November 3, 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 November 3, 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 November 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic
Members: Raegan Hain, Darrell Zabrocki, Jonathan Curtis, Scott Pekarek
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 Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the minutes of October 27, 2026.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Curtis, Pekarek, Ahmic Motion Carried

Moved by Curtis and seconded by Hain to approve claims through October 23, 2026.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH OCTOBER 23, 2026

ACCURATE CONTROLS	$4,005.22	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	$221.72
ADP INC	$3,104.65	CODR PLUMBING	$377.89
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	$8,843.84	DALE JOHNSON ENT	$31,851.34
ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	$734.41	HAMILTON EQUIP CO	$206.40
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	$23.48	HEARTLAND TIRES	$511.90
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	$18,297.63	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	$69,463.24
CAMPBELL CLEANING	$5,070.00	JONES BANK (FICA)	$4,199.68
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	$60.77	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	$36.00
CENTURY BUSINESS PROD	$298.44	REED ELECTRIC	$265.60
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	$275.90	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	$682.00
DODGE CO SHERIFF	$68.72	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	$360.36
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	$31.37	VILLAGE OF UTICA	$55.04
E 911	$82,169.12	MERLES FLOWER SHOP	$191.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	$248.40	PAC N SAVE	$721.86
ES&S INC	$1,158.16	RED PATH GALLERY	$60.00
FGH LAW	$5,183.12	SWEET TEA MARKETING	$66.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	$165.44	SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	$62,000.00
INDOFF INC	$223.96	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	$153.79
JONES BANK (FICA)	$17,908.20	JONES BANK (FICA)	$167.17
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	$33.95	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	$120.03
MCKESSON MED SURG	$23.96	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	$178.76
MEMORIAL CLINIC	$150.00	JONES BANK (FICA)	$171.72
MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	$11,995.00	EVERBRIDGE/NIXLE	$5,531.26
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	$398.03	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	$102.64
NEBR DEPT OF LABOR	$285.00	WILLIAM F HARTMANN JR	$1,447.44
ORKIN LLC	$161.00	JEO CONSULTING GROUP	$6,166.18
OWENS EDUC SERVICES	$285.20	AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	$1,552.70

POINT C HEALTH	$90.00	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	$48.85
QUADIENT, INC	$3,662.36	JONES BANK (FICA)	$1,622.24
QUILL CORP	$114.80	SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	$65.00
RIXSTINE TROPHY CO	$25.00	ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	$2,764.80
RUTT'S MECHANICAL SERV	$3,897.00	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTNG	$115.00
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	$1,472.38	VISA	$501.00
SEWARD CO COURT	$2,946.50	CENTURYLINK	$4,627.97
SOARIN GROUP	$1,197.00	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	$494.85
SPORTS EXPRESS	$111.00	VISA	$11.32
THOMAS CREATIVE APPAREL	$499.65	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	$625.00
TRINITY SERVICES GRP	$12,433.05	SALARIES	$343,514.18
ULINE	$183.25	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:	
URIBE REFUSE SERV	$156.00	AMERITAS DENTAL	
US BANK EQUIP FINANCE	$189.12	AMERITAS VISION	
VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	$1,121.11	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	
VISA	$903.53	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN	
WELLS FARGO FINAN LEAS	$230.66	POINT C HEALTH	
AMERITAS LIFE INS CORP	$4,058.68	LPL FINANCIAL	
BEATRICE CONCRETE CO	$2,957.90		

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve the consent agenda consisting of:
a. Debris removal agreements with Hartmann Construction for Bridges #2205P and #2615 Affected by the October Flooding Event

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:02 a.m.
The Commissioners reconvened at 9:05 a.m.

Moved by Curtis and seconded by Pekarek to accept the retirement of Sheriff Mike Vance.
Affirmative Vote: Curtis, Pekarek, Zabrocki, Hain, Ahmic Motion Carried

The Commissioners presented Sheriff Vance with a plaque in honor of his years of service and his retirement.

Ahmic led discussion on identifying the appointee to fill the vacancy of the Sheriff. There was discussion during the October 27th meeting regarding the appointment process for the upcoming vacancy of the Sheriff's position. The Commissioners discussed appointing the winner of the November 3rd election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term at that time, but no formal action was taken. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, noted that there should be a contingency plan in case the winner cannot be determined right away.

Moved by Curtis and seconded by Hain to appoint the winner of the November 3rd, 2026 Sheriff's election, and if there is a contested action, Captain Lisa Borges, to be appointed to fill the remainder of the term from November 6, 2026 to January 6, 2027.
Affirmative Vote: Curtis, Hain, Pekarek, Zabrocki, Ahmic Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on November 10, 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 October 27, 2026
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

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Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Organizations/Officials
5. Commissioner Reports
6. Discuss/Action – Agenda for November 17, 2026

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 9:13 a.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Curtis, Pekarek, Ahmic Motion Carried

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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 10th day of November, 2026.

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County Clerk Chairperson