

September 15, 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 15, 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 15, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic
Members: Raegan Hain, Darrell Zabrocki, Jonathan Curtis,
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 Curtis and seconded by Hain to approve the minutes of September 8, 2026.
Affirmative Vote: Curtis, Hain, Pekarek, Zabrocki, Ahmic Motion Carried

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Curtis reported he attended a Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Southeast District meeting, attended a first responder meeting, will be riding along with a deputy from the Sheriff's Department, attended a Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) Welcome Event for two new employees, will attend a Visitors Bureau meeting, drove the Perma-Zyme Soil Stabilization application site on 420th Road, and met with the Highway Superintendent and Assistant Highway Superintendent.

Commissioner Pekarek reported he received calls and emails regarding road conditions and referred them to the Road Department, met with the Highway Superintendent and the Administrative Assistant for the Road Department regarding processes, and has been reviewing Zoning Regulations.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended an Upper Big Blue Natural Resource District meeting in York, where she gave a presentation regarding a potential water study, reached out to a representative from Norris Public Power, received a call regarding the Seward Airport and referred them to the City of Seward, received calls regarding road conditions, finalized the draft of the bylaws for the Seward/Saline County Solid Waste Management agency, worked with Commissioner Hain on finding an Aging Advisory Board member, and attended an SCCDP Welcome Event for two new employees.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he continues to spend time working with the Public Transit office, attended an SCCDP Welcome Event for two new employees, attended a Region Five meeting, an Apace meeting, and a Region Five Executive Board meeting.

Commissioner Hain reported that she attended a Four Corners Board of Health meeting, noted that a scheduled Extension Board meeting had to be canceled due to the lack of a quorum, drove the Perma-Zyme Soil Stabilization application site on 420th Road, invited Commissioner Curtis to attend a Juvenile Comprehensive Plan meeting later this month, received information related to a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) application and receipt of funding for the 420th Road project, noted that the Aging Services Program Manager posted information regarding the Aging Advisory Board vacancies on Facebook, and encouraged the others to share that information as well.

Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, was present to request permission to place purple lights in the courthouse windows, and signs on the courthouse lawn for Suicide Prevention Month. Zabrocki will follow up with the Building & Grounds Superintendent about placing purple lights on the statues on the courthouse lawn as well.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Curtis to approve the County Attorney's Office request to place purple lights in the courthouse windows and signs on the lawn for Suicide Prevention Month.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:17 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Brian Foral, the county's contracted Surveyor from JEO Consulting was present, along with Tim Dworak, Building/Zoning and Codes Enforcement Director for the cities of Seward and Milford, to discuss a county owned parcel of land near Milford. Ahmic reported that the City of Milford reached out to the Board and the Zoning Office about a property near Milford that the county owns. There were questions regarding ordinances and potential nuisance violations on the property that needed to be addressed. In order for it to be properly addressed, property lines and accurate ownership needed to be determined. Foral researched the property, and he, along with Dworak and Commissioner Ahmic visited the site. The parcel lies in a floodplain, and there is currently trailers, trucks and cars parked on it that could potentially cause a problem if the area were to flood and those objects flow downstream. Foral determined that the county does own part of the property where the objects are located, although the objects do not belong to the county. The County Attorney's Office will work with the Commissioners to determine the next step in resolving the matter and this will be brought back for further discussion.

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

Known items on the agenda for the Board of Commissioners on September 22, 2026 are as follows:

8:45 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Hearing – Proposed Budget for Seward County Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Upon the adjournment of the Budget Hearing, known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on September 22, 2026 are as follows:

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of September 15, 2026
4. Discuss/Action – Claims through September 11, 2026

- ## Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

- Chairperson