

January 20, 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 January 20, 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 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 Commissioners convened on January 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Members: Darrell Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Scott Pekarek
County Clerk: Brandy Johnson
Absent: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic
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 January 13, 2026.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki

Abstain: Pekarek

Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Pekarek to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a. Zoning Fee Report for October 2025 - \$6,160.00
- b. Zoning Fee Report for November 2025 - \$1,175.00
- c. Zoning Fee Report for December 2025 - \$7,500.00

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Pekarek, Zabrocki

Motion Carried

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Pekarek had nothing to report.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will attend a Visitors Bureau meeting, a Blue Valley Community Action Zoom meeting, the Seward County Employee Appreciation Party, the Problem Solving Court Graduation in York, and the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) Banquet.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he checked emails for Emergency Management, and he will be attending multiple upcoming board and committee meetings.

The proposal and contract from Sunflower Grant Writers for writing and submitting the 2025 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant on behalf of Seward County for the 420th Road Paving Project was tabled.

Brandy Johnson, County Clerk, presented a letter of intent for the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office to purchase a new server for the County Clerk's office. The Secretary of

State's Office has offered to purchase a server, to be paid with Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Election Security Grant funding.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chair (Vice Chair) to sign the Letter of Intent for the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office to purchase a new server for the County Clerk's Office.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Zabrocki

Voting No: Pekarek

Motion Carried

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Pekarek to accept the Treasurer's submission of the Semi-Annual report, and Condensed Semi-Annual report for publication.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Pekarek, Zabrocki

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:18 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Brandy Hafer, Public Transit Director, was present to discuss the Nebraska Public Service Commission Exemption request for Public Transit. Hafer has been working toward Public Transit becoming a Medicaid Approved Transit provider, and this exemption is required as part of that process.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Pekarek to authorize the Chair (Vice Chair) to sign the Nebraska Public Service Commission Exemption request for Public Transit.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Pekarek, Zabrocki

Motion Carried

The next document Hafer presented for the Commissioners' consideration was the Public Transit Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan for 2026, a document required for Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) compliance.

Moved by Pekarek and seconded by Schmieding to authorize the Chair (Vice Chair) to sign the Public Transit Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan for 2026.

Affirmative Vote: Pekarek, Schmieding, Zabrocki

Motion Carried

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) Noxious Weed/Weed Superintendent Annual Report for 2025 was tabled until next week.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on January 27, 2026 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 13, 2026
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on January 27, 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 20, 2026

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

1. Discuss/Action - Public/Organizations/Officials
2. Commissioner Reports
3. Discuss/Action – Proposal & Contract from Sunflower Grant Writers for Writing & Submitting the 2025 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant of Behalf of Seward County for the 420th Road Paving Project
4. Discuss/Action – Agreement with Marvin Planning and Consultants for Zoning Assistance
5. Discuss/Action – Jail Inspection

6. Discuss/Action – Agenda for February 3, 2026

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Veteran of the Month

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Authorize Chair to Sign the NE Dept of Agriculture (NDA) Noxious Weed/Weed Superintendent Annual Report for 2025

Moved by Pekarek and seconded by Schmieding to adjourn at 9:39 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Pekarek, Schmieding, Zabrocki Motion Carried

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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 27th day of January 2026.

County Clerk

Chairperson