

# April 7, 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 8:30 a.m. on April 7, 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 April 7, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

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

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 31, 2026.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Pekarek, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve claims through March 27, 2026.

### SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MARCH 27, 2026

ADP INC	\$3,024.45	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES	\$951.88
ALLO COMMUNIC	\$5,050.83	US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	\$180.28
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	\$94.07	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	\$1,161.08
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$18,606.09	VIRTUAL GURUS	\$36.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$3,020.98	WYTHERS LAW	\$6,862.50
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	\$360.00	YORK COUNTY SHERIFF	\$37.00
BRENNAN,NIELSEN..LAW	\$245.33	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$3,623.69
CA MARKETING	\$736.34	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$1,646.75
CAMPBELL CLEANING	\$5,070.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	\$7,953.17
CAMPLIN & BIRD LEGAL GRP	\$3,681.25	EARNEST WELL DRILLING	\$1,310.00
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	\$52.53	FREDS AUTO ELECTRIC	\$180.00
CENTURY BUSINESS PROD	\$187.09	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	\$17,803.54
CHARTER COMMUNIC	\$86.78	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$3,705.55
CITY OF SEWARD	\$262.44	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	\$36.00
CLERK OF SUPREME CRT	\$131.00	NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	\$110.00
COAST TO COAST COMPUTER	\$659.98	NE EQUIPMENT	\$89.98
CODR PLUMBING & EXCAV	\$197.87	NE PUBLIC POWER	\$137.72
CROUCH'S HARDWARE	\$13.99	NE TRUCK REPAIR	\$81.00
DAWSON CO SHERIFF	\$52.79	POMP'S TIRE SERV	\$103.77
E 911	\$45,440.17	ROSE EQUIPMENT	\$10,321.20
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	\$951.16	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	\$29,460.01
ELIZABETH SAMUELSON	\$937.30	SOUTHWEST GRAVEL	\$26,748.45
FGH LAW OFFICE	\$5,682.70	TRUCK EQUIP SERV	\$130.61
FIRST WIRELESS	\$596.59	UTICA PARTS & SERVICE	\$99.66
HELMINK PRINTING	\$248.75	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	\$360.33
HERPOLSHEIMERS	\$165.68	VILLAGE OF UTICA	\$66.32
HOMETOWN LEASING	\$249.73	ST OF NE DAS MATERIAL	\$21,350.00

INDOFF INC	\$26.99	SEWARD CO CHAMBER	\$2,115.00
JEFFERSON CO SHERIFF	\$19.00	COMMUNITY PUBLISHERS	\$175.00
JOHN FILIPPI DDS D-ABFO	\$1,300.00	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING	\$292.50
JONES BANK (FICA)	\$18,403.93	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	\$530.00
KOTIK & MCCLURE, ATTY	\$6,625.00	SEWARD CO BRIDGES INC	\$2,500.00
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	\$101.14	SWEET TEA MARKETING	\$50.00
MARK MOORE	\$2,413.99	MIPS INC	\$647.81
MCKESSON MEDICAL	\$57.64	AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE	\$174.32
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	\$1,789.44	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$150,000.00
MEMORIAL CLINIC	\$370.00	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$150.91
MERRICK CO SHERIFF	\$18.00	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$145.43
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	\$87,602.85	MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	\$947.20
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	\$5,434.35	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$2,194.24
MIPS INC	\$1,629.18	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	\$120.03
MONONA CO CLERK OF CRT	\$46.00	MELANIE LUEDERS	\$100.00
MORROW, POPPE	\$2,038.93	BIZCO TECHNOLOGIES	\$4,503.00
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	\$84.00	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$127.49
NE PUB HLTH ENV LAB	\$105.00	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$180.59
NE EMERG MEDICINE PC	\$752.66	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$79.55
NORRIS PUBLIC POWER	\$285.74	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$69.03
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	\$15.69	SUBSTRATA LLC	\$27,444.00
PER MAR SECURITY SERV	\$165.00	UNITED TRUCK & EQUIP	\$1,972.44
PETTY CASH FUND	\$109.00	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$1,576.12
POINT C HEALTH	\$103.50	CHARTER COMMUNIC	\$51.96
POLLACK AND BALL	\$6,643.75	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$1,645.70
QUILL CORP	\$435.48	MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	\$7,266.22
RADIOLOGY ASSOC	\$168.00	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$17,328.48
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$212,602.44	CHARTER COMMUNIC	\$221.32
SEWARD CO CHAMBER	\$395.00	RX SERVICES LLC	\$183.64
SEWARD CO COURT	\$1,976.00	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	\$1,312.05
SEWARD CO ROAD FUND	\$600,000.00	SALARIES	\$341,324.73
SEWARD CO SINKING FUND	\$1,000.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:	
SHIFFERMILLER LAW	\$1,887.50	AMERITAS DENTAL	
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	\$149.63	AMERITAS VISION	
SOARIN GROUP	\$2,408.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	
ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	\$537.60	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN	
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	\$1,268.74	POINT C	
THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR	\$1,052.67	LPL FINANCIAL	
TRINITY SERVICES GRP	\$8,991.76		

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a. Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for March 2026 - \$5,631.13
- b. County Clerk Fee Report for March 2026 - \$71,543.76
- c. Authorize Chair to Sign Implementation Agreement with JEO Consulting for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Study on State Street/Tech South Through Milford

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

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP), updated the Commissioners on activities of the organization. The Commissioners thanked him for all of his work with Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) and wished him well in his new endeavor, as he has accepted a new position and will be leaving the organization.

Marilyn Hladky, County Assessor, updated the Commissioners on activities of her department.

### **Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Pekarek reported he attended the final meeting before the Seward County Emergency Preparedness Expo event being held Saturday, met with the Detention Center Director and reported on the status of the cameras failing at the jail.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended a Seward City Recreation Board meeting, will attend an Extension Board meeting, and will attend a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee meeting.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended a Seward/Saline Solid Waste Management Board meeting, has been working on an ongoing project involving the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, attended two Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) Executive Board meetings, reported on the Bridge Investment Program and the status of the 2023 and 2024 grant applications, attended a Seward County Emergency Preparedness Expo meeting, worked on an addendum to the Public Defender contract with the policy board, and scheduled a meeting with a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution pertaining to abandoned cemeteries.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he had a meeting with the Sheriff, attended a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Assn. (NIRMA) Roundtable discussion, attended a NIRMA Governance Board meeting, and has obtained the FY 2024-2025 inventory from the Sheriff's Office and will complete a full review of it.

Commissioner Hain reported she had a meeting with Human Resources, and will be meeting with the Human Resources Director, along with Commissioner Ahmic. She received questions from a constituent regarding the flyover of the county and encouraged the individual to check the Zoning regulations, worked with the Treasurer to reconcile Opioid Funds, met with the Assistant Highway Superintendent and drove roads in her district after it rained.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:02 a.m.  
The Commissioners reconvened at 9:05 a.m.

Jon Regnier, Highway Superintendent, presented a service agreement with Jackson's Heavy Equipment Training, LLC for motor grader operator training. Regnier noted that the minimum number of openings for the training is ten, but his department has a lot of new employees that could fill the slots. There was discussion about how the training would be funded, as it will be roughly around \$8,000 and the Road Department budget cannot absorb that much this fiscal year. Regnier stated that he has a new employee who is currently training internally with the department's trainer, so he would like to wait until that employee is trained, which could then lead to the expense coming out of next fiscal year's budget rather than the current fiscal year budget. After a brief discussion, the Commissioners expressed the importance of the training, but also the concerns with budgeting. It was decided that Regnier will get more information regarding the proposed retainer fee in the agreement and the potential for grant funding, and it will be brought back before the board.

Zabrocki led discussion on the Sheriff's Office Inventory for FY 2024-2025. He reported that he obtained the updated inventory, and he will begin the process of verifying the items listed. Sheriff Vance and Captain Borges were present for the discussion, noting that suggested items from the county's recent annual audit findings have been added to the inventory, while other items are being taken off the inventory through the surplus disposal process.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Pekarek to authorize the Chair to sign the surplus property disposal request for the Sheriff's Office.  
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Pekarek, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic                      Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:27 a.m.  
The Commissioners reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Moved by Pekarek and seconded by Hain to award the abandoned cemetery mowing bid to Buresh Lawn Care for \$700 per mowing, not to exceed 6 mowings.  
Affirmative Vote: Pekarek, Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic                      Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chair to sign the contract for abandoned cemetery mowing with Buresh Lawn Care.  
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Pekarek, Ahmic                      Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:33 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

Brandy Hafer, Public Transit Director, presented a Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement Medicaid Provider application for Public Transit.

Moved by Pekarek and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chair to sign the Disclosure of Ownership and Control Interest Statement Medicaid Provider application for Public Transit.

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on April 14, 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 24, 2026
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on April 14, 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 April 7, 2026

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

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Organizations/Officials
5. Commissioner Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Quarterly Jail Inspection
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for April 21, 2026

**9:15 a.m.** Discuss/Action – Update on Status of Camera System at the Justice Center

**9:45 a.m.** Discuss/Action – Audio/Video Recording of Commissioner Meetings

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 9:38 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Pekarek, Ahmic 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson