

June 17, 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 June 17, 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 June 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic  
Members: Raegan Hain, Darrell Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding  
Deputy County Clerk: Brandy Johnson  
Absent: Member: Scott Pekarek

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 consent agenda consisting of:  
a. Minutes of June 10, 2025  
b. Surplus Property Disposal Request for Building & Grounds  
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki Hain Schmieding Ahmic

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve claims for the period through June 6, 2025.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH JUNE 6, 2025					
ADVANCED CORR HLTHCR	SE	\$24,136.22	SOFTWARE UNLIMITED	SU	\$2,334.16
ALLO COMMUNIC	UT	\$5,600.15	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTG	SE	\$888.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SU	\$1,081.86	STRYKER SALES CORP	EQ	\$3,150.00
AMERICAN JAIL ASSOC	FE	\$100.00	SUHR & LICHTY INS	FE	\$80.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$22,332.25	SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$9,512.80
BEL-CON REFUSE	SE	\$4,425.96	SVEHLA LAW	SE	\$1,000.00
BERN'S BODY SHOP	SE	\$1,000.00	TEDDER INDUSTRIES	SE	\$5,150.50
BIZCO TECH	SE	\$6,485.38	THOMSON REUTERS-WES	EQ	\$1,228.54
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$912.31	UNIVERSITY OF NE	SE	\$15,356.75
BLUE VALLEY BEHAV HLTH	SE	\$360.00	UNL PRINT & COPY SERV	SE	\$166.91
BOB BARKER CO	SE	\$668.36	VISA	FE	\$3,740.56
BRENNAN,NIELSEN LAW	SE	\$7,862.27	VISUAL EDGE IT	SE	\$48.54
BURESH LAWN CARE	SE	\$700.00	VOSS LIGHTING	SU	\$186.60
BUTLER CO LANDFILL	SE	\$10,514.01	WYTHERS LAW	SE	\$9,604.90
BUTLER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$28.50	911 CUSTOM	FE	\$7,116.00
CENTURY BUS PROD	SU	\$181.29	AKRS EQUIP SOL	EQ	\$9,840.00
CHI HEALTH MIDLANDS	SE	\$139.28	BARCO MUNICIPAL PROD	SU	\$5,999.00
CITY OF SEWARD	UT	\$13,353.85	BEATRICE CONCRETE	SU	\$3,629.38
CLERK OF DIST CRT	SE	\$508.00	BEAVER HARDWARE	SU	\$269.31
COMFORT INN	TR	\$809.70	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$92.10
CROUCH'S FARM	SU	\$744.95	CHEMSEARCH	SE	\$1,715.35
CROWNE PLAZA	TR	\$724.75	CODR PLUMBING	SE	\$483.54
CULLIGAN	SE	\$126.25	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$9,426.57
JACK DANIEL	SE	\$80.50	HEARTLAND TIRES	SU	\$2,485.86
DIAMOND DRUGS	SU	\$823.57	JOHNSON SAND& GRAVEL	SU	\$46,393.60
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$1,515.24	MIDWEST AUTO PARTS	SU	\$1,676.60

EGAN SUPPLY CO	SU	\$4,872.30	NE EQUIPMENT INC	EQ	\$92.40
EQUIFAX WORKFORCE	SE	\$59.95	NE PUBLIC POWER DIST	UT	\$61.98
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$18,656.24	NE TRUCK REPAIR	SE	\$51.20
FGH LAW OFFICE	SE	\$4,807.70	NEXTLINK AIS	UT	\$51.07
FISH WINDOW CLEANING	SE	\$978.00	NMC, INC	EQ	\$1,153.75
GALLS LLC	SE	\$317.97	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$1,099.89
HOBSON AUTO	SE	\$161.48	OREILLY AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$30.38
KEARNEY INVEST CORP	TR	\$220.00	POMP'S TIRE SERVICE	SU	\$7,112.04
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$156.88	POWERPLAN	SE	\$5,484.37
HOPE CRISIS CENTER	SE	\$25,000.00	RDO TRUCK CENTERS	SU	\$3,826.16
ICS JAIL SUPPLIES	SU	\$112.09	RUMERY LANDSCAPE	SE	\$980.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	SE	\$325.00	SOUTHWEST GRAVEL	SU	\$13,080.52
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	EQ	\$1,255.33	SPECIAL ROAD FUND	FE	\$1,198,750.00
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$22,464.47	TRUCK CENTER CO	EQ	\$936.41
LADY JUSTICE LAW	SE	\$1,043.75	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	EQ	\$711.93
LANCASTER CO SHERIFF	SE	\$26.19	VERIZON CONNECT NWF	UT	\$661.53
LANGUAGE LINE SERV	SE	\$99.81	VILLAGE OF GARLAND	UT	\$57.97
LEE'S REFRIGERATION	SE	\$925.91	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$56.00
LEVANDERS AUTOM	SE	\$2,214.99	NE RURAL RADIO ASSOC	FE	\$300.00
MADISON CO SHERIFF	SE	\$18.41	NE TRAVEL ASSOC	FE	\$1,000.00
MARLIN MATULKA	SE	\$204.75	PAC N SAVE	SU	\$788.32
MEMORIAL CLINIC	SE	\$35.00	SEWARD CO CHAMBER	FE	\$4,000.00
MERLES GARDEN CENTER	SU	\$250.00	VALENTINO'S SEWARD	SU	\$376.31
MEYER AUTOMOTIVE	SE	\$47.46	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$1,766.40
MID-AMERICAN INS GRP	FE	\$48,387.11	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$283.36
SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$759.80	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$2,479.70
MIDWEST AUTOMOTIVE	EQ	\$1,182.18	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$1,852.80
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$1,774.80	JOSH HANS	SE	\$275.91
MIPS INC	SE	\$61.10	DESIGN IND RADIATORS	SE	\$47.74
MOBILITY MOTORING	SE	\$373.82	LINCOLN POLICE GARAGE	SE	\$704.11
MARK MOORE	SE	\$285.40	SECURITY EQUIP INC	EQ	\$255.24
NIRMA	FE	\$367,944.00	WESTERN OIL II	SU	\$144.06
NE ASSN CO OFFICIALS	FE	\$3,156.76	DILLON WILLIAMS	SE	\$390.00
NE HLTH & HMN SERV	SE	\$1,133.25	ADVENT FINANCIAL SYS	SE	\$150.00
NE LAW ENF TRNING CT	FE	\$1,050.00	HUMAN RELATION MEDIA	SE	\$961.97
NEBRASKA.GOV	SE	\$13.50	MOTIVATE 2 COMMUNICA	SE	\$150.00
ONESOURCE	SE	\$134.00	NATL CURRIC&TRAIN INS	FE	\$803.96
PAPER TIGER SHREDDING	SE	\$270.00	PREV & TREAT RESOURCE	SE	\$2,102.89
PENNER'S TIRE	SU	\$153.94	PREVENTION PLUS WELL	SE	\$554.99
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$106.40	THE CHANGE CO	SE	\$3,003.28
PLANET TECH	SE	\$19,694.40	ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	SE	\$844.80
POLLACK AND BALL	SE	\$4,718.75	GEOCOMM INC	SE	\$10,835.00
POSTMASTER	SU	\$376.00	POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES	SE	\$1,220.00
QUADIENT LEASING	FE	\$75.30	APCO INTL	SU	\$410.00
RADAR ROAD TEC	SE	\$720.00	CENTURYLINK	SE	\$4,588.20
ELIZABETH SAMUELSON	SE	\$550.00	MOTOROLA	EQ	\$39,929.00
SANDRA SCHATZ, PHD	SE	\$465.00	FIBER PLATFORM	SE	\$327.00
SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL	SE	\$12,186.00	CIDNET	SE	\$3,258.23
SCOTTSBLUFF CO SHERIFF	SE	\$23.84	WELLBEING INITIATIVE	SE	\$625.00
SEWARD CO COURT	SE	\$776.26	SALARIES		\$320,479.66
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$116,272.96	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SEWARD CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$2,054.52	AMERITAS DENTAL		
SEWARD SHRFF UNCOL FEE	FE	\$273.00	AMERITAS VISION		
SEWARD CO SINKING FUND	FE	\$1,300.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
SEWARD CO WEED FUND	FE	\$79.99	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
SEWARD LUMBER	SU	\$14.08	POINT C FSA		
ONESOURCE WIRELESS SOL	SE	\$324.00	WADDELL & REED		
SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$10,677.25			

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

Motion Carried

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Schmieding reported he attended the open house at the newly renovated Civic Center and a meeting of the Extension Office. He will have a Visitors Committee meeting later today and this evening he will attend a Blue Valley Community Action (BVCA) meeting.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she attended the Seward County Planning Commission meeting, spoke to the Public Defender, received calls about roads, gave information about a grant, looked into Defensive Driving training classes and reviewed some budgets and expenses.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the formal announcement of a candidate for Legislature, attended the Region V and Apache meeting, asked to secure a nomination for the Seward County Veterans Service Committee and checked abandoned cemeteries. He will attend the Seward City Council meeting tonight.

Commissioner Hain reported that she talked to Human Resources about training for defensive driving, participated in a Zoom meeting with Four Corners Health Dept. and a Four Corners Health Dept. Finance Committee. She attended an Extension Board meeting, reviewed grant information, and attended the Flag Burning ceremony at the courthouse. She also gave a presentation at the Utica Senior Center and attended the Ag Society meeting.

Carrie Rodriguez, Chief Probation Officer of the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, was present to give information about probation services in Seward County and give the request for the next fiscal year which was \$36,216.78.

Jon Regnier, Highway Supt., was present to discuss the possible vacation of 182<sup>nd</sup> Road between Agnew Road and Little Salt Road, which is currently a minimum maintenance road. Currently there are residents that live on the road, and they need access with a reliable road. It was suggested that the residents be given an easement in order to use that portion as their driveway. The other half of the road will be vacated. Neighboring landowners are agreeable to this suggestion. Regnier will start the process of vacating the road.

Regnier was also present when the right of way work being completed by Charter Communications agenda item was discussed. Commissioner Ahmic showed pictures of installation of fiber that were unsatisfactory. Property was left in bad shape with tire tracks and dirt piles left. Regnier will talk to them and no permits will be approved until they fix the installation of fiber in question.

Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney, led discussion on the Johnson Dam Road project. At the request of a landowner, it was discovered a road going through their property had changed throughout the years. The County Surveyor surveyed the old road and also the new road (that has changed over the years). The suggestion is the county would deed the old road to the property owner and the property owner would deed the new road to the county. She said she started to prepare a deed and was not sure of the legal description. The County Clerk will look into her records to see about ownership and report back.

Marissa Pfile, Zoning Administrator, was present when clarifying the name of Specific Conditions of Findings of Facts document attached to Resolution No. 3846 approved on May 20, 2025.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki that we clarify the name of Specific Conditions of Findings of Facts document attached to Resolution No. 3846 approved on May 20, 2025 and that we replace the name of Gordon Luebbe to Luebbe Family Poultry, LLC.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Pfile was present during the agenda item "Addressing for 923 280<sup>th</sup> Road." She stated the postmaster for that area has asked for assistance since there is a mail delivery problem. There are two addresses at this address with one address having an additional "Lot 30". Alan and Carolyn Kortmeyer were present to say the address was established in 1977 and their address at that time was Rt. 2 Box 237. When Seward County changed to 911 addressing, the owner of their Glenhaven Village Mobile Home Court worked with Seward County and established 923 280<sup>th</sup> as the address and each resident in the court was to use their lot number. Her number was Lot 30. Since then,

they have re-platted, and they have still used the same address. She stated she has been given this address for 35 years. A KOA Campground has now been built next to the Kortmeyers and both use the same lane to get into their property.

Alyssa Hendrix, owner of the KOA was also present to give information about her business and the address she is having problems with. She stated she has rented a post office box since opening her business. Seward County assigns numbers for addressing but these mailboxes are along a state highway, so the state is involved also. After discussion, it was suggested that Pfile call the state to see if Hendrix can place a mailbox at the entry along with Kortmeyer's mailbox.

Pfile was present when the Commissioners considered a part time Zoning Office Assistant job description approved. Roxanne Knutson, Human Resources Director, gave information about the job description. Pfile gave examples of what this part time position would do. The Commissioners discussed starting the position at 20 hours and if more time is needed, address that later.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the request for a part-time Zoning Office Assistant and the job description not to exceed 40 hours a pay period.  
Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic                      Motion Carried

The Commissioners recessed at 10:37 a.m.  
The Commissioners reconvened at 10:43

Sheriff Mike Vance and Captain Brad Melby were present to discuss the "Law Enforcement Budgets and the Number of Deputies Authorized by the County Board and Equitable Sharing Replacement Officers" item on the budget. The two Sheriff Interdiction Funds are almost depleted, and another "drop" of money is not guaranteed in time for the new Fiscal year, so the Commissioners were inquiring how to pay for future costs that are normally paid from these funds. Vance said he has contacted the Department of Justice (DOJ), and he was told funds would be coming. He said it was "in disbursement". Commissioners asked Vance what his plans are if DOJ funds are not received in time for the next claims and Vance replied he would ask that all salaries be taken out of his General Fund. The Commissioners continued to ask questions about the expenditures of the current fiscal year, how many officers are in his department and what to do about the salaries for the next claims period. Discussion will continue next week to see if funds are received and what the next steps will be.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to adopt Resolution No. 3857 in regard to the Public Transit Program for 2026-2027

**RESOLUTION**  
**SIGNING OF 5311 PROGRAM AGREEMENT**  
**PI2558**

SEWARD COUNTY  
Resolution No. 3857

Whereas: Seward County in compliance with Nebraska law, Subrecipient has established and is operating, or is interested in establishing and operating, a local transit system of a type that may be eligible for certain State and Federal Transit funding, and;

Whereas: FTA Section 5311 funding is available to reimburse local transit expenses or costs generally related to capital, planning and operating costs of a local transit system, including but not limited to more specifically: acquisition of rolling stock (vehicles), facility and vehicle maintenance, payroll, insurance, training and other eligible expenses, and

Whereas: Seward County as a sub-recipient of Federal and State Aid funding is charged with the responsibility of expending said funds in accordance with Federal and State laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; and

Whereas: Seward County and Nebraska Department of Transportation wish to enter into a Program Agreement to provide Federal and State

funding for Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 to support rural public transportation services.

Be It Resolved: by Seward County that:

Following thorough inspection of the NDOT 5311 Program Agreement, Misty Ahmic, Chairperson

is hereby authorized to sign the attached FY2026/2027 5311 Program Agreement between Seward County and Nebraska Department of Transportation.

NDOT Project Number: RPT-C801(227)

NDOT Control Number: 13078V

NDOT Project Description: 5311 FTA Program Funding

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025 at Seward Nebraska.

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

Absent: Scott Pekarek

Board/Council Member Zabrocki

Moved the adoption of said resolution

Member Hain Seconded the Motion

Roll Call: 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 1 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Hain and seconded by Zabrocki to sign the Conflict of Disclosure Form for Public Transit Agencies.

Affirmative Vote: Hain, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to go into Executive Session at 11:51 a.m. for personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Ahmic

Motion Carried

The Chair stated the reason for Executive Session is for Personnel.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to go out of Executive Session at 12:41 p.m.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Schmieding, Hain, Ahmic

Motion Carried

The chair stated no action was taken.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on June 24, 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 May 27, 2025
4. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

8:30 a.m.

- Discuss/Action – Protest Hearings  
Discuss/Action – Decisions of Protest Hearings

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on June 24, 2025 are as follows:

9:00 a.m.

5. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
6. Pledge of Allegiance
7. Consent Agenda:
  - a) Minutes of June 17, 2025
  - b) Authorize Chair to Sign Sub-Award for Aging Services

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

- 1. Discuss/Action - Public/Organizations/Officials
- 2. Commissioner Reports
- 3. Discuss/Action – Appoint Veteran’s Service Committee Member for 2025-2030 Term
- 4. Discuss/Action – Res. – Reappropriate Funds for Offices that have gone over Budget
- 5. Discuss/Action – Update on Cell Phones/Plans/Invoices for Seward County
- 6. Agenda for July 1, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Open bids for Rock and Gravel
- 9:45 a.m. Discuss/Action – John Mabry/Lincoln Food Bank – Information about the Food Bank’s Work in Seward County
- 10:00 a.m. Discuss/Action – Award Bids for Rock & Gravel
- 10:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Budget Hearing for E911 Department
- 10:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) – Annual Report and Request for Funding
- 11:00 a.m. Discuss/Action - Law Enforcement Budget and the Number of Deputies Authorized by the County Board and Equitable Sharing Replacement Officers

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 12:50 p.m.  
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson