

# January 13, 2026

## 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 on January 13, 2026 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](http://sewardcountyne.gov) and published in the Seward County Independent. 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 Equalization convened on January 13, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Present:	Members: Misty Ahmic, Raegan Hain, Darrell Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding
	County Clerk: Brandy Johnson
	County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky
	County Treasurer: Jake Zlatkovsky
Absent:	Member: Scott Pekarek

County Clerk Brandy Johnson 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.

Johnson called for nominations for 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 Chairman of the Seward County Board of Equalization.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

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

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

Hain nominated Zabrocki.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Zabrocki as Vice Chairman of the Seward County Board of Equalization.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the minutes of December 23, 2025.  
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the following Vehicle Tax Exemptions for Tax Year 2026:

NAME	YEAR	VEHICLE	VIN #
		EXEMPTION LIST 2026	
ST JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL	2024	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAWGFFP0R1198799
	2017	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAZGMFG6H1191727
	2014	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAZGYFG8E1196656
	2011	CHEVROLET EXPRESS VAN	1GAZGYFG5B1131226
MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE	2025	DODGE DURANGO	1C4RDJDG2SC532599
	2013	DODGE PICKUP W/SNOW BLADE	3C6LR5ATXDG4586109
	2016	CHEVROLET SILVERADO	1GC0KUEG6GZ243017
	2011	DUMP TRAILER	4ZEDT1427B1079203
	2005	CARRY-ON TRAILER	NET1050932
ST GREGORY THE GREAT SEMINARY	2009	FORD PICKUP	1FTSX21RX9EA51504
	2012	DODGE VAN	2C4RDGB8CR419688
	2005	CHRYSLER VAN	2C4GP54L75R460930
	2001	H & H TRLR	4J6US08151B031100
	2010	BMW X5	5UXFE4C56AL381460
	2019	DODGE GRAND CARAVAN	2C4RDGBG8KR639248
MILFORD ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH	2007	TURTLE TOP BUS	1GBJG31U461253106
	1995	PACE AMERICAN ENC TRLR	E5105A
ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH	2007	INTERNATIONAL BUS	4DRBUAAP37B348660
	2017	FORD VAN	1FMZK1ZM0HKA98343
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNITY CHURCH	2010	FORD VAN	1FMNE1BL7ADA27402
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH	1999	HAULMARK TRLR	16HCB1016XH056503
	2007	CARRY-ON CARGO TRLR	4YMCL12107G070354
OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL	2010	FORD ECONOLINE VAN	1FBSS3BL7ADB03264
ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH OF UTICA	2005	TRAILER UTILITY	4YMUL08165M024810
VSL SEWARD LLC	2014	HYUNDAI SEDAN	5NPEB4AC8EH934174
	2017	DODGE VAN	2C4RDGBG6HR789092
	2011	CHEVROLET TRUCK	3GCPKSE39BG351950
	2019	DODGE VAN	2C4RDGBG3KR602804
LIGHTHOUSE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH INC	2000	CHEVROLET EXPRESS 3500 VAN	1GAHG39R0Y1168625
	2004	INTERNATIONAL BUS	1HVBBABM94H651864

Concordia University Vehicle Listing – 2026			
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
2017	Dodge	Grand Caravan	2C4RDGBG6HR780702
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
2023	GMC Savana	Van	1GJZ7NFP8P1173072
2023	GMC Savana	Van	1GJZ7NFP2P1172189
2012	Chevy	Express Van	1GAWGRFG4C1126741
2013	Chevy	Equinox (Silver)	1GNALDEK1DZ113414
2015	Chevy	Impala (Blue)	1G1125S38FU132081
2018	Chevy	Equinox (Gray/Bronze)	3GNAXJEV6JS5762416
2000	Cargomate	Trailer	4X4TSE218YN024677
2015	Sharp	Trailer	1S9BE0810F1870297
2004	Mac-Lander	Trailer	4UVPF182741005363
2010	Carry-On	Trailer	4YMUL0811AM023056

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Hladky presented a letter from Thomas Sieck requesting a tax refund in the amount of \$146.89 for the Commissioners’ consideration.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the tax refund in the amount of \$146.78 for Thomas Sieck.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the following tax list corrections:

- a. 450-25R for Thomas Sieck
- b. 451-25R for Christopher & Mindy Meier
- c. 452-24R for Southeast Community College
- d. 453-24R for Southeast Community College
- e. 454-25R for American Legion Post 369
- f. 455-25R for John Krafka
- g. 210-25P for HYG Financial Services Inc
- h. 211-25P for Personal Property Corrections for the Error in Exeter-Milligan-Friend Tax Rates
- i. 53-25C for State Assessed (centrally assessed) Corrections for the Error in Exeter-Milligan-Friend Tax Rates
- j. 456-25R for Real Property Corrections for the Error in Exeter-Milligan-Friend Rates
- k. 457-25R for Tom & Glenda Chamber
- l. 458-25R for Cathleen & Joseph Bowen
- m. 459-25R for Kurtis Leroy & Leota Denise Kobza
- n. 460-25R for Kurtis Leroy & Leota Denise Kobza

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Hladky and Zlatkovsky then updated the Commissioners on activities of their offices.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 27, 2026 are as

8:30 a.m.

- Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 8:54 a.m.

Motion Carried

County of Seward) ss.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

Chairperson

County of Seward) ss.

The Seward County Board of Commissioners convened on January 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Absent:           Member: Scott Pekarek

Zabrocki nominated Ahmic.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Ahmic as Chairman of the Seward County Board of Commissioners.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic Motion Carried

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

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

Hain nominated Zabrocki.

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

2026 Commissioner Committees				
Liaison to County Offices			Commissioner Pekarek	Commissioner Zabrocki
			Abandoned Cemeteries	Buildings & Grounds Liaison - Alt
Aging Director	Hain		CASA Board Member	City of Seward Liaison
Assessor	Ahmic		Crete NE Joint Airport Zoning Brd	Crete NE Joint Airport Zoning Brd-Alt
Attorney	Hain		E911 Board Member	E911 Board Member
Bldg. & Grounds	Schmieding		Local Emergency Planning(LEPC)	Region V/APACE
Clerk	Ahmic		Lower Platte South Liaison	NIRMA Liaison
County Court	Pekarek		Planning & Zoning Board Liaison - Alt	Safety Committee Board Member
Dist. Court	Pekarek		Seward/Saline Solid Waste Mgmt Brd - Alt	SouthEast Nebraska Dev Dist
E-911 Center	Zabrocki		Veterans Service Committee	
Emergency Manager	Pekarek/Ahmic			
Extension Office	Hain/Schmieding		Commissioner Ahmic	Commissioner Schmieding
Human Resources	Hain		Agenda	Abandoned Cemeteries - Alternate
Highway Supt.	Hain/Ahmic		City of Milford Liaison	Blue Valley Community Action
Probation	Zabrocki		Courthouse Closing	Fourth of July Committee
Public Defender	Ahmic		Legislature	Seward Co Visitors Comm/Tourism
Public Transit	Zabrocki		Planning & Zoning Board Liaison	Seward Co Chamber & Dev. Part.- Alt
Sheriff	Pekarek/Zabrocki		Seward Co Chamber & Dev. Part.	Southeast NE Dev. District - Alternate
Surveyor	Pekarek		GA & CM Cases/Guideline updates	Upper Big Blue Liaison - Alternate
Treasurer	Schmieding		Seward/Saline Solid Waste Mgmt Brd	
Veterans	Pekarek			
Zoning	Ahmic/Pekarek			
			Commissioner Hain	Entire Board Committees
Board of Comm Chair	Ahmic		Aging Advisory Board	Budget Authority & Budget/Finance
Vice Chair	Zabrocki		Extension Board	Hwy Dept. Equipment & Shops
			Fair Board liaison	including Bridge & Personnel
Board of Equal Chair	Ahmic		Four Corners Health Dept.	One & Six Year Road Plan
Vice Chair	Zabrocki		Lower Platte South NRD Liaison - Alt	
			Upper Big Blue NRD liaison	

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic  
Voting No: Hain Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to appoint Dr. Novak or any other physician of Memorial Health Care Systems as the Coroner’s physician as requested by the Coroner.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the following depositories for Seward County Funds for 2026 in compliance with State Statutes 77-2311-2316 and 77-2318. The Cattle Bank & Trust Co., Jones Bank, 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: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki 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 a Short Term Federal Investment Trust (STFIT) and Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT).

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to name the Seward County Independent as the official newspaper for Seward County and "sewardcountyne.gov" as the official Seward County website.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to appoint Jon Regnier as the Seward County Highway Superintendent for 2026 as per State Statute 39-150 RSS 1943.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to set the hourly wage for the Deputy of Assessor, Clerk, Clerk of the District Court, and Treasurer for 2026 at \$34.42 per hour and the Deputy of Elections at \$32.27 per hour and in no event shall the annual wage of the deputy be less than \$58,175.00, unless the deputy is not actually engaged in the performance of the official duties of deputy and to set the wage of the Chief Deputy Attorneys at 80% and to set the Special Deputy Attorney at 64% of the County Attorney's salary based on available funding.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to appoint Brandy Johnson as the Seward County Budget Making Authority.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to appoint Marilyn Hladky as the Seward County Residential & Ag Land Valuation Authority.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to open the Public Hearing at 9:24 a.m. in regard to vacating Rokeby Road, starting at the NE Corner of Section 36, Township 9 North, Range 1 East of the 6th P.M., and the SE Corner of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 1 East of the 6th P.M., thence west approximately 2700 feet.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Regnier gave information on vacating this portion of the road.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition at said hearing.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to close the Public Hearing at 9:26 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3913 in regard to vacating Rokeby Road, starting at the NE Corner of Section 36, Township 9 North, Range 1 East of the 6th P.M., and the SE Corner of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 1 East of the 6th P.M., thence west approximately 2700 feet.

RESOLUTION NO. 3913  
OF THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, on the 13th day of January, 2026 at 9:15 AM, a public hearing was held in regard to the vacating of the following public road in Seward County, Nebraska;

*Rokeby Road, starting at the NE corner of Section 36, Township 9, Range 1E, and at the SE corner of Section 25, Township 9, Range 1E thence West approximately 2,700 feet.*  
and,

WHEREAS, the Seward County Commissioners feel it is in the public interest of Seward County to vacate this road; and,

WHEREAS, public notice of the proposed vacation and hearing was published for three consecutive weeks on December 24, 2025; December 31, 2025, and January 7, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, all adjacent landowners and other parties required to be notified by law have been notified by certified mail; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following described road is hereby vacated and said real estate shall revert to the owners of the adjacent real estate as provided by law, effective seven (7) days after the adoption of this resolution:

*Rokeby Road, starting at the NE corner of Section 36, Township 9, Range 1E, and at the SE corner of Section 25, Township 9, Range 1E thence West approximately 2,700 feet.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any existing utilities located in described area being vacated are hereby granted perpetual easement for occupying said area and for maintenance of said utilities.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

Moved by: Hain  
Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Raegan Hain, Darrell J. Zabrocki,  
Misty Ahmic, Chairperson, Board of Commissioners  
ATTEST: Brandy Johnson, Seward County Clerk

Seconded by: Zabrocki

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of January 6, 2026.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Abstain: Hain

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:29 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Regnier was present with Trever Trebilcock, Assistant Highway Superintendent, to give their recommendation for awarding the bid for a fence around the Missile Base Road Shop. There was a brief discussion regarding the options presented from the bids received.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to award the bid to American Fence Company of Lincoln for the fence at the Missile Base Road Shop in the amount of \$79,782.55 to be paid from the Inheritance Fund.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Regnier & Trebilcock presented a one-year rental agreement with NMC CAT for a skid loader.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the chair to sign the one-year rental agreement with NMC CAT for a skid loader.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Regnier led discussion on seeking funding options to purchase an engine for a motor grader. Currently, the Road Department has two motor graders that are out of commission due to engine issues. As previously decided by the board, one will be repaired and one will be sold as surplus property. The Road Department does not have the funds in their budget to cover the cost of the repairs. Caterpillar has given them the option of purchasing a remanufactured engine for \$80,033.78 or rebuilding the existing engine for \$92,311.53. It was suggested that the proceeds from the sale of the surplus motor grader be deposited in the Inheritance Fund.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to purchase a remanufactured engine for the motor grader from NMC CAT for \$80,033.78, to be paid out of the Inheritance Fund.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

The next item for discussion was potentially seeking bids for a used motor grader. The purchase of a used motor grader was previously discussed, and at that time, it was decided to have the County Attorney's office review the government cooperative purchasing process through Sourcewell. There is the potential for a government contract through Sourcewell that pertains to the *rental* of used equipment, but nothing in particular that specifies the *purchase* of used equipment in this situation. It was decided that the fastest and easiest option at this time would be to seek bids for a used motor grader.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Highway Superintendent to go out for bids for a used motor grader.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Brandy Hafer, Public Transit Director, was present to discuss the consideration of quotes received from Safefleet and Ehlers Electronics to transfer the camera system from the Public Transit bus to the Public Transit van. There is currently a Public Transit bus that isn't functional, so the camera needs to be moved to the van instead. Safefleet originally installed the equipment but would have to fly a technician out to move it, resulting in a significantly higher quote than using a local business to do it. Hain asked if the warranty would be voided if someone other than the company that installed the equipment moved it. Ahmic asked if there is funding for this within the Public Transit budget, but Hafer reported that she plans to use her Sinking Fund for this expense. Schmieding asked if Ehlers offers a warranty on their work, to which Hafer noted she would have to find out.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the quote from Ehlers Electronics to transfer the camera system from the Public Transit bus to the Public Transit van, up to \$2000, to be paid out of the Public Transit Sinking Fund.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Ahmic

Voting No: Schmieding

Motion Carried

Hafer then presented the Commissioners with the potential fare increase for Public Transit. Due to the possibility of funding cuts for Public Transit, she has been exploring different options to help with budgeting. She discussed the old fares in comparison to the potential new fares and how she arrived at those amounts. There was discussion regarding the various options for charging different fares for different services. Due to there being several factors to consider for this, Zabrocki suggested tabling this discussion for today and having Hafer come back with some other options.

Next, Hafer updated the Commissioners on Public Transit funding. She explained some ways she was able to lessen her expenditures in the last couple of months. Ahmic asked



Hafer to bring an estimate back to the board when she comes back for the discussion of fare increases, of what she thinks the budget is projected to look like toward the end of the fiscal year.

Ahmic, along with Heidi Fleischman, Road Department Administrative Assistant, were present to discuss considering seeking bids for a Feasibility Study as part of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant. The estimated cost of the application is anticipated to exceed the maximum cost before a bid is required.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request to seek bids for the Feasibility Study, with bids to be opened February 3, 2026.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to enter into Executive Session at 10:31 a.m. for personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to come out of Executive Session at 11:07 a.m.  
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

The Chair stated that personnel was discussed, and no decisions were made.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve claims for the period through January 2, 2026.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JANUARY 2, 2026			
ADP INC	\$6,433.80	TRANSUNION RISK	\$1,120.00
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	\$8,336.92	TRINITY SERVICES GROUP	\$8,934.05
AERNI LAW, LLC	\$23,252.50	URIBE REFUSE SERVICES	\$156.00
ALLO COMMUN	\$4,396.94	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	\$175.00
ALLO COMMUN	\$587.54	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	\$40.05
AMERITAS LIFE INS	\$20,379.69	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	\$800.69
BEL-CON REFUSE	\$20.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	\$40.05
BERN'S BODY SHOP	\$125.00	VIRTUAL GURUS	\$36.00
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	\$135.00	VISA	\$285.00
BRENNAN,NIELSEN..LAW	\$962.50	VISA	\$79.87
CA MARKETING	\$4,029.63	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$3,571.56
CAMPLIN & BIRD LEGAL GR	\$5,265.65	BEATRICE CONCRETE CO	\$6,033.46
CENTURY BUSINESS PROD	\$33.33	CROUCH'S FARM	\$366.03
CENTURY BUSINESS PROD	\$85.30	DALE JOHNSON ENT	\$29,812.47
CENTURY BUSINESS PROD	\$158.86	DIVERSIFIED DRUG TEST	\$219.00
CITY OF SEWARD	\$6,194.30	FARMERS COOPERATIVE	\$393.48
CITY OF SEWARD	\$5,007.12	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$3,614.67
CLERK OF DIST COURT	\$534.00	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC	\$31,120.40
COAST TO COAST COMPUTE	\$1,099.96	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	\$310.00
CROUCH'S FARM	\$65.18	MIDWEST UNLIMITED	\$164.44
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	\$434.85	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$197.41
CULLIGAN	\$29.50	NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN	\$1,922.75
CULLIGAN	\$263.30	NEXTLINK AIS	\$51.07
DIVERSIFIED DRUG TEST	\$55.00	NMC, LLC	\$8,918.99
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	\$184.00	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	\$356.37
ELIZABETH SAMUELSON	\$3,337.50	PAC N SAVE	\$21.66
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	\$23.10	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	\$613.59
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	\$1,099.87	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	\$81.46
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	\$139.95	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	\$661.53
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	\$95.85	VILLAGE OF UTICA	\$54.92
FEHLHAFERS INC	\$44.63	DALE JOHNSON ENT	\$9,770.98
FGH LAW OFFICE, LLC	\$4,807.70	SOUTHWEST GRAVEL PROD	\$9,372.94
GALLS LLC	\$266.98	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$250,000.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	\$75.50	AGING PARTNERS	\$93.62
HOMETOWN LEASING	\$82.88	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$150.91
JONES BANK (FICA)	\$20,073.24	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$145.43
KEARNEY HOSPITALITY	\$749.70	VISA	\$56.00
KEARNEY HOSPITALITY	\$374.85	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$134.27
KEARNEY HOSPITALITY	\$374.85	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	\$817.64
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	\$54.65	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$135.83
MAXIMUS INC	\$2,600.00	MARVIN PLANNING CONSULT	\$500.00

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	\$2,078.63	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$2,280.80
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	\$202.03	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$49.81
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	\$529.30	CITY OF SEWARD	\$239.57
NE ASSOC CO ASSESSORS	\$100.00	CLEAR CHOICE HEADSETS	\$1,751.50
ONESOURCE	\$327.00	HOMETOWN LEASING	\$74.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	\$35.00	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$2,438.46
PETTY CASH FUND	\$48.35	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	\$288.00
PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	\$101.20	ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	\$844.80
POINT C HEALTH	\$110.50	ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	\$596.88
POLLACK AND BALL LLC	\$6,893.75	CENTURYLINK	\$4,600.76
RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATES	\$691.00	FIBER PLATFORM	\$327.00
RIXSTINE TROPHY	\$29.60	CIDNET	\$2,537.55
SECRETARY OF STATE	\$20.00	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	\$1,212.75
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	\$11.04	SALARIES	\$372,011.71
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	\$570.46	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:	
SEWARD COUNTY COURT	\$3,271.05	AMERITAS DENTAL	
SEWARD CO SHERIFF	\$18.50	AMERITAS VISION	
SHIFFERMILLER LAW	\$993.75	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	\$81.00	POINT C	
ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	\$537.60	LPL FINANCIAL	

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

### **Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Hain reported she listened to part of the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) webinar regarding legislative bills, received an email from Matt Howe, an Aide for Senator Hughes, regarding infrastructure funds and noted that the 420<sup>th</sup> Road paving project would be a potential fit for this grant opportunity, which is a federal grant through United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) known as the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant. She also reported she reviewed the NACO newsletter and noted some American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Grant Opportunities that the county could qualify for in several different areas, and had a meeting with a constituent regarding a legislative bill related to domestic violence.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Emergency Management Governance Board meeting, attended a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Assn. (NIRMA) roundtable, sat in on a Perma-Zyme webinar, had a meeting with the Sheriff, and plans to attend a Seward City Council meeting.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked in the Zoning office, attended a Milford City Council meeting, worked with the Road Department Administrative Assistant on a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant agreement, worked on Emergency Management items, including the Emergency Preparedness event planned for later this year, worked with Soarin Group regarding expenses for CentralSquare, put together the SS4A Committee, spoke with Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) regarding an AARP grant, followed up with a representative from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), attended a Perma-Zyme webinar, and forwarded applications that have been received so far for the vacant Emergency Manager position to the other board members.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will attend a Tree Board meeting, attended a Seward City Parks & Recreation Board meeting, attended an Extension Board meeting, will attend a Visitors Bureau meeting, a Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) Zoom meeting, a Visitors Bureau annual banquet and Problem Solving Court graduation, and attended a Womens Club meeting.

Ahmic led the discussion on Emergency Management contact. She noted that she and Zabrocki have been checking the emails during the position's vacancy, and once Commissioner Pekarek returns from vacation, he will take over checking those emails until someone is hired. There was discussion on what the plan will be if there is a snow event or other kind of emergency during the time the position remains vacant. In the event of a snowstorm, the Sheriff will work with the Highway Superintendent, and they will call Ahmic with updates on the road conditions. In any other kind of emergency

event, Ahmic, the County Attorney, the Sheriff, and in some instances, the Highway Superintendent, will work together to form an appropriate plan.

In regard to the timeline for hiring an Emergency Manager, the job opening has been posted, and some applications have been received. Ahmic reported that she emailed the applications that have been received so far to the other board members and asked for their feedback. Interviews for the position are expected to begin taking place later this month.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 20, 2026 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

5. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
6. Pledge of Allegiance
7. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of January 13, 2026

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

8. Discuss/Action – Public/Organizations/Officials
9. Commissioner Reports
10. Discuss/Action – Update on potential Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grants for 420<sup>th</sup> Road, 154<sup>th</sup> Road, and Milford Bypass.
11. Discuss/Action – Agenda for January 27, 2026

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 11:34 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

State of Nebraska)

County of Seward) ss.

I, Brandy Johnson, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

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County Clerk

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Chairman