

September 16, 2026

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 16, 2025 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board, on the Commissioner's Room door, on the Seward County website: sewardcountyne.gov and published in the Seward County Independent and the Milford Times. 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 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic
 Members: Raegan Hain, Darrell Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding,
 Scott Pekarek
 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 Pekarek to approve the minutes of September 9, 2025.

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Pekarek to approve the minutes of September 10, 2025.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Pekarek to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of:

- a. Surplus Property Disposal Request from Human Resources
- b. Utility Permit for Black Hills Nebraska Gas to trench the south side of Fletcher Road in the NW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 3 Township 10 North, Range 3 East of the 6th P.M. to install 2 anodes near an existing pole.

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

Clark Kolterman, Van Vahle and Joanie Brecka, representing the Visitors Bureau, presented information about the organization's activities and their use of the money that is collected via the lodging tax collected in Seward County.

Jon Regnier, Highway Supt., and Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk, updated the Commissioners on activities of their department/office.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Hain reported she met with the Human Resources office, worked on Crises Communication Plan (CCP), communicated with offices in which she is liaison to about meeting them for inventory check, received communications about roads and other various county matters, attended the Southeast District of the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), and will be going to the NACO Legislative Conference in Beatrice, participated in the Treasury Dept. Zoom meeting, mentioned

there was damage in her district from a storm the past week, attended an outing that the Aging Services had at the Capital, and attended a Four Corners meeting.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he participated in the County Clerk interviews, went to the Southeast District NACO meeting, worked with offices in regard to their inventories, and will attend a City Council meeting tonight.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Southeast District NACO meeting, attended the County Clerk interviews, participated in the Zoom meeting with the Treasury Dept., has been trying to work with the BNSF railroad about a railroad crossing, and attended a Planning Commission meeting. She also participated in a call with NACO about legislation and received calls on roads.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended an Extension Board meeting and a Visitors Committee meeting. He mentioned that he will be attending the Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) meeting in the near future. He is also working on inventories of offices in which he is liaison to. He mentioned that someone approached him about a memorial they would like to participate in for the courthouse.

Commissioner Pekarek reported he participated in the County Clerk interviews, talked with the Road Dept. about road issues, attended the Southeast District NACO meeting, worked on inventories and is working on making policy on the expenditure process of Drug Forfeiture monies.

Regnier was present when the Commissioners considered options for a minimum maintenance road on 182nd Road North of Agnew Road at Section 10, Township 12 North, Range 4 East of the 6th P.M. He stated there is a resident that lives at the half mile point of the mile and would like to have it vacated so that he could use the road as his driveway. Traffic monitors were set, and although one malfunctioned, one did record that there was a good amount of traffic on the road. There was discussion about bringing the road up to standards and it not being a minimum maintenance road as well as vacating the road as requested. Regnier will get traffic counts again and get an estimate on what the cost would be to bring the road up to standards.

Schweitzer led discussion on budget. The logistics of the Joint Public Hearing was discussed. She also mentioned that there was a law passed last year that the tax statements will cite the amount an entity budgets for safety. She will complete this information and get it to the Treasurer.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 23, 2025 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Hearing – Proposed Budget for Seward County Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Upon the adjournment of the Budget Hearing, known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 23, 2025 are as follows:

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of September 9, 2025
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Upon the adjournment of Board of Equalization, known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 23, 2025 are as follows:

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of September 16, 2025
4. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through September 12, 2025

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action - Public/Organizations/Officials
6. Commissioner Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Res. – Proposed Seward County Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 30, 2025

9:05 a.m. Discuss/Action – Review of the Independent Audit of the Seward County Drug Seized Asset Forfeiture Fund for the Seward County Attorney’s Office

Discuss/Action - Review of the Independent Audit of the Seward County Drug Seized Asset Forfeiture Fund for the Seward County Sheriff’s Office

Discuss/Action – Information Update Regarding the Meeting with the Treasury Department

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

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

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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 September 2025.

County Clerk

Chairperson