

July 29, 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 9:00 a.m. on July 29, 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 July 29, 2025 at 9:00 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 Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to approve claims for the period through July 18, 2025.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JULY 18, 2025					
ADP INC	SE	\$3,013.25	SVEHLA LAW OFFICES	SE	\$587.50
ALLO COMMUN	UT	\$578.67	THAYER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$35.52
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$129.70	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	EQ	\$1,228.54
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$23,039.32	VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	UT	\$642.33
ANGEL ARMOR	SU	\$1,223.00	VISA	FE	\$3,361.16
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,101.72	WELLS FARGO FIN LEAS	EQ	\$230.66
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$480.00	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$87.92
BRYAN HEART	SE	\$26.28	ACKERMAN DESIGN	SE	\$54.96
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	EQ	\$45.32	EHLERS ELECTRONICS	SE	\$20.00
CARROLL CO SHERIFF	SE	\$65.00	KV ENTERPRISES	SU	\$224.12
CENTURY BUSINESS PROD	SU	\$303.69	HOTSY EQUIPMENT	EQ	\$924.63
CHARTER COMMUN	UT	\$335.41	HYDRAULIC EQUIP SERV	SE	\$102.79
COAST TO COAST COMP	SE	\$169.99	JAMES ENTERPRISE	SU	\$22,215.28
CONTINENTAL ALARM	SE	\$1,602.00	KERFORD LIMESTONE CO	SU	\$32,939.60
CONTINENTAL FIRE	SE	\$451.43	LANCASTER CO ENGINEER	SE	\$57,842.52
DIVERSIFIED DRUG TEST	SE	\$55.00	MAINELLI WAGNER	SE	\$9,982.80
DODGE CO SHERIFF	SE	\$20.19	MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$70.00
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$151.25	ALVIN MEYER	SE	\$2,910.98
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$2,006.95	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$1,684.30
FGH LAW OFFICE	SE	\$4,998.91	RUBBER INC	SU	\$1,196.15
FIRST WIRELESS	UT	\$969.69	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$40,448.00
GALLS LLC	SE	\$376.95	ACE IRRIGATION	SE	\$29,497.00
GARCIA CLINICAL LAB	SE	\$60.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$8,319.20
HD SUPPLY	SU	\$720.59	JOHNSON SAND & GRAVEL	SU	\$20,466.32
HERPOLSHEIMERS	SE	\$75.00	MIDWEST SERVICE	SE	\$739.22
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$249.73	SOUTHWEST GRAVEL	SU	\$3,744.86
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$23,190.68	NE DEPT OF TRANSPORT	SE	\$8,466.00
LESS LETHAL LLC	SE	\$1,809.00	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$521.10
LEVANDERS AUTO	SE	\$1,219.76	SEWARD INDEPENDENT	SE	\$1,565.00
LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$501.78	SEWARD ARTS COUNCIL	FE	\$1,000.00

MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$783.55	SEWARD CO HIST SOC	FE	\$500.00
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	SE	\$695.52	VANGUARD APPRAISALS	SE	\$97.50
MID-AMERICAN INS	FE	\$47,236.81	JONES BANK	FE	\$100.00
SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$30.50	PROF DEVEL ACADEMY	FE	\$500.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$785.85	FELSBURG HOLT	SE	\$12,383.75
MOTOROLA	EQ	\$21,606.00	ST OFNE DEPT CORR.SERV	SE	\$7,613.58
NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$25.00	PATRICK HOTOVY, MD	SE	\$1,000.00
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$90.00	LANGUAGE LINE SERV	SE	\$7.67
NE ORTHOPAEDIC CNTR	SE	\$262.56	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	FE	\$625.00
PHYSICIANS LAB	SE	\$3,050.00	SALARIES		\$326,880.38
CA MARKETING	SU	\$367.03	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$2,125.00	AMERITAS DENTAL		
SEC OF ST - ELECTIONS	SU	\$20.00	AMERITAS VISION		
SEW CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$227,776.72	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE	SU	\$389.62	POINT C		
NE DAS ST ACCNTNG	SE	\$910.50	LPL FINANCIAL		
SUMMIT FOOD SERVICE	SE	\$10,098.59			

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

Moved by Pekarek and seconded by Hain to increase the credit card limit to \$1,500 for the E911 Director, Maria’ Scamehorn.

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

The Veteran of the Month was presented to Alan Baldwin. He gave information of his service and said he enlisted in the Army in 1974 and was stationed in Germany for a period of time. He came from a family of veterans with his father and other relatives also being in the military. He was also a volunteer organization of the Dept. of Defense which helps reservists get back into the civilian world. He also volunteers with the Seward County Veterans Service Office, driving veterans to their appointments. He said he is more proud of his father’s service than his own. A plaque was presented to him honoring his service.

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

The Commissioners discussed vacating Johnson Dam Road. Regnier conducted a study as directed by resolution at last week’s meeting.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3868 setting the date and time for a hearing for Johnson Dam Road on Aug. 26, 2025, at 9:15 a.m.

THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION NO. 3868

WHEREAS, the Seward County Board of Commissioners has directed the Seward County Highway Superintendent by resolution to examine the following described road, and,

WHEREAS, the Seward County Highway Superintendent has made his examination and submitted his report, and

WHEREAS, the Seward County Highway Superintendent’s recommendation to the Seward County Board of Commissioners at their Tuesday, July 29, 2025 meeting is to vacate the county road and associated county road right-of-way located in Seward County, Nebraska. The road is more particularly described below.

WHEREAS, the report of the Highway Superintendent shall be retained in the office of the county clerk as a part of the permanent public records of the county board;

WHEREAS, the Seward County Commissioners deem that it may be in the public interest of Seward County to vacate the road; therefore, a public hearing shall be held to determine if this road should be vacated, and,

WHEREAS, by adopting this resolution the Seward County Board of Commissioners has directed the Highway Superintendent to proceed with further requirements for vacating this road; and,

WHEREAS, the road is described as follows: *[C]ommencing at the southwest corner of the north half of the southwest quarter of section 21, township 12 north, range 4 east of the sixth p.m., Seward county, Nebraska; thence east 1731 feet; thence s07°06'w, 561 feet; thence s81°28'e, 396 feet; thence n39°49'e, 146 feet; thence s68°28' east, 132 feet; thence s18°53'e, 852.5 feet to the point of termination at the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of said section 21*

WHEREAS, the road is not within the zoning jurisdiction of a city of the first class.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the previously described road will be considered for road vacation at the Seward County Commissioners Meeting on August 26, 2025 at 9:15 AM, at the Seward County Courthouse, 529 Seward Street, Room 204, Seward, Nebraska, and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Highway Superintendent is directed to:

A. Publish this resolution in the Seward County Independent once a week for three consecutive weeks;

B. Serve copies of this resolution by certified mail upon the owners of the land abutting on or adjacent to the road to be vacated to the mailing to the last-known address of each owner not less than two weeks in advance of the hearing.

Moved by: Hain      Seconded by: Zabrocki      July 29, 2025

Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Scott Pekarek, Raegan Hain, Darrell J. Zabrocki, Misty Ahmic, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, County Clerk

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

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Hain reported she met with others about the Commercial Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) proposed in her district, announced there is a meeting on Aug 1 for those producers already having a CAFO, attended an Aging Advisory Board meeting and spent a lot of time at the County Fair. She received various communications about CAFO's.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Seward City Council meeting, participated in a Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Assn. (NIRMA) Immigration Zoom meeting, went to Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) Board meeting in Illinois, had a E911 Board meeting, volunteered at the County Fair and checked out the site for the CAFO.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the meeting about the barns, participated in a Zoom meeting from Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) about the Joint Public hearing, received a complaint about a site for a Conditional Use Permit for Western Engineering by the Seward Interstate, volunteered at the fair, participated in the NACO program, received call about roads, met with representatives from SouthEast Community College, reminded other Commissioners about the Southeast NACO meeting.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he participated in a dedication at the County Fair, visited the site of the proposed CAFO, and will attend a meeting Aug 11 about the

proposed blighted area in the City of Seward and will attend the Visitors Committee and Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) meetings.

Commissioner Pekarek reported he had a meeting with the District Court Clerk, attended the 911 Board meeting, received various communications about the CAFOs and roads, visited a farm that already is a CAFO, talked with a Seward County GOP member about speaking at their event, also gave information about sending out info on planning and zoning plans in other counties.

Moved by Pekarek and seconded by Hain to remove the following from the Consent Agenda: Surplus Property Disposal Request for the Sheriff's Office.

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to approve the consent calendar consisting of:

- a. Minutes of July 22, 2025
- b. Utility Permit for Black Hills Nebraska Gas to Trench the North side of Fletcher Rd in Sections 34 and 35, Township 11, Range 3 East of the 6th p.m. to Install Electric Decoupler Stations
- c. Surplus Property Disposal Requests for Road Dept.
- d. Collected and Uncollected Distress Warrants Report from the County Treasurer
- e. Resignation of Donna Havener from the Aging Services Board

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

The Commissioners recessed at 9:43 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Zoning Administrator, Marissa Pfile presented a plat for the Commissioners' consideration.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Pekarek to adopt Resolution No. 3869 in regard to approving the short form plat for Troyer West Addition in the NW ¼ of Section 4 Township 9 North, Range 3 East of the 6th P.M.

#### **RESOLUTION NO 3869 OF THE SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS** James and Ronald Troyer own approximately 40.72 acres of land and has applied for a Short Form Plat to separate 5.00 acres, and described as a tract of land in the Northwest 1/4 of, Section 4, Township 9N, Range 3E of the 6pm, Seward County, Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS** the Short Form Plat shall be called Troyer West 1<sup>st</sup> Addition and

**WHEREAS** The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on July 21, 2025 to consider the Short Form Plat, and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Troyer West 1<sup>st</sup> Addition, with a vote of 8 For, 0 Against, and 1 Absent Not Voting, and

**WHEREAS**   X   No one appeared to oppose the subdivision.

       Individuals appeared to oppose the subdivision

  X   No one appeared to support the subdivision

       Individuals appeared to support the subdivision.

       Individuals appeared without commitment, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Seward County Board of Commissioners do hereby Approve the Troyer West 1<sup>st</sup> Addition Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3869.

Moved by: Hain Seconded by: Pekarek July 29, 2025

Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Scott Pekarek, Raegan Hain, Darrell Zabrocki,

Misty Ahmic, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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 Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to open the bids for Project C-80 (510) Bridge Replacement on Bridge #1405 which is on Raymond Road west of 350<sup>th</sup> Road.

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

Motion Carried

Bids received from:

Dixon Construction, Theisen Construction, Herbst Construction, Midwest Infrastructure Inc., General Excavating, SFC Civil Contractors, JJK Construction, K2 Construction, KEA Contractors, Simon Contractors, and Iowa Civil Contracting.

The Commissioners then held budget meetings with officials.

The first one was with the Extension Office. Ann Dobesh and Emily Manning were present to give information about their request.

The next budget meeting was with Sheila Lueders, Clerk of the District Court.

The next budget meeting was with Brandon Noordhoek, Jail Administrator.

The Commissioners recessed at 11:45 a.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 11:50 a.m.

The next budget meeting was with Ray Foreman, Veterans Services Officer.

The next budget meeting was with Roxy Knutson, Human Resources Director.

Commissioner Pekarek informed everybody that a surplus property request from the Sheriff was for a car that was sold to Saline County.

The Commissioners recessed at 12:30 p.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 12:47 p.m.

The next budget meeting was for Jake Zlatkovsky, County Treasurer.

The next budget meeting was for the Road Dept. Highway Supt., Jon Regnier, Asst. Highway Supt., Trever Trebilcock, and Admin. Asst., Heidi Fleschman were present to discuss the request for the Road Dept., and related budgets.

The Commissioners recessed at 2:05 p.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 2:08 p.m.

County Clerk, Sherry Schweitzer presented the budgets for the County Clerk, Election Commissioner, Misc. General, Debt Service, and other miscellaneous budgets.

The Commissioners recessed at 3:11 p.m.

The Commissioners re-convened at 3:13 p.m.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on August 5, 2025 are as follows:

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of July 29, 2025

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

- 4. Discuss/Action – Public/Organizations/Officials
- 5. Commissioner Reports
- 6. Discuss/Action – Agenda for August 12, 2025

9:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award Bids for Project C-80(510) Staplehurst Southwest which is on Raymond Road West of 350<sup>th</sup> Rd

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Budget Meetings

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Pekarek to adjourn at 4:15 p.m.  
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Pekarek, Hain, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

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County Clerk	Chairman