

March 10, 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 March 10, 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.

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Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic
 Members: Raegan Hain, Darrell Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding,
 Scott Pekarek
 County Clerk: Brandy Johnson
 Deputy County Assessor: Stacey Rediger

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 24, 2026.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Pekarek, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

Rediger updated the Commissioners on activities of her department.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on March 24, 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 March 10, 2026
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Hain and seconded by Pekarek to adjourn at 8:36 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Pekarek, Schmieding, Zabrocki, 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 24th day of March 2026.

County Clerk

Chairperson

March 10, 2026

Seward County Board of Commissioners

State of Nebraska)
County of Seward) ss.

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Deputy County Attorney Barbara Armstead was present as legal counsel.

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 Pekarek to approve the minutes of March 3, 2026.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Pekarek, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic Motion Carried

There was a brief discussion regarding reimbursements.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve claims for the period through February 27, 2026, with the removal of reimbursements for employee number 010102.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH FEBRUARY 27, 2026

ACCURATE CONTROLS	\$2,002.61	WALL, ROBERT	\$437.50
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$17,832.24	WYTHERS LAW	\$27,960.60
BOB BARKER CO	\$77.18	ZABKA PERDUE FUNERAL	\$350.00
BRIAN FORAL	\$17,671.04	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$3,936.80
CAMPBELL CLEANING	\$5,070.00	BEATRICE CONCRETE CO	\$9,425.31
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	\$52.53	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$2,564.59
CATTLE BANK & TRUST	\$79.68	CROUCH'S HARDWARE	\$496.22
CENTEC CAST METAL PROD	\$483.06	DALE JOHNSON ENT	\$2,672.28
CENTURY BUSINESS PROD	\$139.26	DEPT OF MOTOR VEHICLES	\$420.00
CITY OF SEWARD	\$12,312.13	FARMERS COOP	\$386.90
CLERK OF DIST COURT	\$579.00	J R WELDING INC	\$49.70
CO VET SERV OFFICRS ASSN	\$60.00	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	\$6,296.91
CROUCH'S HARDWARE	\$51.98	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$4,119.43
CULLIGAN	\$235.00	LOWER PLATTE WEED MGMT	\$200.00
CUMMINS SALES & SERV	\$686.14	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	\$36.00
DIVERSIFIED SAFETY & COMP	\$225.00	MEMORIAL CLINIC	\$36.00
DOUGLAS CO COURT	\$1.00	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	\$34.32
E 911	\$45,440.17	NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	\$80.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	\$1,175.43	NE WEED CONTROL ASSN	\$150.00
EGR BIRKEL & WOLLMER	\$2,900.00	NEXTLINK AIS	\$71.06
EHLERS ELECTRONICS	\$2,000.00	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	\$19,635.02

FARMERS COOP	\$27.42	SOUTHWEST GRAVEL PRODUCTS	\$4,775.67
FEHLHAFERS INC	\$50.00	TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	\$381.22
FGH LAW OFFICE	\$4,807.70	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	\$510.31
GALLS LLC	\$82.99	UPPER BIG BLUE NRD	\$420.00
GRAHAM TIRE LINCOLN	\$284.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	\$360.33
GREAT PLAINS COMMUN	\$1,315.78	VILLAGE OF UTICA	\$56.48
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	\$271.81	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	\$174.76
HERPOLSHEIMERS INC	\$236.00	NE TOURISM COMMISSION	\$180.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	\$248.00	PUP'S POPPIN' ENTERPRISES	\$90.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	\$17,662.11	NE NATL GUARD HISTORICAL	\$2,500.00
KEVIN SCHLENDER	\$437.50	NE NATL GUARD MUSEUM	\$388.00
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	\$14.27	MIPS INC	\$224.29
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	\$1,097.51	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$114,000.00
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	\$11,586.17	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$150.44
MEMORIAL CLINIC	\$194.52	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$144.90
MID-AMERICAN INS GROUP	\$45,259.40	MID-AMERICAN INS GROUP	\$473.60
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	\$301.12	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$1,097.12
MIPS INC	\$2,052.70	REDWOOD TOX LAB	\$100.87
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	\$93.00	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$50.91
NORRIS PUBLIC POWER	\$464.79	FELSBURG HOLT & ULLEVIG	\$526.25
NUSS, CHANDRA	\$437.50	NESBITT AND ASSOC	\$2,874.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	\$204.35	NMC, LLC	\$263,506.58
POINT C HEALTH	\$105.00	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$1,820.00
POSITIVE CONCEPTS	\$430.00	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$1,922.16
SANDRA SCHATZ, PHD	\$465.00	MID-AMERICAN INS GROUP	\$3,818.24
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$107,090.56	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$9,077.08
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	\$52.70	BOB BARKER COMPANY	\$331.41
SEWARD SHERIFF UNCOLL FEES	\$400.00	CIDNET	\$1,713.77
SEWARD CO SINKING FUND	\$1,000.00	PAC N SAVE	\$35.91
SIDNEY FREY	\$581.85	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	\$1,362.86
SOARIN GROUP	\$6,190.25	SALARIES	\$337,445.99
SPORTS EXPRESS	\$50.50	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:	
ST OF NE DAS COMMUN	\$537.60	AMERITAS DENTAL	
TRANSUNION RISK & ALT	\$1,120.00	AMERITAS VISION	
TRINITY SERVICES GROUP	\$8,956.53	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	
URIBE REFUSE SERVICES	\$156.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN	
US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	\$206.22	POINT C	
VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES	\$1,121.07	LPL FINANCIAL	
VIRTUAL GURUS	\$36.00		

