

# May 19, 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 May 19, 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 May 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.  
Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic  
Members: Raegan Hain, Darrell Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Scott Pekarek  
Deputy 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 Zabrocki to approve the minutes of May 5, 2026.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Pekarek, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve claims through May 8, 2026.

### SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH MAY 8, 2026

ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	\$8,336.92	VISA	\$93.55
ALLO COMMUNIC	\$4,931.48	VISA	\$592.56
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	\$425.57	VISA	\$23.16
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$16,893.27	VISA	\$639.18
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	\$480.00	VISA	\$1,998.00
CANCER PARTNERS OF NE	\$1,231.87	VISA	\$549.10
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	\$52.53	WATER ENGINEERING	\$220.50
CENTURY BUSINESS PROD	\$106.35	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	\$230.66
CITY OF SEWARD	\$5,987.10	WRIGHT, DARREN	\$125.00
CITY OF SEWARD	\$5,034.12	AMERITAS LIFE INS	\$3,633.52
CLERK OF DIST CRT	\$209.00	BEAVER HARDWARE	\$17.52
CROUCH'S HARDWARE	\$188.39	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$50.21
CULLIGAN	\$124.20	CROUCH'S HARDWARE	\$184.62
E 911	\$45,440.17	DALE JOHNSON ENT	\$19,052.84
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	\$675.25	FARMERS COOPERATIVE	\$5,168.66
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	\$459.14	FASTENAL COMPANY	\$75.01
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	\$1,052.69	GALE'S WELDING INC	\$405.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	\$19.50	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$375.28
ES&S	\$3,684.50	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	\$17,925.04
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE/TALX	\$59.95	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$3,735.09
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	\$117.55	MEMORIAL CLINIC	\$103.00
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	\$238.47	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	\$33.04
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	\$39.17	NATIONAL SIGN CO	\$7,285.53
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	\$1,652.41	NE EQUIPMENT INC	\$353.74
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	\$163.50	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$91.02
FARMERS COOPERATIVE	\$8,019.54	NEXTLINK AIS	\$51.07
FGH LAW OFFICE, LLC	\$4,807.70	NMC, LLC	\$4,277.74
FISH WINDOW CLEANING	\$978.00	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER	\$797.00

GALLS LLC	\$192.54	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER	\$1,602.91
GBE CPA	\$8,353.50	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	\$924.65
GREAT PLAINS COMMUNIC	\$685.89	PAC N SAVE	\$264.63
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	\$405.49	POWERPLAN	\$164.43
HERPOLSHEIMERS	\$150.50	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	\$1,420.05
HOLLY MATZKE	\$180.00	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	\$32,620.08
HOMETOWN LEASING	\$151.00	SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL	\$1,663.39
INDOFF INC	\$559.90	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	\$386.06
INSIGHT PUBL SECTOR SLED	\$4,565.35	SOUTHWEST GRAVEL PROD	\$3,760.19
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$191.31	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	\$668.99
JONES BANK (FICA)	\$16,738.20	VISA	\$287.82
KEARNEY INVEST CORP	\$389.85	INDOFF INC	\$98.94
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	\$238.65	MIPS INC	\$647.81
LEE ENTERPRISES	\$1,100.00	VISA	\$39.94
MCKESSON MED SURG	\$194.21	AMERITAS LIFE INS	\$151.38
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	\$52.00	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$145.96
MEMORIAL CLINIC	\$317.00	MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	\$473.60
MID-AMERICAN INS GROUP	\$44,751.08	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$1,097.12
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	\$1,932.79	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	\$5.45
MIPS INC	\$1,629.18	ALL RISE FOR JUSTICE	\$860.00
MIPS INC	\$224.00	JOSH HANS	\$60.00
NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	\$125.00	BIZCO TECHNOLOGIES	\$1,919.56
NE HEALTH & HUMAN SERV	\$93.00	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$127.49
NORRIS PUBLIC POWER	\$443.10	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$125.21
ONESOURCE	\$91.00	J & B EVENT DRAPES	\$750.00
OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	\$27.20	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER	\$100.19
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	\$38.00	AMERITAS LIFE INS	\$7.30
PETTY CASH FUND	\$17.85	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$6.33
PETTY CASH FUND	\$11.95	FELSBURG HOLT & ULLEVIG	\$405.00
PIONEER AMBULANCE SERV	\$1,619.19	MARVIN PLANNING CONSULT	\$500.00
POTTER REPAIR	\$350.68	AMERITAS LIFE INS	\$1,543.44
QUADIENT LEASING USA	\$231.00	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$48.81
QUADIENT LEASING USA	\$69.59	CITY OF SEWARD	\$237.72
QUILL CORPORATION	\$167.96	EAKES OFFICE PLUS	\$176.97
RADIOLOGY ASSOC	\$208.00	HOMETOWN LEASING	\$74.00
RUMERY LAWN	\$1,958.70	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$1,608.67
SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL	\$11,131.92	MID-AMERICAN INS	\$3,633.11
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	\$477.50	NORRIS PUBLIC POWER	\$238.00
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$107,021.84	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$8,664.24
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	\$5.91	SOARIN GROUP, LLC	\$288.00
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	\$1,177.90	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNT	\$115.00
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	\$65.00	CENTURYLINK	\$4,593.09
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	\$260.00	FIBER PLATFORM	\$327.00
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	\$65.00	LANGUAGE LINE SERV	\$16.63
SEWARD SHRIFF UNCOL FEES	\$204.00	CIDNET	\$1,404.54
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	\$188.17	PAC N SAVE	\$57.40
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	\$97.00	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	\$1,359.06
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	\$12,146.50	SALARIES	\$317,937.54
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	\$81.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:	
SPORTS EXPRESS	\$37.00	AMERITAS DENTAL	
SPORTS EXPRESS	\$12.50	AMERITAS VISION	
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	\$1,289.98	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	
TRANSUNION RISK & ALT	\$1,120.00	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN	
TRINITY SERVICES GROUP	\$9,052.45	POINT C	
UNIVERSITY NE LINCOLN	\$2,600.00	LPL FINANCIAL	
VISA	\$1,094.30		

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

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

- a. County Clerk Fee Report for April 2026 - \$43,285.86
- b. Clerk of District Court Fee Report for April 2026 - \$13,596.59
- c. Surplus Property Disposal Request for County Attorney
- d. Surplus Property Disposal Request for Sheriff
- e. Utility Permit for Windstream Nebraska to Bore 540' of Fiber Optic Cable Along South Side of Izaak Walton Road in Section 28, Township 11 North, Range 3 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> pm

- f. Utility Permit for Spectrum to Move a Cable North of 2581 Bluff Road in the SE ¼ of Section 15, Township 11, Range 3 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> pm
- g. Surplus Property Disposal Request for Road Dept.

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

Jon Regnier, Highway Superintendent, updated the Commissioners on activities of his department.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Hain reported that the county received an Opioid Settlement payment in the amount of \$1,253.47, she sent an email to Mary Dolan from the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Cindy Wolverton from the Extension Office to connect them so they can begin working on a training for the community and 4H clubs in regard to cleaning headstones at the abandoned cemeteries, received a call about gravel near Cordova, received an award letter from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) related to the \$1 Million appropriation received for the 420<sup>th</sup> Road Paving project, received several calls about bridge and road changes on Raymond Road outside of Staplehurst, and spoke with the Highway Superintendent and Assistant Highway Superintendent in regard to those calls, participated in interviews for the Aging Services Program Manager position and noted that the hiring committee has made a recommendation, has been working on employee evaluations, and received communication from a Four Corners Health Department representative about a Legislative Bill that has to do with pool inspections. Hain also reported that she emailed Candace Meredith from Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) about using public safety exceptions in the next fiscal year budget for the camera systems for the Justice Center, and reported that Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway has closed roads and created detours, affecting bus routes in some instances, in order to perform work on several crossings throughout the county, but the Road Department and schools were not notified of the closures.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended an Apace Board meeting, attended a Region 5 Board meeting, attended a Region 5 Executive Board meeting to discuss the review process for the Director, attended a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Assn. (NIRMA) HR Roundtable discussion, and he continues working with the Sheriff's Department on reviewing their inventory.

Detention Center Director, Sara Stenger and Deputy Director, Andrew Truslow were present, along with Sheriff Mike Vance, for the discussion regarding the service agreement and options for different providers for the camera system at the Justice Center/Detention Center. The current camera system is nearing the end of its life expectancy and is beginning to lack reliability and needs to be replaced. Pekarek contacted ECC, a distributor of camera systems for jails, and talked to them about the probability of their system integrating with the current door locks and intercoms in the building. Pekarek reported that ECC has not been able to complete an assessment yet, and there are a lot of unknown factors, such as cost, compatibility, and timeframe to complete the work with a different provider. He noted that he doesn't feel that switching to a new provider would be a productive option at this time. There was discussion about the pros and cons of staying with the same provider or switching to a new provider, and it was ultimately decided that staying with the current provider would be the most productive option.

Stenger presented a contract agreement with Accurate Controls, Inc. There was brief discussion regarding some of the language in the agreement.

Moved by Pekarek and seconded by Zabrocki to sign the contract agreement with Accurate Controls, Inc. for the VMS system and security control computer upgrade for the Justice Center/Detention Center.

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

The next item was a service subscription agreement with Idemia for LiveScan service. The current LiveScan equipment is over ten years old, and the hardware/software needs to be upgraded. The Commissioners discussed options for how to proceed with the

contract that is in place. The options presented include buying out the current equipment, but the hardware/software would be expired, purchasing new hardware/software LiveScan equipment, or leasing new equipment for five years.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Chair to sign the Service Subscription Agreement with Idemia for LiveScan service, accepting the option for leasing the equipment in the amount of \$48,000 over 5 years.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to enter into Executive Session at 9:49 a.m. to receive advice from legal counsel on a personnel matter, it being necessary for the protection of the public's interest.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Pekarek to come out of Executive Session at 10:47 a.m.

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

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

Regnier was present with Assistant Highway Superintendent, Trever Trebilcock to request permission to seek bids for rock and gravel.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to authorize the Highway Superintendent to seek bids for rock and gravel.

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

Commissioner Ahmic gave a public thank you to the Election Day workers, reported she participated in the Aging Services Program Manager position interviews along with Commissioner Hain, contacted Marvin Planning regarding training for the Planning Commission, reported that the Planning Commission voted to proceed with two hours of training – one hour from Marvin Planning and one hour from the County Attorney's Office, followed up on the Department of Motor Vehicles driver's license office closures due to receiving complaints about their office being closed frequently by reaching out to Senator Hughes' office, attended three Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) meetings; Executive Board, Personnel & Policies subcommittee, SCCDP board meeting. She spent a lot of time working on Solid Waste Management items, reported that she received a comment that the women's public restroom in the Courthouse is not Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, so she reached out to the Building & Grounds Superintendent to look at ideas to make both the men's and women's restrooms more accessible moving forward, had a Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Grant committee meeting with representatives from the Road Department, Southeast Community College & JEO Consulting, received a letter from the Department of Transportation regarding the reporting of pass through dollars in the county audit, has been working on employee evaluations, and attended a Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will attend a Visitors Bureau meeting, a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee meeting, and a Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) meeting, and congratulated Jon Propst and Jonathan Curtis on their Primary Election wins.

Commissioner Pekarek reported he attended a Veterans Service Committee meeting, attended a Planning commission meeting, had calls with the Sheriff and Detention Center Director regarding the cameras at the jail, and received some calls regarding Zoning.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on May 26, 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 April 28, 2026
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on May 26, 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 May 19, 2026

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

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Organizations/Officials
5. Commissioner Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Appoint Two Members to Veterans Service Committee
7. Discuss/Action – Executive Session – Personnel/Strategy
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for June 2, 2026

9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – Veteran of the Month

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 11:09 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026

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County Clerk

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Chairperson