

September 8, 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 8:32 a.m. on September 8, 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 Equalization convened on September 8, 2026 at 8:32 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic
Members: Raegan Hain, Darrell Zabrocki, Jonathan Curtis,
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 Curtis to approve the minutes of August 11, 2026.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Curtis, Hain, Pekarek, Ahmic Motion Carried

Rediger updated the Commissioners on activities of her department.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on September 22, 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 8, 2026
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Pekarek to adjourn at 8:35 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Pekarek, Hain, 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 22nd day of September 2026.

County Clerk

Chairperson

September 8, 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 September 8, 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 September 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic
Members: Raegan Hain, Scott Pekarek, Jonathan Curtis,
Darrell Zabrocki
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 September 1, 2026.
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Pekarek, Curtis, Zabrocki, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Curtis and seconded by Zabrocki to approve claims through August 28, 2026.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH AUGUST 28, 2026			
ADVANCED CORREC HLTHCR	\$8,336.92	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$4,666.60
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$17,460.68	KRIHA FLUID POWER CO	\$191.37
CAMPBELL CLEANING	\$5,070.00	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	\$72.00
CENTURY BUSINESS PROD	\$217.80	NATIONAL SIGN CO	\$10,792.00
CITY OF SEWARD	\$16,550.70	NE ASSN OF CO OFFICIALS	\$80.00
CROUCH'S HARDWARE	\$127.97	NE EQUIPMENT	\$425.26
CULLIGAN	\$165.85	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	\$55.61
DIVERSIFIED SAFETY	\$95.00	POWERPLAN	\$176.40
E 911	\$45,440.17	TROYER CONCRETE	\$400.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	\$787.20	TRUCK CENTER CO	\$261.91
EGR BIRKEL & WOLLMER	\$1,100.00	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE CO	\$123.57
ELITE VEHICLE OUTFITTERS	\$174.60	VILLAGE OF UTICA	\$54.32
FARMERS COOP	\$251.56	CHAPTERS BOOKS	\$551.28
FIRST WIRELESS	\$1,365.00	GERKENSMEYER FARM	\$250.00
GALLS LLC	\$56.60	HOLLY MATZKE	\$125.00
GOVT FORMS & SUPPLIES	\$163.47	JOANN SIECK	\$250.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	\$181.50	ROBERT MATZKE	\$125.00
INDOFF INC	\$559.90	MIPS INC	\$654.54
JAYMAR	\$218.70	AMERITAS LIFE INS	\$153.79
JONES BANK	\$54.96	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$174.30
JONES BANK (FICA)	\$17,018.31	SEWARD AGING SERV	\$63.20
LAUBER FUNERAL SERVICE	\$1,132.83	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	\$120.03
MCKESSON MEDICAL	\$62.78	MELANIE LUEDERS	\$33.48
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	\$60,741.82	CREATIVE PROD SOURCING	\$1,202.97
MIPS INC	\$1,748.73	NE EQUIPMENT INC	\$1,752.26
MOTOROLA	\$98.79	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$173.33
NEB PUBLIC HLTH ENV LB	\$105.00	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$165.56
ONESOURCE	\$203.50	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$160.42

PETTY CASH FUND	\$67.55	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$124.90
PIONEER AMBULANCE	\$1,275.12	JEO CONSULTING GROUP	\$22,019.50
POINT C HEALTH	\$92.00	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$1,567.85
QUADIENT FINANCE USA	\$310.00	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$48.82
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	\$351.50	CITY OF SEWARD	\$236.75
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$119,214.64	JONES BANK (FICA)	\$1,639.40
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	\$17.72	MID-AMERICAN INS GROUP	\$5,427.60
SOARIN GROUP, LLC	\$6,644.25	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	\$10,729.27
TRINITY SERVICES GROUP	\$13,106.90	VISA	\$35.00
URIBE REFUSE SERVICES	\$156.00	ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	\$607.63
US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	\$182.30	VISA	\$239.88
VERIZON WIRELESS SERVICES	\$1,161.02	RX SERVICES LLC	\$172.04
VIRTUAL GURUS	\$36.00	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	\$1,047.63
WATER ENGINEERING	\$231.53	SALARIES	\$339,546.49
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	\$4,486.52	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:	
BEATRICE CONCRETE CO	\$33,829.22	AMERITAS DENTAL	
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	\$151.07	AMERITAS VISION	
DALE JOHNSON ENT	\$25,672.45	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	
HELMINK PRINTING	\$182.82	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN	
JF ACQUISITION	\$2,346.40	POINT C HEALTH	
JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	\$43,186.32	LPL FINANCIAL	

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

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

- Clerk of the District Court Fee Report for August 2026 - \$6,439.69
- County Clerk Fee Report for August 2026 - \$44,042.62
- Surplus Property Disposal Request for Road Department
- Zoning Fee Report for August 2026 - \$1,925.00

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

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Hain reported that she was notified that an Aging Advisory Board member from the Cordova area no longer wishes to serve on the board. She reached out to the Village Clerk and the Aging Services Program Manager to reach out to people in the community in search of someone to fill the vacancy. She also reported that a board member will be needed for the Seward area on the Aging Advisory board. She reviewed information and documents in preparation for a Four Corners Health Board meeting, and followed up with a Four Corners Health Department representative via email regarding those documents, received phone calls and messages from constituents regarding roads and online county employee training opportunities, reviewed the budget fact sheet and asked follow up questions about the document.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, participated in a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Assn. (NIRMA) roundtable meeting, remains in contact with the new Public Transit Director, and participated in a webinar for county officials.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she spoke with representatives from the City of Milford regarding Safe Streets and Roads 4 All and the city's water main project, worked with Jon Mohr from Spheros Environmental regarding a water study, and will be presenting that information at both an Upper Big Blue Natural Resource District and Lower Platte South Natural Resource District meeting, worked on the budget, obtained information on the Sheriff's vehicles after their budget discussion last week and passed that information along to the rest of the board, and met with Captain Borges and Heidi Fleischman from the Road Department regarding the Safety Action Plan, noting that during the month of October, a speed trailer will be placed on the Milford and Seward exit viaducts.

Commissioner Pekarek reported he attended a training in Grand Island and received phone calls regarding roads.

Jon Regnier, Highway Superintendent and Trever Trebilcock, Assistant Highway Superintendent, were present to discuss a potential fee schedule for tree and brush removal and tree removal process for trees and brush located in the county right-of-way. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the appropriate steps to take to force control of trees and brush growing in the county's right-of-way. It was determined that the first step in the process should be to have the County Attorney's office review the state statute(s) pertaining to this, along with any potential letters to be sent to landowners, contracts for service, and the fee schedule. Ahmic asked Regnier and Trebilcock to put together a timeline of the forced control process and bring this discussion back to the board after the County Attorney's Office has reviewed all of the components.

Commissioner Reports, continued:

Commissioner Curtis reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, visited the Seward County Historical Society Museum, will attend Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) SE District meeting on Thursday, had conversations with constituents in the community, and traveled the roads throughout the county.

The Commissioners discussed the 2026-2027 budget.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 15, 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 September 8, 2026

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Organizations/Officials
5. Commissioner Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Agenda for September 22, 2026

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Brian Foral/JEO Consulting – Update on County Owned Parcel #800056043

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 10:51 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Curtis, Pekarek, 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 15th day of September 2026.

County Clerk

Chairman