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

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

- a. Zoning Fee Report for February 2026 - \$2,975.00
- b. County Clerk's Fee Report for February 2026 - \$54,369.23
- c. Utility Permit for Brett Stutzman to put Electrical Across 364th Road, ¾ Mile North of Davey Road in Sections 20 & 21, Township 12 North, Range 2 East of the 6th P.M.
- d. County Clerk's Election Report from the February 10, 2026 Special School Bond Election

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

Brandy Johnson, County Clerk, updated Commissioners on activities of her department.

Mary Dolan, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution organization, was present to give an update on the Seward County Abandoned Cemeteries Project Plan. The organization has been working on maintaining abandoned cemeteries, as well as the online abandoned cemetery records within the county. Dolan presented the plan, showing the various phases of the project and what they're hoping to accomplish with each phase. Hain noted that a lot of the abandoned cemeteries have been adopted by 4H clubs, and

those clubs may have available resources to help accomplish some of the work outlined on the plan. Dolan, along with Commissioners Ahmic and Hain, will schedule a virtual meeting with representatives from the Extension office, to continue moving forward on this project.

Tim Kallhoff, Weed Superintendent, was present with Paul Moyer from Nebraska Department of Agriculture, to discuss the NE Dept of Agriculture (NDA) Annual Noxious Weed Program Evaluation for 2025. Moyer gave information on the reports and requirements for evaluations.

Tom Van Steenhoven was present, representing the Seward Folly Hunt, to request the use of the Courthouse Lawn for the Folly Hunt from June 1, 2026 through September 7, 2026. The Commissioners advised him to submit an Application For Use of Seward County Courthouse Grounds, and to work with the Building & Grounds Superintendent for the placement of the folly bird on the courthouse grounds.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to enter into Executive Session at 10:01 a.m., not to exceed one hour, for personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to come out of Executive Session at 10:56 a.m.

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

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

Trever Trebilcock, Assistant Highway Superintendent, presented a one-month lease agreement with Rose Equipment for a Crack Seal Kettle.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Pekarek to authorize the Chair to sign a one-month lease agreement with Rose Equipment for a Crack Seal Kettle.

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

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Hain reported she received a call from an individual expressing interest in applying for the Aging Advisory Board, had a meeting with the Highway Superintendent, met with the Assistant Highway Superintendent, listened to a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Assn. (NIRMA) round table discussion call, was contacted by a member of the Village of Beaver Crossing board member regarding Community Project Funding (CPF), had a phone call with the Superintendent of Seward Schools regarding transportation, and worked on edits for a CPF application.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he met with the City of Seward Administrator and Commissioner Ahmic, attended an Apace board meeting, attended a Region V board meeting and a Region V Executive board meeting, met with the Sheriff, had a meeting with the Public Transit Director, and had a meeting with Commissioner Ahmic and an attorney from Woods Aitken Law Firm.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a Milford City Council meeting, met with the new Emergency Manager/Zoning Assistant, along with Commissioner Pekarek, attended an Emergency Preparedness Event planning meeting, met with the City of Seward Administrator and Commissioner Zabrocki, worked on Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) and Community Project Funding (CPF) applications, attended a Dorchester Village Board meeting on behalf of Seward/Saline Solid Waste Management, has been working to submit information on the 420th Road paving project with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), reported that JEO sent a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant scope of service review that she forwarded to the City of Milford and Southeast Community College to review, attended a Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) Executive Board meeting, met with Commissioner Zabrocki and an attorney from Woods Aitken Law Firm, and received an email from a dust control company and asked the Road Department to follow up with them.

Commissioner Schmieding reported that the 4th of July Committee meeting was postponed, he will attend a Visitors Bureau meeting and a Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) meeting. He received a few concerns regarding roads and reported that the Extension Board did not have a March meeting, but they will be meeting in April.

Commissioner Pekarek reported he attended an Emergency Preparedness Event planning meeting, has received calls regarding road concerns, met with the Zoning Administrator, met with new Emergency Manager/Zoning assistant, handled various correspondence with constituents and board members, received an update from the Superintendent of Seward Schools in regard to transportation, spoke with the Public Transit Director, and had a conversation with Commissioner Schmieding and the Assistant Highway Superintendent about a road.

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

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to sign a Letter of Support for the Village of Utica's FY2027 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for Federal Funding for Drinking Water Project.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on March 17, 2026 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 10, 2026
4. Consent Agenda:
 - a) Clerk of District Court Fee Report for February 2026 - \$8,857.08
 - b) County Treasurer's Certification of Tax Sale held on March 2, 2026

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

5. Discuss/Action – Public/Organizations/Officials
6. Commissioner Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Implementation Scope from JEO Services for Safety Study on State Street/Tech South Through Milford
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for March 24, 2026

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – CASA – Child Abuse Prevention Month/Program Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 11:33 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Pekarek, 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 17th day of March 2026.

County Clerk

Chairman