

# June 2, 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 June 2, 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 June 2, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

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

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 Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the minutes of May 26, 2026.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approved claims through May 22, 2026.

### SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MAY 22, 2026

ADAMS CO SHERIFF	\$18.50	DALE JOHNSON ENT	\$9,756.96
ADP INC	\$3,071.50	HEARTLAND TIRES	\$307.30
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	\$157.69	HELENA AGRI-ENT	\$9,998.12
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$17,483.53	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	\$23,932.72
AXON ENTERPRISES	\$1,739.88	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$3,786.22
BEL-CON REFUSE	\$4,647.26	KRIHA FLUID POWER CO	\$139.41
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$1,255.10	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSN	\$3,359.18

BRAVEBE CHILD ADVOCACY	\$5,390.00	NE EQUIPMENT INC	\$394.65
BRIAN FORAL	\$4,188.54	NE WEED CONTROL ASSN	\$150.00
CAMPBELL CLEANING	\$2,628.80	PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	\$1,003.20
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	\$52.53	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	\$32,079.06
CATALIS COURTS & LAND	\$3,342.07	SOUTHWEST GRAVEL PROD	\$917.75
CENTURY BUSINESS PROD	\$5,983.49	VADENBERG ELECTRIC	\$190.00
CHARTER COMMUNIC	\$86.78	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	\$360.30
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	\$289.90	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	\$114.49
CULLIGAN	\$29.50	VILLAGE OF UTICA	\$54.80
DALE NIEMANN	\$9.43	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	\$145.00
DIAMOND DRUGS	\$332.81	NEBRASKA TRAVEL ASSN	\$200.00
E 911	\$45,440.17	PAC N SAVE	\$1,099.10
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	\$44.54	SEWARD LUMBER	\$83.56
ES&S	\$2,231.22	SEWARD CO AG SOCIETY	\$1,000.00
FARMERS COOP	\$254.72	SWEET TEA MARKETING	\$757.00
FEHLHAFERS	\$49.75	PICTOMETRY INTL	\$43,540.00
FGH LAW OFFICE	\$5,441.30	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	\$256.25
FIRST WIRELESS	\$942.00	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$125,000.00
GALLS LLC	\$146.99	AGING PARTNERS	\$9.77
HAMPTON INN-COLUMBUS	\$990.00	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$150.44
HELMINK PRINTING	\$176.00	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$149.88
HOMETOWN LEASING	\$332.61	MILFORD AGING SERVICES	\$55.30
HOPE CRISIS CENTER	\$25,000.00	SEWARD AGING SERVICES	\$514.50
JACK DANIEL	\$33.34	UTICA AGING SERVICE	\$187.60
JOHNSON CO SHERIFF	\$20.80	VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES	\$120.03
JONES BANK (FICA)	\$16,196.03	AMERITAS LIFE INS	\$127.49
KATI SCHWEITZER	\$29.00	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$115.84
MARK MOORE	\$1,070.81	LA QUINTA INN & SUITES	\$249.90
MCKESSON MED SURG	\$27.06	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICATE	\$150.00
MEMORIAL CLINIC	\$266.50	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$203.13
MOTOROLA	\$15,600.00	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$176.63
NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	\$125.00	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$1,572.05
NORRIS PUBLIC POWER	\$194.20	APCO INTERNATIONAL	\$35.00
PETTY CASH FUND	\$9.90	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$48.75
PICTOMETRY INTL	\$23,600.00	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$51.96
PLANET TECHNOLOGIES	\$18,532.80	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$1,597.22
POINT C HEALTH	\$205.50	NE REGIONAL INTEROP NTWRK	\$3,000.00
QUILL CORPORATION	\$362.89	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER	\$232.00
REDWOOD TOX LAB	\$5.99	PLANET TECHNOLOG	\$2,447.76
REDWOOD TOX LAB	\$500.00	ALLO COMMUNIC	\$607.63
SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL	\$806.40	GEOCOMM INC	\$11,263.34
SECURITY EQUIPMENT	\$135.63	LANGUAGE LINE SERV	\$3.54
SEWARD CO SHERIFF	\$36.20	VERTIV CORPORATION	\$1,614.00
SMPC, LLC	\$3,990.00	WAHLTEK	\$3,129.93
SOARIN GROUP	\$350.00	CHARTER COMMUNIC	\$221.32
SUE MEDINGER	\$6.52	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	\$1,044.33
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	\$901.50	VISA	\$352.06
TRINITY SERVICES GRP	\$8,494.67	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	\$625.00
US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	\$182.30	SALARIES	
VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	\$1,160.98	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:	

