calculate if our program is affordable. Although our plan has good benefits, according to the IRS, our plan is potentially not affordable for some who choose the single option. Her suggestion was to change the employee share of health insurance for the single option from 80/20 cost share (80% of the premium paid by the county and the employee pay 20%), to a 90/10. Commissioner Zabrocki asked Knutson what the financial cost would be if the cost share would be changed yearly by increments. Knutson will find out the information and report next week.

Commissioner Ahmic led a discussion about additions to the new phone system. She stated two departments have asked for additional phone capabilities such as phones that record and an app phone. She has asked Allo what the costs are for those additions and has not received concrete figures. Sheriff Mike Vance gave information about his office requests. Ahmic will bring back solid numbers from Allo and report next week.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Cost Allocation Plan Contract Agreement with Maximus US Services, Inc.

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

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion about grants and stated there are individuals at state offices that can help with grants. There was also discussion about using Lancaster County to help bundle projects for grants.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to go into Executive Session at 11:18 a.m. to discuss strategy.

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

The Chairman re-stated the Executive Session was for strategy.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to go out of Executive Session at 12:35 p.m.

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

The Chairman stated that while in Executive Session, no action was taken.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on December 12, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of November 28, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 12, 2023 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 5, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

1. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
2. Commissioners Reports
3. Discuss/Action – Appoint Dentist Member to Four Corners Health Dept.
4. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
5. Discuss/Action – Agenda for December 19, 2023

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open Bids for Road Dept. Truck and Pup

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 12:38 p.m.
Affirmative Vote: 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 December 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

December 12, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on December 12, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on December 12, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky
Absent: Member: Raegan Hain

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 November 28, 2023.

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

Hladky gave information about the Tax List Corrections she has submitted for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to approve Tax List Correction No. 417-23R, 418-23R, 419-23R, 202-23P, 203-23P, and 204-23P.

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

Hladky then updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on December 26, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 12, 2023

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn at 8:37 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: 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 26th day of December 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

December 12, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on December 12, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on December 12, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer
Absent: Member: Raegan Hain

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 Schmieding to approve the minutes of December 5, 2023.

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

During officials comment time on the agenda, Highway Supt., Terry Wicht updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for November 2023 in the amount of \$8,495.26.

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

The Board recessed at 9:14 a.m.

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

Sherry Leising, Deputy County Treasurer, was present to ask approval for investment options for Seward County.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki approve the application for the investment of Seward County funds from Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT).

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the application for the investment of Seward County funds from Nebraska Federal Investment Trust (NFIT).

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Milford City Council meeting and reported the Milford Elevator is being torn down and will cause internet disruption for residents in the

Milford area, updated information about staff at the Veteran’s Service Office, and met with Mainelli Wagner & Associates about a road project.

Commissioner Culver reported he dealt with various correspondence.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he visited with constituents in his area.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) Safety meeting, the Broadband Task Force meeting, the SouthEast Nebraska Development District meeting (SENDDD), interviews for the Aging Services Director, had a 911 meeting with the Director, attended a reception for the Deputy Assessor, attended the Seward Planning Commission meeting, and met with the Building & Grounds Supt. about lighting around the courthouse.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to open bids at 9:30 a.m. for the Road Dept. truck and pup.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, CulverMotion Carried

Bids were received from: Midwest Peterbuilt Group, RDO Truck Center and Freightliner Truck Company of Lincoln. The awarding of the bid will be considered next week.

The Commissioners considered an update of the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan to add a road paving project on 252nd Road between West Milford Road and Van Dorn Road.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3791 in regard to updating the 1 & 6 Year Road Plan to add a road paving project C-80(702) on 252nd Road between West Milford Road and Van Dorn Road.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3791
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, a One- and Six-Year Plan was approved by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County on April 11th, 2023.

WHEREAS, it has been determined by said Commissioners, that project C-80 (702) should now be added to the previously mentioned One-and-Six-Year Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Seward County, Nebraska, that the aforementioned approved One- and Six-Year Plan is hereby amended with the addition of this project.

Adopted this 12th day of December 2023 at Seward, Nebraska.

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

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, CulverMotion Carried

The Commissioners also considered the agreement from the NDOT to use Matzke Highway as a detour for an I-80 Project.

There were questions about notification about the dates when the Matzke Highway will be needed to be used as a detour since the highway is just a 2-lane road. Wicht will find out answers to questions that arose and the item will be considered at a later meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki led discussion that the dentist member needed to be appointed by the Four Corners Health District Board.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to appoint Dr. Elizabeth Papineau as the Dentist member to the Four Corners Health District Board.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver

Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Ahmic to accept the County Clerk's Fee Report for November 2023 in the amount of \$21,157.99.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Ahmic, Zabrocki, Culver

Motion Carried

Commissioner Ahmic led discussion about additions to the Allo phone system. Previously, some departments wanted extra add-ons to the new phone system. She gave information on the costs involved with having the extra add-ons, noting the actual costs are negligible but then employees may ask for personal phone reimbursement in addition to the Allo costs. Ahmic will find out more information about the requests for add-ons.

The Commissioners discussed an agreement addendum with Guardian RFID System for the Detention Center. Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, was present to answer questions about the agreement.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Guardian RFID System Agreement Addendum B Amendment for the Detention Center.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Hatfield was also present when discussing a cell phone charging station to be mounted to the wall in the Public Vestibule of the Justice Center. She stated that when inmates are released, they have no way to contact family/friends to ask them to come and get them. After consideration with the Building & Grounds Supt., it was decided that a wall mounted charging station would be beneficial. Hatfield said costs would come out of the Commissary Fund. Hatfield introduced a Detention Center employee Sara Stenger, who works on inmate benefits for Seward County. Hatfield also announced that she has resigned.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request for a cellphone charging station to be mounted to the wall in the public vestibule of the Justice Center.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

Commissioner Ahmic said she will be meeting with other officials in the state at the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) conference this week. She stated that news will be arriving soon on some grants that have been applied for.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:19 a.m.

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

Casey Tieman and Eden Lund of the Attorney's Office presented the Community Based Juvenile Services Aid Grant for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chairman to sign the Community Based Juvenile Services Aid Grant.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Culver

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 10:36 a.m.

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

Commissioner Hain is present at 10:45 a.m.

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, gave information about the request to change the county contribution of the single option for health insurance. At last week's meeting, she informed the Board that according to the IRS, the plan is potentially not affordable for some who choose the single option. Knutson suggested changing the county contribution amount and gave information on different scenarios.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the request to change the employee only option for health insurance through Seward County to 85% county/15% employee cost share for the premium effective 1/1/2024 and to change the cost share effective 6/1/2024 to at least 90%/10% for a single employee.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to go into Executive session at 11:03 a.m. to discuss strategy.

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

The Chairman stated the reason for Executive Session was for strategy.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to go out of Executive Session at 11:56 a.m.

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

The Chairman stated no action was taken.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 19, 2023 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 12, 2023
- 4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through December 8, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

- 5. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
- 6. Commissioners Reports
- 7. Discuss/Action – Authorize to sign Acceptance of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant
- 8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
- 9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for December 26, 2023

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Installation of Outlets for the Courthouse Statues

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award Truck & Pup Bid

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Consider a Proposed change in the status of the Seward County Public Defender from an Elected Official to a Contracted Status
Discuss/Action – Consider a Proposed change in the status of the Seward County Public Defender from an Elected Official to a Contracted Status

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 12:02 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 19th day of December 2023.

County Clerk

Chairman

December 19, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on December 19, 2023 in the Commissioner’s room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner’s Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk’s Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on December 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

The Chairperson noted that the public meeting information is posted as required by law and available for public distribution if requested.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of December 12, 2023.
Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver
Abstain: Hain
Motion Carried

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to approve the claims through the period of December 8, 2023.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH DECEMBER 8, 2023					
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SU	\$6,976.59	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	SE	\$2,184.90
ADVANCED OFFICE AUTOM	SU	\$153.85	VISA	FE	\$5,465.29
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SU	\$47.65	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$20,612.46	WINDSTREAM	UT	\$10,000.94
AWARDS UNLIMITED	SU	\$82.68	CANDICE C WOOSTER LAW	SE	\$20,253.79
BERN'S BODY SHOP	SE	\$224.00	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$458.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$2,185.76	BADGER BODY & TRUCK	EQ	\$500.92
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$1,721.02	BAUER BUILT INC	EQ	\$1,294.24
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$480.00	BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$93.01
CHARTER COMM	UT	\$310.97	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$51,787.33
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$5,623.75	FASTENAL COMPANY	SU	\$263.72
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$468.00	BRIAN FORAL	SE	\$1,517.29
CORI J STAVA	SE	\$439.50	HEARTLAND TIRES & TREADS	EQ	\$12,346.68
CULLIGAN	SU	\$29.50	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$107.16
DIAMOND DRUGS	SU	\$383.44	KRIHA FLUID POWER CO	SE	\$51.04
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$3,272.97	LANCASTER CO ENGINEERING	SE	\$1,522.00
ES&S	SU	\$577.61	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SE	\$515.76
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$8,517.00	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$94.95
G & P DEVELOP LANDFILL	SE	\$47.37	NEBR STATE FIRE MARSHAL	SE	\$360.00
GALLS LLC	SE	\$310.13	NEWMAN SIGNS	SU	\$2,983.78
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$1,159.00	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$39.95
GUARDIAN RFID	EQ	\$6,696.00	NMC, INC	SE	\$1,460.78
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$952.00	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$1,173.00
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	EQ	\$719.23	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$833.91
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	SE	\$154.00	PENNER'S TIRE & AUTO	SE	\$268.50
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$204.33	POWERPLAN	EQ	\$2,385.26
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$20,376.44	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$844.05
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$32.74	SACK LUMBER	SU	\$125.92

LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	SE	\$33.40	TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	EQ	\$289.84
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$220.00	UTICA PARTS & SERVICE	SE	\$36.24
RELX INC	SE	\$213.00	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	UT	\$713.80
LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$99.49	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$48.50
MATAGORDA CO SHERIFF	SE	\$75.00	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$56.84
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$201.08	MIDWEST ENGINEERING	SE	\$2,425.50
MID AMERICAN BENEFITS	FE	\$90.00	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$30,551.75
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$47,386.08	AKRS EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$9,957.14
SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$6,215.85	CHAPTERS BOOKS	SU	\$362.77
MMC CONTRACTORS	SE	\$800.50	MILES PARTNERSHIP	FE	\$1,500.00
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$536.75	NEBR RURAL RADIO ASSOC	FE	\$1,109.58
NAT'L ASSN OF COUNTIES	FE	\$450.00	CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY	FE	\$1,000.00
NEBRASKA.GOV	SE	\$7.50	RIVOLI THEATRE	FE	\$2,500.00
ONESOURCE	SE	\$242.00	DELTA DENTAL OF NEBR	FE	\$234.53
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$72.97	VSP INSURANCE CO	FE	\$15.57
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$195.00	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$178.50
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$92.50	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$137.50
POLLACK & BALL	SE	\$1,539.50	SEWARD AGING SERVICES	SE	\$465.50
QUADIANT, INC	SU	\$2,340.00	UTICA AGING SERVICE	SE	\$227.50
RADWEN INC	SE	\$1,200.00	GREAT PLAINS COMMUN	UT	\$605.00
JENNIFER REES	SE	\$132.97	JONES BANK	FE	\$50.00
REGION V SERVICES	SE	\$2,484.58	JR AUDIO	FE	\$3,300.00
RIXSTINE TROPHY CO	SU	\$42.09	MARLIN MATULKA	SE	\$867.82
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$948.00	TRANSUNION RISK & ALT	FE	\$436.00
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$408,962.70	WESTERN OIL II LLC	SU	\$318.13
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,138.78	REED TRAILER SALES	EQ	\$8,850.00
SEWARD CO SHERIFF	SE	\$53.62	FIRST WIRELESS, INC	UT	\$619.07
SEWARD CO SHRF UNCOLL FEES	FE	\$298.00	NATL EMERGENCY # ASSN	FE	\$147.00
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$162.58	CIDNET	SE	\$2,837.18
SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$4,632.00	LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR	SE	\$5,884.99
ST OF NEBR DAS ST ACCNTNG	SE	\$172.00	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	FE	\$1,000.00
ST OF NEBR DEPT OF CORR.SERV	SE	\$2,800.85	SALARIES		\$291,493.34
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	SE	\$110.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$7,919.72	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$775.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
TCA OUTDOOR POWER	EQ	\$262.09	DELTA DENTAL		
THIES & COOK PLLC	SE	\$1,692.00	VSP VISION		
TREGG LUNN LAW	SE	\$759.00	WADDELL & REED		
VANGUARD APPRAISALS	EQ	\$7,325.00			

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Zoning Administrator's Fee Report for November 2023 in the amount of \$300.00.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to authorize Chairman Hain to sign Acceptance of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding

Voting No: Ahmic, Hain, Culver Motion Failed

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to authorize Commissioner Hain to sign Acceptance of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grant.

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

Maria Hatfield, Detention Center Director, brought an agreement for the Commissioners consideration. The agreement dealt with medication for inmates.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to authorize the Chairman to sign the Master Service agreement with RxServices, LLC DBA InMedRx for the Release Medication Program.

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

During public comment time, Marlin Luebbe, a Seward County resident, commented that he lives on Matzke highway and requested that the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) find an alternate route for the road project on the Interstate in the near future. Commissioner Ahmic reported that the project will take a year to

complete and the detour would only be for 8 days. The Commissioners are working with the NDOT to have advance notice of the days so that appropriate measures are taken.

Eric Hofer, Building and Grounds Supt., handed out a quote for the installation of outlets near the statues in the Courthouse lawn. The quote was for \$3,985.00 from Blue River Electric. It was decided that besides outlets, having the statues lit up continuously would be appropriate. Hofer will get a new quote for outlets and lighting.

Dave Pankoke, a member of the public, spoke to the Board about fiber installation for internet near his residence. He stated they were close to his residence and wondered if they were going to be placing fiber near his residence. He also asked about road maintenance past his residence.

Seward County resident, Delayne Eberspacher also spoke to the Board about the Cordova Road Shop. He said he owns the property around it and is wondering if the Board would be interested in selling it. He would like to purchase it and build a shop on it. The Commissioners said the building is currently being used for storage and would keep his request in mind if they ever felt Seward County had no use for it.

Highway Supt., Terry Wicht and Asst. Highway Supt., Jon Regnier were present to give their recommendation for awarding the truck and pup bid. Wicht's recommendation was to award the bid to RDO for a 2025 Mack truck and pup. Logan Mahalek of RDO was present to answer questions about horse power, warranty, etc.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Culver that we award the truck and pup bid to RDO for a 2025 Mack Truck in the amount of \$263,570.29 with delivery to be on or around June 2024.

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:46 a.m.

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

Wicht and Regnier were also present for discussion about a road project and the request from the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) to use Matzke Highway as a detour for 8 days of the project due to the Interstate being closed for intermittent periods.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3792 in regard to authorizing the Chairman to sign the agreement with the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation (NDOT) to use Matzke Highway as a detour for an I-80 project for 8 nights in the next 3 years.

RESOLUTION 3792

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN
AGREEMENT WITH THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR:

NDOT Project Number: NH-80-8(103)

NDOT Control Number: CN 12591

NDOT Project Name: Pleasant Dale – NW 56th Street

Whereas: The County of Seward has been asked by the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) to enter into an Agency Agreement with NDOT for the above Project for the purpose of highway improvements on Highway Interstate 80 (I-80) within the boundaries of the County; and

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

Whereas: The County and NDOT wish to enter into a Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the project; and

Be it resolved: the following is the official action taken by the County Board of the County of Seward, Nebraska:

1. The chairperson of the County Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Project Program Agreement on behalf of the County of Seward and the County Clerk is authorized to attest said execution.
2. This resolution will be marked Exhibit "B" and a copy attached to each Original Agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

John K. Culver

Chairperson of the County Board

ATTEST:

Sherry Schweitzer

County Clerk

EXHIBIT "B"

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners also considered the request for implementing a Tier 1 hiring bonus for a Mechanic Position in the Road Dept. The Commissioners decided that with Wicht retiring, that it not be implemented until a new Highway Supt. is hired.

Zoning Administrator, Becky Paulsen presented a short form plat for the Commissioners' consideration.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3793 in regard to approving the Rohren 2023 Subdivision Short Form Plat in K Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 3 Township 10 North, Range 2 East of the 6th p.m.

RESOLUTION NO 3793 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Rohren Family Farms LLC, Dennis H. Rohren owns 160.0 acres of land and has applied for a Short Form Plat, subdividing 8.05 acres with the remainder of 151.95 acres, and is described as a tract of land in the Southeast 1/4 of, Section 3, Township 10N, Range 2E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the ROHREN 2023 SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on October 23rd, 2023, to consider the Short Form Plat, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the ROHREN 2023 SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat, with a vote of 7 For, 0 Against, and 2 Absent 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 ROHREN 2023 SUBDIVISION Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3793 .

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Ahmic December 19, 2023

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

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to open a Public Hearing at 10:01 a.m. to consider a proposed change in the status of the Seward County Public Defender from an Elected Official to a contracted status.

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

No one spoke at the public hearing.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to close the public hearing at 10:03 a.m.

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

The Board then considered changing the status of the Public Defender. No change could happen in the status of the position in 2023 due to the salary resolution passed in 2019. Ahmic stated in 2024 a Policy Board would need to be created to help develop a contract to offer to the legal community in 2025. Two attorneys would need to be on the Board along with others as appointed. Ahmic would work with the County Attorney's Office to go forward with the Policy Board.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the proposed change of the status of the Seward County Public Defender from an Elected Official to a contracted official status and authorize Commissioner Ahmic to move forward to establish a Policy Board and work in conjunction with the County Attorney's Office to provide further guidance and direction to this Board as we move forward.

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

Commissioners Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the suicide prevention meeting, spent time with E911 Director, went to Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) conference, attended the retirement reception for Sheila Beins, County Court Clerk Magistrate, and visited with Probation Office.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he checked on progress of Road Dept. projects, attended a Goehner Fire Dept. program, and checked on a constituent request.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) conference, attended the retirement reception for Sheila Beins, County Court Clerk Magistrate, visited with the Sheriff, received road concerns, and dealt with various emails.

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the HR office, spoke with the Asst. Highway Supt. about a current road problem, continues to work on the Aging Advisory Board, contacted an engineering firm about a bridge project, met with the Sheriff's Office Operations Manager, and is continuing to work with the offices that she is liaison with.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) conference, noted she applied for a water conservation class to gain more knowledge about aquifers, and has information about new possible Planning Board meeting. She also gave information about the Allo installation of the new phone system at the Justice Center.

Sheriff Vance was present to update the Commissioners about staffing at the Detention Center due to the resignations of the Detention Center Director and Assistant Detention Center Director. He stated he has talked to administrative and supervisory staff about work at the Detention Center during the time of the vacancy and has also visited with the HR Dept. He said he has received applications for the Director position and will wait to fill the Asst. Director position until a Director is hired. With the many Correctional Officer vacancies Seward County has had, the culture of the department was discussed. Temporarily, a Sheriff's Office Captain will oversee the jail. Sheriff Vance stated he does not spend a lot of time in the jail and it was suggested cross training Sheriff's Office deputies for help at the jail. He also said he is moving approximately 10 deputies out to the Task Force Building. It was discussed that there has been no formal item on the previous Commissioner meeting agendas that requested the change of offices between the Sheriff's Office and the Attorney's Office. Because of the change, there is concern about response time in case of emergency at the jail.

The Commissioners discussed the quotes/agreements offered for the purchase of a new siren at the Seward Interchange. Gary Petersen, Seward/York Emergency Manager, could not be in attendance at said meeting. Petersen supplied information with two quotes from Federal Signal Safety and Security Systems.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement for the purchase of a siren for the Seward Interchange in the amount of \$31,838.40 from Federal Signal Safety and Security Systems

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

The Commissioners discussed the McKinsey Opiate Class Action Lawsuit. Barb Armstead, Deputy County attorney, gave information about it. She stated that since it is a class action, the Board would not need to do anything. If we wanted to pursue a lawsuit ourselves, we would have to opt out of the suit. Questions arose about when funds are distributed from the lawsuit, can Seward County decide where the funds would go.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to continue participation in the McKinsey Opiate Class Action Lawsuit.

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

During the Infrastructure Related Grants item on the agenda, Ahmic stated Seward County did not get a Safe Street and Road Grant. She also gave information on various other grants and stated the next time grants will be awarded of this nature will be in February.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on December 26, 2023 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 12, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on December 26, 2023 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 19, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Officials/Boards
5. Commissioners Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Appoint Planning Commission Members
7. Discuss/Action – Request for Seward County to pay dues of Water Leaders Academy Class X
8. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
9. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 2, 2024

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 11:31 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, 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 December 2023.

County Clerk

Chairperson

December 26, 2023

Seward County Board of Equalization

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Equalization was convened in open and public session at 8:30 a.m. on December 26, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Equalization has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Equalization convened on December 26, 2023 at 8:30 am.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver
Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Ken Schmieding, Darrell Zabrocki
Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson
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 December 12, 2023.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver

Abstain: Hain

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve tax list corrections 420-23R, 421-23R, and 422-23R for Kelby D. & Vicki L. Pflughaupt correcting tax statements due to Sumaran Estates Subdivision being vacated in 2022.

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

Motion Carried

Hladky updated the Commissioners on activities of her office.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 9, 2024 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of December 26, 2023
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to adjourn the December 26, 2023 Board of Equalization meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Hain, 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 January 2024.

County Clerk

Chairperson

December 26, 2023

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

A regular meeting of the Seward County Board of Commissioners was convened in open and public session at 9:00 a.m. on December 26e, 2023 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. The agenda for all meetings is kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office during normal business hours. The agenda is held open until one business day prior to the meeting for appearance before the Board. The Board of Commissioners has the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on December 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, 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 December 19, 2023.

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

Motion Carried

Terry Wicht, Highway Superintendent and Jon Regnier, Assistant Highway Superintendent updated the Commissioners on activities of their department.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Seward City Council meeting and that he accepted an invitation from Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) to serve on the NPAIT (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust) Board.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he spent some time working in the Public Defender's Office.

Commissioner Culver reported he corresponded with constituents and worked on Blue Valley Community Action items.

Commissioner Hain reported she sat in on a Detention Director interview, attended meetings at the Justice Center, watched Aging Services Director interviews, and visited with the Road Department.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with Jonathan Jank regarding the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP), worked with Allo and reported that the new Allo phones will now be installed in the Justice Center in mid-January, rather than the original date of December 28, dealt with phone calls regarding NRD issues, worked with Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) on Public Transit issue, and arranged a Broadband meeting.

Wicht and Regnier were present to discuss Seward County's participation in the Lancaster County Chip Seal road project on 140th Road, starting one mile south of Agnew Road and going approximately 1 ½ miles south. Culver stated that he had been approached about this and wanted to bring it before the board so he could report back. They talked about different types of applications and cost. The Commissioners asked Regnier to seek more information on armor coating on the road versus chip seal. After much discussion, the consensus was that it would be more cost effective to not participate in Lancaster County's project.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain that Seward County not participate in Lancaster County's Chip/Seal Road Project on 140th Road, starting one mile south of Agnew Road, going south approximately 1 ½ miles.

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

Motion Carried

The next item on the agenda was the CMP Project C-80(510) Bridge Project at 350th & Raymond Road. Wicht stated that the bridge on 350th will eventually be replaced and he wants input on whether to continue with this project, as he isn't able to get a cost estimate until it's decided to proceed with the project. There was discussion about challenges with the project as it is now, such as having to straighten out a curve in the road due to an existing building. Ahmic stated that she would be in favor of finding out the cost of moving the road a little farther south of an existing building and continuing the project. Wicht said they can straighten out the curve and make it safer, as safety is an issue.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to approve the Road Department to go out for an estimate on the CMP Project C-80(510), the bridge project in the leveling out of the roadway.

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

Motion Carried

Wicht updated the Commissioners on the Road Department Radios. He was previously asked by the Commissioners to look into replacing radios, and he received two quotes from Shaffer Communications, Inc. The first quote is to reuse the current duplexer and is for \$7449.06. The second quote includes a new duplexer for \$11,319.44. This quote would also provide for additional wattage. Culver stated that he has also done research on this and eventually would like the radios to be on the state system. Ahmic asked if a representative from Shaffer Communications, who gave the quote, could come before the Commissioners to answer questions and give more details. Regnier stated that they would be able to come. This was tabled until then.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:57 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, was present to discuss the Highway Superintendent Employment Offer and the next steps with this process. She stated that the offer that had been discussed is a starting wage of \$85,000 and one month of COBRA with potential for an increase after one year. Zabrocki said he wants to have a performance review after six months, even if there is no raise in pay at that time. There was some discussion as to what would happen if the applicant did not accept the offer. Culver expressed his concerns with opening this position back up if the offer isn't accepted, as the county would be without a Highway Superintendent even longer if the position were to be opened to applicants again. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, advised the Commissioners that they could enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy regarding this.

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Hain to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy at 10:07 a.m.

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman stated the reason for Executive Session was for strategy.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to come out of Executive Session at 10:24 a.m., where strategy was discussed, and no decisions were made.

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

Motion Carried

The Chairman stated no action was taken.

Culver suggested offering the potential candidate a starting salary of \$85,000 and \$2,100 COBRA coverage.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to offer the Highway Superintendent position to the candidate with a salary of \$85,000 annually and COBRA coverage to be paid out of the Health Fund up to \$2100.00.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain that should the applicant decline the offer, the position be reopened for 30 days.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Voting No: Culver Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Ahmic to accept the Sheriff's fee & mileage report for October 2023 in the amounts of \$1,397.00 and \$754.64 respectively.

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

Moved by Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to accept the County Clerk report for the City of Seward Special Election.

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

Commissioner Schmieding led discussion on the change of the Public Defender from an elected position to a contracted position. He stated that he agrees with the previous decision made to proceed with making it a contracted position, but after visiting with some legal counsel, he would like to rescind his offer to handle the claims during the vacancy of the position, as he doesn't want to be held responsible should something go wrong in the office. He reported that Commissioner Ahmic has offered to help with this, and she said that she is happy to serve as the Public Defender liaison moving forward. It was agreed that Commissioner Ahmic will be the Public Defender liaison now.

The next agenda item was to appoint two members to the Planning Commission. Three applications were received for the open positions. Zabrocki and Hain agreed that they had chosen the same two applicants after reviewing the applications and visiting with the Zoning Administrator. Ahmic stated that she will abstain from voting, as she is the liaison to the Planning Commission.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to appoint Jack Daniel and Phil Hargis to serve as members of the Seward County Planning Commission for a three-year term.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Culver

Abstain: Ahmic Motion Carried

During the discussion on the request for Seward County to pay the dues of the Water Leaders Academy Class X, Ahmic reported that she had been accepted as a member of the 2024 class, and has visited with Becky Paulsen, the Weed/Zoning/Floodplain Administrator about the dues. \$500 would be paid out of the Weed/Zoning budget and the remainder of \$2500 would still be due. Hain stated that she thinks it would be beneficial for Ahmic to attend this class, as she would be able to bring a lot of information back to the board. She recommended paying the additional dues out of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Zabrocki is in favor of Ahmic attending the meetings, if it is paid out of ARPA funds but not if it is being paid out of the General Fund.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain that the board approve payment of the Water Leaders Class to be attended by Commissioner Ahmic in the amount of \$2500 to be paid out of ARPA funds and the other \$500 to be taken out of the Zoning budget.

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

During the Infrastructure Related Grants discussion, Hain reported that the Notice of Funding Opportunity is out for the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) Project.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 2, 2024 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 26, 2023
- 5. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through December 22, 2023

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

- 6. Commissioners Reports
- 7. Discuss/Action – Infrastructure Related Grants
- 8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 9, 2024

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Laura McDougall, Four Corners Health Dept.- Update on Activities of the Organization

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Jail/Sheriff’s Department Staffing Update

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn the December 26, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, 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 2nd day of January 2024.

County Clerk

Chairman