

October 6, 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 October 6, 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 October 6, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

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

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 Curtis to approve the minutes of September 29, 2026.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Curtis, Ahmic
Abstain: Pekarek
Motion Carried

Moved by Curtis and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the claims through September 25, 2026.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25, 2026			
ACCURATE CONTROLS	\$33,930.00	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	\$3,580.30
ADP INC	\$3,142.45	WYTHERS LAW	\$12,862.50
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	\$8,336.92	AMERITAS LIFE INS	\$4,506.27
ALLO COMMUNIC	\$870.48	BEATRICE CONCRETE	\$18,651.69
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	\$6.25	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$153.15
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$17,320.03	DALE JOHNSON ENT	\$10,155.46
ANGEL ARMOR, LLC	\$2,489.00	INSTALL AUTO GLASS	\$315.00
ASSOC ANESTHESIO	\$74.65	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	\$55,534.57
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	\$600.00	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$4,696.94
BRYAN HEART	\$61.00	MAINELLI WAGNER & ASSOC	\$23,020.95
BRYAN MED CENTER	\$8,344.04	REED ELECTRIC	\$1,472.00
BRYAN PHYS NETWORK	\$1,946.48	NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	\$330.00
BURMEVES LLC	\$465.00	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$53.97
CAMPBELL CLEANING	\$5,070.00	NE TRUCK REPAIR	\$77.30
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	\$52.53	NMC, LLC	\$6,600.00
CAPITAL CITY TRANSFER	\$348.60	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	\$81,363.48
CENTURY BUSINESS PROD	\$89.89	SPORTS EXPRESS	\$196.60
COAST TO COAST COMPUT	\$189.99	VADENBERG ELECTRIC	\$1,407.00
CULLIGAN	\$108.90	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	\$360.30
DIVERSIFIED SAFETY	\$95.00	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	\$230.00
E 911	\$45,440.17	VILLAGE OF UTICA	\$55.16
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	\$548.40	WILLIAM F HARTMANN JR	\$430.00
ES&S	\$4,673.03	NMC, LLC	\$650.00

ELECTRONIC CONTRACTING	\$682.50	KOLTERMAN, CLARK	\$214.57
FARMERS COOP	\$130.74	NE NATL GUARD HIST	\$206.00
FGH LAW OFFIC	\$10,807.70	NE TRAVEL ASSOC	\$400.00
HAMPTON INN-COLUMBUS	\$1,100.00	SCCDP	\$390.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	\$264.06	VALENTINO'S SEWARD	\$108.55
JAMES CAMPBELL	\$147.00	NE NATL GUARD MUSEUM	\$3,500.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	\$16,842.16	SCCDP	\$780.00
KANSAS TURNPIKE AUTH	\$19.60	MIPS INC	\$654.54
KEARNEY INVEST CORP	\$649.75	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$75,000.00
KOTIK & MCCLURE, ATTYS	\$5,393.09	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$153.79
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	\$379.01	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$167.17
MANDINA MOTORS	\$468.35	MID-AMERICAN INS GROUP	\$389.58
MEMORIAL CLINIC	\$36.00	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$777.33
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	\$59,641.44	JONES AUTOMOTIVE	\$11,893.73
MIDWEST AUTOM	\$634.56	SIGNALSCAPE, INC	\$7,100.08
MIDWEST DOOR	\$18.00	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	\$120.03
MIPS INC	\$1,972.73	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$166.78
NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	\$264.20	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$158.15
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	\$476.34	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICATE	\$150.00
NEBR PUB HLTH ENV LAB	\$105.00	BUTLER COUNTY LANDFILL	\$205.33
NE EMERG MEDICINE	\$230.41	JEO CONSULTING GROUP	\$9,002.30
OREILLY AUTOM	\$329.14	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$1,574.39
PAPER TIGER SHRED	\$38.00	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$48.82
PAULY JAIL BLDNG CO	\$259.00	CONNIE LANGUAGEIN	\$50.00
PER MAR SECURITY	\$713.64	FIRST WIRELESS, INC	\$302.41
POINT C HEALTH	\$88.50	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$1,646.81
S. E. NE DEVELOP. DIST	\$6,982.00	MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	\$4,491.45
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$116,191.45	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$8,857.41
SEWARD CO SHERIFF	\$113.45	ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	\$1,382.40
SIDNEY FREY	\$80.35	ST NE DAS STATE ACCNTNG	\$115.00
SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO	\$140.12	CENTURYLINK	\$4,605.65
SOARIN GROUP	\$2,481.00	PAC N SAVE	\$42.92
TEK84	\$11,800.00	RX SERVICES LLC	\$125.13
HOBSON AUTO	\$97.03	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	\$707.17
TRINITY SERV GRP	\$8,288.70	SALARIES	\$336,068.09
US BANK EQUIP FINAN	\$182.30	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:	
VANGUARD APPRAISALS	\$23,200.00	AMERITAS DENTAL	
VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	\$1,120.95	AMERITAS VISION	
VIRTUAL GURUS	\$36.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	
VISA	\$1,095.61	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN	
WATER ENGINEERING	\$876.74	POINT C	
UTICA BODY & PAINT	\$1,000.00	LPL FINANCIAL	

Affirmative Vote: Curtis, Zabrocki, Pekarek, Ahmic

Motion Carried

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

- a. County Clerk Fee Report for September 2026 - \$35,311.07
- b. Clerk of District Court Fee Report for September 2026 - \$1,937.24

Affirmative Vote: Pekarek, Zabrocki, Curtis, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Doug Barker and Darren Hunter spoke during time for public comments regarding a Conditional Use Permit for a new wireless tower that was discussed at the September 29, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting.

County Clerk, Brandy Johnson and Highway Superintendent, Jon Regnier updated the Commissioners on activities of their departments.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Assn. (NIRMA) Roundtable meeting.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she met with Norris Public Power representatives regarding a potential energy study, spent time surveying rural roads and monitoring the impacts of the flooding throughout the county last week and thanked the road department for their work, spent time working with the Emergency Manager after the flooding, attended a Seward Saline Solid Waste Management meeting and worked with

other administrators on the Solid Waste bylaws, received calls regarding a levy issue on the General Election ballot, worked on information for the water study item on the agenda, had two interactions with the Public Service Commission, and noted that traffic had been rerouted from the interstate to O Street Road by Nebraska State Patrol during an interstate closure, so she reached out to Sheriff Vance about road closure procedures.

Megan Eckles, Emergency Manager, presented two documents for the Commissioners' consideration. Both documents were discussed at the September 29, 2026 meeting but both required further review by the County Attorney's Office.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Pekarek to authorize the Chair to sign the contract with Everbridge for Emergency Management Services.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Pekarek, Curtis, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Pekarek and seconded by Curtis to authorize the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between Seward County Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management office for the use of the Emergency Management Interoperable System(s) and IPAWS Open Platform for Emergency Networks.

Affirmative Vote: Pekarek, Curtis, Zabrocki, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Commissioner Reports, continued:

Commissioner Pekarek reported he drove rural roads and surveyed damage from the recent flooding, received calls and emails regarding road conditions, had a meeting with the Detention Center Director, and met with the Zoning Administrator.

Commissioner Curtis reported he scheduled a time for a ride along with one of the deputies from the Sheriff's Department.

During the September 29th meeting, the Commissioners discussed appointing one member to the vacant City of Seward representative position on the Aging Advisory Board. Two applications were received for the one vacancy. At that time, Commissioner Pekarek was absent, and the vote ended in a tie. The applications were briefly discussed again.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Curtis to appoint Lloyd Lipska to the Aging Advisory Board to fill the vacant City of Seward Representative position.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Curtis, Pekarek, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Pekarek and seconded by Curtis to authorize the Chair to sign the Funding Disbursement Agreement with the Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Affirmative Vote: Pekarek, Curtis, Zabrocki, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Marilyn Hladky, Assessor, presented a contract for annual maintenance of real property changes for the County Assessor's Office with Vanguard Appraisals, Inc.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Pekarek to authorize the Chair to sign the contract with Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. for annual maintenance of real property changes for the County Assessor's Office.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Pekarek, Curtis, Ahmic

Motion Carried

During the discussion on the Commissioners' request to seek sealed bids for hydrogeologic assessment, Ahmic reported that there have been ongoing conversations regarding a potential "water study", or assessment, between the county and the Natural Resources Districts. The collaboration will require an interlocal agreement between all of the entities, which has already been drafted. After meeting with both the Upper Big Blue and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources Districts, both have agreed to come together and fund half of the cost of the assessment. Because the total cost of the project would exceed the requirements of the sealed bidding process under the County Purchasing Act, the board needs to seek bids in order to proceed. The contract will be

between the county and the vendor chosen when the bid is awarded. Seward County will pay the cost of the contract to the vendor, and Natural Resources Districts will reimburse the county for half of the cost. The sealed bids will be solicited through a public notice in the local newspaper once a week for two consecutive weeks, and will be opened at the October 27, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Moved by Pekarek and seconded by Curtis to seek sealed bids for a hydrogeologic assessment.

Affirmative Vote: Pekarek, Curtis, Zabrocki, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Ahmic led discussion on the appointment of Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission members, noting that it is the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners to appoint individuals to those boards. The Board of Adjustment members are to be appointed every three years, and the time for reappointment is coming due. When the by-laws were created for the Planning Commission, the terms were staggered so all positions weren't filled at the same time. Ahmic recommended following that process for the Board of Adjustment and asked the other board members to submit their recommendations for potential board members to her by October 27th. Two Planning Commission positions will need to be appointed in January. Ahmic will ask the Human Resources Director to make applications for both boards available on the county website.

Moved by Curtis and seconded by Zabrocki to enter into Executive Session at 9:47 a.m. to discuss personnel.

Affirmative Vote: Curtis, Zabrocki, Pekarek, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Pekarek to come out of Executive Session at 10:22 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Pekarek, Curtis, Ahmic

Motion Carried

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

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on October 13, 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 September 22, 2026
4. Discuss/Action – Res – Set Levies for the Taxing Entities of Seward County
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on October 13, 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 October 6, 2026

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Organizations/Officials
5. Commissioner Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) Agreement Public Membership Agreement
7. Discuss/Action – Authorize Chair to Sign Interlocal Agreement #2 for Cooperative Public Safety Software, Hardware, and Related Services by and among the Counties of Butler, Saline, Seward, York, and Fillmore, and the Cities of Milford, York, Seward, Crete, and David City
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for October 20, 2026

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Extension Office Reverse Osmosis System Repair

The Commissioners recessed at 10:27 a.m. to perform the quarterly jail inspection at the Justice Center.

The Commissioners reconvened at 10:44 a.m. at the Justice Center

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Pekarek to adjourn at 11:06 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Pekarek, Curtis, 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 13th day of October 2026.

County Clerk

Chairperson