VISA	\$2,882.67	AMERITAS DENTAL
WYTHERS LAW	\$15,445.50	AMERITAS VISION
AMERITAS LIFE INS	\$3,734.20	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$380.41	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN
BROCKMANN, RON	\$2,200.60	POINT C HEALTH
CHEMSEARCH	\$755.95	LPL FINANCIAL

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

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

- a. Utility permit for Viaero Fiber to construct underground conduits on 462<sup>nd</sup> Road between Little Salt Road & Highway 34 in Section 7, Township 12 North, Range 1 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> p.m.
- b. Surplus Property Disposal Request for Emergency Management

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Hain reported that she drove roads in two other counties, as well as Seward County. She spoke to the Road Department regarding road conditions and continues to advise constituents to do the same. Hain also met with the Aging Services Program Manager, participated in an interview for the Aging Services Program Manager position, has been working on rescheduling a Juvenile Comprehensive Plan meeting, and will be attending a Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) land use forum and County Board Workshop.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Seward City Council meeting, met with the Seward Mayor and City Administrator, attended a SouthEast Nebraska Development District (SEND) Executive Board meeting, attended a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Assn. (NIRMA) Board meeting, reported that the 911 board meeting was canceled, but he has requested another meeting be scheduled, spent time working in the Public Transit office, and participated in interviews for the Aging Services Program Manager position.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she will be meeting with Human Resources regarding potential policy changes, spoke with the Seward Senior Center Director, participated in a meeting via Zoom with a representative from the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT), the Treasurer, and Clerk, worked on the Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) grant project, requested a Broadband Task Force meeting to apply for USDA grants for broadband, has had communication with the county's contracted Surveyor in regard to a parcel of county owned land near Milford, thanked the board members for their response to an invitation to tour G&P landfill, received phone calls regarding road conditions and referred them to the Highway Superintendent.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will attend a Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) meeting via Zoom, has been in communication with the Visitors Bureau, attended the July 4<sup>th</sup> kickoff meeting, and surveyed roads.

The Commissioners recessed at 8:48 a.m.  
The Commissioners reconvened at 9:15 a.m.

Ray Foreman, Veterans Services Officer, and Dave Pankoke, representing the Veterans Service Committee, were present to discuss appointing two members to the Veterans Service Committee. There are two upcoming vacancies for the committee – one for a one-year term to fulfill the term of a committee member that can no longer serve, and one for a five-year term. Pankoke presented names of potential candidates that had been submitted by the VFW posts throughout the county. There was discussion regarding the candidates, as well as the need for bylaws for the Committee. Ahmic asked each board member to offer their top two choices for candidates.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to appoint Peggy Brown to serve on the Veterans Service Committee with the term to run from 2026 to 2031, and to appoint Kyle Hinkle to fill the unexpired term on the Committee with a term to run from 2026 to 2027.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Jon Regnier, Highway Superintendent, was present to discuss the agreement with the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project No. NH-80-8(110) in regard to temporary road closures of Seward County Roads 294<sup>th</sup>, 266<sup>th</sup>, 224<sup>th</sup>, 210<sup>th</sup> & 182<sup>nd</sup> across Interstate 80. The state intends to improve approximately 9.64 miles of Interstate 80 from the Pleasant Dale Interchange to the Seward Interchange. There was a brief discussion regarding the potential additional cost and maintenance that will be needed on the county roads due to additional traffic from the interstate detours. Regnier noted that the state's detour routes are all state highways, but that traffic may still increase on county roads.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement with the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project No. NH-80-8(110) Seward – Pleasant Dale Temporary Road Closures of Seward County Roads 294<sup>th</sup>, 266<sup>th</sup>, 224<sup>th</sup>, 210<sup>th</sup> & 182<sup>nd</sup> across Interstate 80.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Erika Kratochvil, representing the Seward 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, was present to request the use of the courthouse lawn and restrooms for the annual Seward 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Hain to approve the Seward 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee's request to use the courthouse lawn and restrooms for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Hain, Zabrocki, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on June 9, 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 May 26, 2026
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on June 9, 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 June 2, 2026

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

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Organizations/Officials
5. Commissioner Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Appoint Member to Planning Commission
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for June 16, 2026

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open and Award Rock & Gravel Bids for Road Department

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 9:47 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson