

# April 22, 2025

## 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 8:30 a.m. on April 22, 2025 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](http://sewardcountyne.gov) and published in the Seward County Independent and the Milford Times. 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 April 22, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. a.m.

Present:           Chairperson: Misty Ahmic  
                          Members: Raegan Hain, Darrell Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding,  
                          Scott Pekarek  
                          County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer  
                          County Assessor: Marilyn Hladky

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 April 8, 2025.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Pekarek, Ahmic           Motion Carried

Hladky updated the Commissioners about activities of her office.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to open a hearing at 8:35 a.m. to hear tax exemption requests from:

- a. Sunrise Country Manor
- b. Seward County Historical Society
- c. Mercy City Church

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

Hladky gave information about tax exemptions given for applicants who own real property they are requesting to be tax exempt, but all is not being used exclusively for tax exemption purposes. Sunrise Country Manor and Seward County Historical Society have this kind of property that is income producing to help cover costs of the applicants. Mercy City Church is a new church that recently purchased their property and part of their property is also income producing.

No one was present for the application for Sunrise Country Manor. Sue Imig was present to represent Seward County Historical Society. No one was present for the application for Mercy City Church.

Action on these tax exemptions will occur at the next Board of Equalization meeting.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Pekarek to close the public hearing at 8:59 a.m.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Pekarek, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Ahmic           Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on May 13, 2025 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 22, 2025
4. Discuss/Action -Action of Tax Exemption Hearing of 4/22/2025
  - i. Sunrise Country Manor
  - ii. Seward County Historical Society
  - iii. Mercy City Church
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 9:02 a.m.

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

State of Nebraska)  
County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson

## April 22, 2025 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 9:02 a.m. on April 22, 2025 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](http://sewardcountyne.gov) and published in the Seward County Independent and the Milford Times. 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 April 22, 2025 at 9:02 a.m. a.m.

Present:      Chairperson: Misty Ahmic  
                 Members: Raegan Hain, Scott Pekarek, Ken Schmieding,  
                 Darrell Zabrocki  
                 County Clerk: Sherry Schweitzer

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 consent agenda consisting of:

- a. Minutes of April 14, 2025
- b. Utility Permit for Norris Public Power District to run electrical line under 336<sup>th</sup> Road approximately 1,150 feet north of Old Cheney Road in the S ½ SW ¼ Section 11 Township 9 North, Range 2 East of the 6th P.M.
- c. Zoning Fee Report for March 2025 - \$3,075.00

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the claims through the period of April 11, 2025

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH APRIL 11, 2025					
ACCURATE CONTROLS	EQ	\$2,002.61	SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$1,475.00
ALLEN LEGAL	SE	\$1,097.00	SODORO LAW	SE	\$1,830.00
ALLO COMMUNIC	UT	\$575.81	ST NE DAS ST ACCNTNG	SE	\$795.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$195.93	SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$9,375.24
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$21,652.76	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$637.50
JAMES CAMPBELL	SE	\$110.00	THOMSON REUTERS-W	FE	\$1,208.31
BENCHMARK GOVT SOL	SE	\$702.90	VISA	FE	\$3,779.51
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,655.08	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$44.94
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$600.00	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	EQ	\$230.66
BOB BARKER CO	SE	\$296.59	BEATRICE CONCRETE	SU	\$9,519.66
BRENNAN,NIELSEN LAW	SE	\$1,143.75	BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$195.60
CENTURY BUSINESS PROD	SU	\$105.58	BERN'S BODY SHOP	EQ	\$1,476.22
CHARTER COMMUNIC	UT	\$335.41	CENTRAL STATES HYDR	SE	\$4,989.15
CLERK OF DIST COURT	SE	\$695.00	TOPPING OUT	SE	\$1,121.03
CONTINENTAL FIRE	SE	\$1,495.00	CROUCH'S FARM	SU	\$222.16
CULLIGAN	SE	\$169.50	G & P DEVELOP LANDFILL	SE	\$20.50
DIAMOND DRUGS	SE	\$500.07	JOHNSON SAND GRAVEL	SU	\$52,176.07
DICKSON LAW	SE	\$2,537.50	KRIHA FLUID POWER CO	SE	\$88.89
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$949.98	NE ASSN CO ENGINEERS	FE	\$270.00
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	EQ	\$59.95	NEBRASKA TRUCK REPAIR	SE	\$15.35
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$13,005.48	NELSON CONTRACTING	SE	\$836.67
FGH LAW OFFICE	SE	\$450.00	NMC, INC	EQ	\$29,449.76
SIDNEY FREY	SE	\$126.00	NORFOLK LODGE	TR	\$250.00
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$815.48	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$1,583.47
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$177.29	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$1,261.91
HOBSON AUTO AND TIRE	EQ	\$682.79	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	EQ	\$1,210.76
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$240.94	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$21,665.50
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SU	\$43.12	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	EQ	\$661.53
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$21,779.61	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$77.59
KINER SUPPLY CO	SU	\$2,420.42	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$6,929.86
KIRBY ROTH INSURANCE	FE	\$50.00	SOUTHWEST GRAVEL	SU	\$6,546.51
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.73	EHLERS ELECTRONICS	SE	\$400.00
LINCOLN CO SHERIFF	SE	\$21.65	KV ENTERPRISES	SU	\$9,950.00
MATTSON RICKETTS LAW	SE	\$7,651.42	MERLES FLOWER SHOP	SU	\$64.00
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$62.40	SEWARD 4TH JULY COMM	SE	\$2,500.00
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$324.25	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$585.00
SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$1,710.00	SEW CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	#####
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$830.26	INTOXIMETERS	EQ	\$10,095.00
MIDWEST DOOR	SE	\$1,311.00	MORGAN CAMPBELL	SE	\$87.74
MY CENTRAL SUPPLY	SU	\$116.46	CITY OF CENTRAL CITY	EQ	\$250.00
NE ASSN CO EXT BOARD	FE	\$100.00	LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$129.00
NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$350.00	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$310.21
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$84.00	TRANSUNION RISK & ALT	EQ	\$3,628.50
ONESOURCE	SE	\$206.00	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$224.60
OREILLY AUTOM	SU	\$132.08	ADVENT FINANCIAL SYS	SE	\$195.00
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$75.00	CHI HEALTH MIDLANDS	SE	\$139.28
CA MARKETING	SE	\$169.67	HOME2 SUITES OMAHA	SE	\$3,621.45
POLLACK & BALL	SE	\$1,556.25	SARPY COUNTY	SE	\$720.00
RIXSTINE TROPHY	SU	\$531.25	CIDNET	SE	\$3,444.32
RR DONNELLEY	SE	\$186.86	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	FE	\$1,000.00
RUMERY LAWN	SE	\$264.00	SALARIES		#####
ELIZABETH SAMUELSON	SE	\$5,337.50	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
BRENT SCHLUCKEBIER	SE	\$10.05	AMERITAS DENTAL		
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$1,540.68	AMERITAS VISION		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,394.17	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD SHRF UNCOL FEES	FE	\$166.00	MID AMERICAN CO WI		
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$137.83	POINT C FSA		
JOY SHIFFERMILLER	SE	\$2,493.75	WADDELL & REED		

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Pekarek  
Voting No: Ahmic

Motion Carried

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

The Commissioners discussed the Resolution for Final Acceptance of Project Construction BRO-7748(1) Beaver Crossing South.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3839 in regard to the Final Acceptance of Project Construction BRO-7748(1) Beaver Crossing South.

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF PROJECT CONSTRUCTION**

Seward County  
Resolution No. 3839

**Whereas:** Seward County and State entered into an LPA Program Agreement for State to assist County in the development and construction of an LPA Federal-aid transportation project;

**Whereas:** The project construction has been tentatively accepted and the State, on LPA's behalf, has recommended that the project is ready for final acceptance;

**Whereas:** The LPA Program Agreement requires the county to review and formally approve State's recommendation that the project is ready for final acceptance;

**Whereas:** County has reviewed the State's recommendation and agrees that the project has been constructed according to the plans, specifications and any change order(s) and that the construction is ready for final acceptance;

**Whereas:** County believes that the traffic control and permanent signs on the project are appropriate, have been properly placed and are acceptable to the County.

**Be It Resolved by the County Board of Seward County that:**

The Chair, Misty Ahmic, is hereby authorized to sign the bottom of this resolution and submit it to the State signifying the County's final acceptance of the project construction.

The permanent signing and traffic control on the project are appropriate, have been properly placed and are acceptable to the County. The County hereby accepts maintenance of the project and agrees to meet all environmental and other commitments related to the project.

NDOR Project Number: BRO-7748(1)

NDOR Control Number: 13363

NDOR Project Description: Beaver Crossing South

Adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2025 at Seward Nebraska.

The County Board of Seward County, Nebraska

Scott Pekarek, Ken Schmieding, Raegan Hain, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Misty Ahmic

Board/Council Member Zabrocki

Moved the Adoption of said resolution

Member Hain Seconded the Motion

Roll Call: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

SEWARD COUNTY  
MISTY AHMIC

MISTY AHMIC  
Chair, County Board

Attest:  
Sherry Schweitzer  
County Clerk Signature

**NDOT Form 501, December 2017**

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to add to the agenda "A letter of support for Congressman Flood's and Senator Fischer's offices for 420<sup>th</sup> Road Funding".

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

Motion Carried

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Pekarek reported he attended the meeting with Marvin Planning about Zoning Regulations, reported he did not hear anything from the Lancaster County Highway Supt. about a grant for a road project and also met with the County Sheriff.

Regnier and Roxanne Knutson, HR Director, were present to request a Tier 1 Hiring Bonus Heavy Duty Equipment Operator Position. An applicant was hired with a hiring bonus but left employment after 7 days. They are asking to be able to start over with the hiring and are asking to hire with a bonus.

Moved by Pekarek and seconded by Hain to authorize the Road Dept. offer a Tier 3 Hiring Bonus for Heavy Duty Equipment Operator Position.

Affirmative Vote: Pekarek, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Voting No: Zabrocki

Motion Carried

**Commissioner Reports (Cont.)**

Commissioner Schmieding reported he will be attending a 4<sup>th</sup> of July meeting this evening. He will be attending a meeting for the Visitors Committee event on Wednesday. He will attend an Arbor Day event also.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she also attended the Planning meeting with Marvin Planning, talked to the Highway Supt. about a bridge on the county line, met with the Sheriff, worked on several grants, completed some employee evaluations, worked on Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) work, reported she had small "flags" put in the middle of the road in her area - something she estimated were for surveying, attended the Seward County Planning Commission meeting and worked on the tire event to happen soon. She stated May 10 has been set for the Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) stake holder meeting. She attended a broadband task force meeting, and she and Commissioner Hain met with Senator Fischer's Office.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Safety Committee meeting, a broad band meeting, Seward City Council meeting, Seward County Planning Commission meeting, Nebraska Policy Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) meeting in Ogallala at the new Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) building , and gave information about Region V and Apace.

Commissioner Hain reported she was notified of a funding allocation of opioid settlement funds, completed some employee evaluations, asked for letters of support for a road grant, emailed information to focus groups involved with the juvenile team priorities, and talked to Ann Dobesh of the Extension Office

During the legislative update, Commissioner Ahmic stated the Inheritance Tax bill(s) are going to be debated this next week and all should contact Senator Hughes.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Pekarek to approve the Letter of Support from the Seward County Board of Commissioners for the 420<sup>th</sup> road project.

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

Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 9:49 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 10:00 a.m.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to go into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. to discuss personnel.

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

Motion Carried

The Chair re-stated the reason for Executive Session was for personnel.

Commissioner Zabrocki is absent at 12:30 p.m.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to close the Executive Session at 12:47 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Schmieding, Pekarek, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on April 29, 2025 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of April 22, 2025

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

4. Discuss/Action – Public/Organizations/Officials
5. Commissioner’s Reports
6. Discuss/Action - Legislative Update
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for May 6, 2025

9:05 a.m. Discuss/Action – Veteran of The Month

Moved by Hain and seconded by Pekarek to adjourn at 12:48 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Pekarek, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

State of Nebraska)

County of Seward) ss.

I, Sherry Schweitzer, 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

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County Clerk

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Chairman