

May 6, 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 8:30 a.m. on May 6, 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 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 May 6, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: Misty Ahmic
Members: Raegan Hain, Darrell Zabrocki, Ken Schmieding, Scott Pekarek
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.

Jonathan Jank, Executive Director of Seward County Chamber & Development Partnership (SCCDP) updated the Commissioners on activities of the organization.

Those county officials updating the Commissioners on activities of their office were: Weed Supt., Marcus Kallhoff, Highway Supt., Jon Regnier, Assessor, Marilyn Hladky and County Clerk, Sherry Schweitzer.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Pekarek to approve the consent agenda consisting of:

- a. Minutes of April 29, 2025
- b. County Clerk Fee Report for April 2025 - \$41,877.25
- c. Clerk of District Court Fee Report for April 2025 - \$6,903.83
- d. Sheriff Fee & Mileage Report for February 2025-\$1,109.00 and \$743.10
- e. Affirm Letter of Support to Nebraska Broadband
- f. Surplus Property Disposal Request for County Clerk’s Office

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Pekarek to approve claims for the period through April 25, 2025.

SEWARD COUNTY CLAIMS THROUGH APRIL 25, 2025					
ADP INC	SE	\$2,948.50	VISA	FE	\$987.06
AMAZON CAPITAL SERV	SE	\$215.15	VOSS LIGHTING	SU	\$1,406.00
AMERITAS LIFE INS	FE	\$21,895.16	DILLON WILLIAMS	SE	\$930.00
BENCHMARK GOVT SOL	SE	\$54.75	WOODS & AITKEN LLP	SE	\$693.50
BLUE RIVER ELECTRIC	SE	\$1,031.93	BAUER BUILT INC	EQ	\$721.80
BOB BARKER CO	SE	\$178.26	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UT	\$1,293.00
JENNY BRHEL	SE	\$91.00	CHEMSEARCH	SE	\$977.45
CAMPBELL CLEANING	SE	\$4,975.00	DALE JOHNSON ENT	SU	\$5,532.70
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYS	SU	\$45.32	EMERSON MFG	SU	\$2,408.00
CEDARS	SE	\$3,640.00	JOHNSON SAND& GRAVEL	SU	\$50,288.60
CENTURY BUSINESS PROD	SU	\$302.86	MEDICAL ENTERPRISES	SU	\$360.00
CONNER PSYCH SERV	SE	\$425.00	SAPP BROS PETROLEUM	SU	\$18,629.67

CUMMINS SALES & SERV	EQ	\$1,579.76	TRUCK CENTER CO	EQ	\$1,921.35
DIVERSIFIED DRUG TEST	SE	\$55.00	TRUCK EQUIP SERVICE	EQ	\$299.73
DOUGLAS CO SHERIFF	SE	\$57.19	VILLAGE OF UTICA	UT	\$56.72
E 911	SE	\$39,183.83	SOUTHWEST GRAVEL	SU	\$3,747.22
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	SU	\$2,414.70	MAX CURNOW CHRYSLER	EQ	\$25,537.00
FARMERS COOP	SU	\$30.15	COMMUNITY PUBLISHERS	SU	\$175.00
FGH LAW	SE	\$4,807.70	FLAGSHIP PUBLISHING	SU	\$720.00
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	SE	\$35.70	PIZZA KITCHEN	SU	\$284.75
GUARDIAN RFID	SE	\$20.00	MILFORD AGING SERV	SE	\$124.60
HALL CO SHERIFF	SE	\$20.92	MOMS MEALS	SE	\$135.24
HELMINK PRINTING	SU	\$26.00	SEWARD AGING SERV	SE	\$514.50
HOMETOWN LEASING	EQ	\$156.56	SEW CO INDEPENDENT	SE	\$53.91
JONES BANK (FICA)	FE	\$21,788.48	UTICA AGING SERV	SE	\$136.50
MARLIN MATULKA	SE	\$553.59	INTOXIMETERS	SU	\$25.00
MCKESSON MED SURG	SU	\$96.05	GREAT PLAINS COMM	UT	\$629.89
MID-AMERICAN INS	FE	\$48,412.92	NORRIS PUB POWER DIST	UT	\$452.69
SPORTS EXPRESS	SU	\$334.95	SMITHS DETECTION	SE	\$4,964.00
MIDWEST AUTOM	EQ	\$478.64	URIBE REFUSE SERV	SE	\$156.00
MIDWEST SPECIAL SERV	SE	\$2,992.10	BLUE VALLEY BEHA HLTH	SE	\$200.00
MIPS INC	SE	\$4,528.92	PREVENTION PLUS WELLN	SE	\$3,392.00
NE HLTH & HUMAN SERV	SE	\$1,043.25	FELSBURG HOLT	SE	\$9,316.25
NE LAW ENFORCE TRAIN	FE	\$75.00	NEMAHA CO SHERIFF	SE	\$141.94
PETTY CASH FUND	FE	\$38.90	SOARIN GROUP	SE	\$397.00
POINT C HEALTH	FE	\$132.00	ST OF NE DAS ST ACCNTG	SE	\$115.00
QUILL CORP	SU	\$79.78	APCO INTL	SE	\$500.00
SEW ASSESS REAPPRAIS FND	FE	\$10,000.00	LANGUAGE LINE SERV	SE	\$41.12
SEWARD CO HLTH CLM FND	FE	\$232,427.04	WAHLTEK	EQ	\$2,980.89
SOFTWARE UNLIMITED CORP	EQ	\$4,337.50	ALLO COMMUNIC	UTSE	\$596.88
ST OF NE DAS COMMUNIC	SE	\$537.60	THE CHANGE CO	SE	\$102.50
ST OF NE DEPT CORR.SERV	SE	\$542.10	SALARIES		\$309,135.03
SUHR & LICHTY INS AGENCY	SE	\$40.00	GROSS SALARIES INCLUDE DEDUCTIONS TO:		
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	SE	\$786.70	AMERITAS DENTAL		
SUMMIT FOOD SERV	SE	\$9,507.91	AMERITAS VISION		
THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	EQ	\$865.00	COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE		
UNIVERSITY OF NEBR	SE	\$15,354.48	MID AMERICAN CO WISCONSIN		
US BANK EQUIP FIN	EQ	\$167.99	POINT C FSA		
VERIZON WIRELESS SERV	SE	\$1,024.28	WADDELL & REED		
VIRTUAL IMPRESSIONS	FE	\$36.00			

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

Motion Carried

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Pekarek reported he received questions about the short form plats that are on the agenda to consider and received calls about roads and went through the claims for today.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he gave information about the 4th of July Committee and has a Visitors Committee meeting. He also met with the Building and Grounds Supt.

Commissioner Ahmic reported she thanked those helping with the Lunch on the Lawn event for the Seward Gives week. She reported on Community Safety Action Plan (CSAP) meeting, worked on the Windstream bills since the County moved to Allo for its telephone services, prepared a letter on behalf of Bee for Allo, watched Legislature online, finished county government posts on Facebook, attended the "6 Regions 1 Nebraska" Zoom meeting, visited with a representative of the Daughters of the American Revolution, worked on an issue with Human Resources and reminded everyone about the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Conference in June for Commissioners.

Commissioner Zabrocki reported he attended the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Assn. (NIRMA) roundtable Zoom meeting, listened to the "6 Regions 1 Nebraska Zoom, attended two Human Resource meetings, and attended a NIRMA Board meeting to interview candidates for the Executive Director.

Commissioner Hain reported she worked on compiling information on YouTurn Health in preparation for a later agenda item which included meeting with the HR Director and jail staff, met with Commissioner Pekarek, completed two employee evaluations, sent bylaws to two candidates for the Seward Aging Services Board vacancy(s), met with constituents regarding a road dam, and received a bid from Tom Nielsen for microphones and updating recording systems, etc.

The Commissioners discussed the YouTurn Health agenda item. Commissioner Hain led discussion about using YouTurn Health for mental health services at the Detention Center. Seward County has funds that can be used for illnesses involved with opiate addiction. The services for inmates would be held virtually. The Wellbeing Health Initiative currently provides these services at the jail. Continuum, which the county has as an Employee Assistance Program, was also mentioned as a provider of these services. Hain stated that due to the Legislature still in session, with a new cap on county expenses, and the budget coming up, she was not sure about adding this cost to Seward County at this time. No action was taken on this subject.

HR Director, Roxanne Knutson and Asst. HR Director, Tiffany Allen led discussion on the request to approve fiscal year 25-26 wage adjustments on the agenda. She stated the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) salary study was used in analyzing wages including benefits. The wages she recommended are "starting wages" for each job description and would recommend them to be effective July 1. She stated for those positions who have been with the county several years, longevity would be taken into consideration. They would not be doing another wage analysis for 3 years. Commissioners decided that they would consider the information and discuss this again next week.

Zoning Administrator, Marissa Pfile was present to give information about three short form plats and one replat that are on the agenda for the Commissioners to consider.

Moved by Pekarek and seconded by Hain to adopt Resolution No. 3840 regarding approving the short form plat Green Leaf Addition in the NE ¼ of Section 11, Township 11 North, Range 4 East of the 6th P.M.

**RESOLUTION 3840 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS Greenleaf Land & Cattle CO LLC owns approximately 40 acres of land and has applied for a Short Form Plat to separate 5.39 acres, and described as a tract of land in the Northeast ¼ of, Section 11, Township 11N, Range 4E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called Green Leaf Addition and

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

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Green Leaf 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 Green Leaf Addition Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3840.

Moved by: Pekarek

Seconded by: Hain

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Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Scott Pekarek, Raegan Hain, Darrell J. Zabrocki
Misty Ahmic, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to adopt Resolution No. 3841 regarding approving the short form plat ECHO Addition in the SE ¼ of Section 35, Township 9 North, Range 4 East of the 6th P.M.

**RESOLUTION 3841 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS Greenleaf Land & Cattle CO LLC owns approximately 10.44 acres of land and has applied for a Short Form Plat to separate 5.22 acres, and described as a tract of land in the Southeast ¼ of, Section 35, Township 9N, Range 4E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the Echo Addition and

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

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Echo Addition, with a vote of 6 For, 2 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 Echo Addition Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3841.

Moved by: Zabrocki Seconded by: Schmieding May 6, 2025
Ayes: Ken Schmieding, Scott Pekarek, Raegan Hain, Darrell J. Zabrocki
Misty Ahmic, Chair of the Board
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Pekarek and seconded by Zabrocki adopt Resolution No. 3842 regarding approving the short form plat J&N/HSELING Addition in the E ½ of Section 6, Township 10 North, Range 4 East of the 6th P.M.

**RESOLUTION 3842 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS Rodney and Victoria Woebbecke owns approximately 16.81 acres of land and has applied for a Short Form Plat to separate 7.12 acres, and described as a tract of land in the Southeast and Northeast ¼ of, Section 6, Township 10N, Range 4E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Short Form Plat shall be called the J&N/HSELING Addition and

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

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the J&N/HSELING 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 J&N/HSELING Addition Short Form Plat, with Resolution NO: 3842.

Moved by: Pekarek Seconded by: Zabrocki May 6, 2025

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

Misty Ahmic, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Moved by Hain and seconded by Pekarek to adopt Resolution No. 3843 regarding approving the short form plat Brandon Addition Replat in the E ½ NW ¼ of Section 6, Township 11 North, Range 1 East of the 6th P.M.

**RESOLUTION NO 3843 OF THE
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS Brett Borchers and Eric Tonniges own approximately 157.41 combined acres of land has applied for a Vacate and replat of Brandon Addition Plat of approximately 5.10 acres of land, described as a tract of land in the Northwest ¼ of, Section 6, Township 11N, Range 1E, Seward County, Nebraska,

WHEREAS the replat shall be called the Brandon Addition Replat and

WHEREAS The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on April 21,2025 to consider the vacate and replat, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Brandon Addition Replat, 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 Brandon Addition replat, with Resolution NO: 3843.

Moved by Hain Seconded by: Pekarek May 6, 2025

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

Misty Ahmic, Chair of the Board

Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

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

Sheriff Mike Vance was present to discuss their Sheriff's Dept. request to open the budgets of the Sheriff Drug Funds 2412 and 2414. Due to federal officials not letting them budget for anticipated revenue at the beginning of the budget year, the budget for these funds is inadequate. To be able to use the money that has come in, the budget for 2024-2025 needs to be amended.

Moved by Hain and seconded by Schmieding to approve the Sheriff's Dept. request to open the Sheriffs Drug Fund 2412 and Drug Fund 2414 in the amount of \$750,000 per fund.

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

During the Legislative Update item on the agenda, Commissioner Ahmic stated information in her Commissioner report earlier in the meeting.

The Commissioners recessed at 10:01 a.m.

The Commissioners reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

The Commissioners discussed the agenda item involving an audit of cellphones and reimbursements. Commissioner Hain led discussion about information from the Detention Center that personal cell phone costs have been paid for by the county and reimbursements have been issued that are not in line with the cell phone policy. The issues were that we cannot pay for an entire personal phone bill and those issued a county cell phone cannot also get a reimbursement for a personal phone. The Commissioners decided that an audit should be made of cell phones paid for by Seward County directly to the cell phone company or by reimbursement along with the employee who has the phone.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to go into Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. to discuss personnel, it being necessary to protect the reputation of the individual(s).

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

The Chairman re-stated the Executive Session was for personnel.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Schmieding to go out of Executive Session at 12:29 p.m.

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

The Chair stated no action was taken and no decision(s) was made.

Known items on the agenda for Board of Equalization on May 13, 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 April 22, 2025
4. Discuss/Action – Decision on Permissive Exemptions for:
 - a. Mercy City Church Inc.
 - b. Seward County Historical Society (3 properties)
5. Discuss/Action – Assessor Information Update

Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners 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 May 6, 2025

Other Business Matters to Address When Time Allows

4. Discuss/Action - Public/Organizations/Officials
5. Commissioner Reports
6. Discuss/Action - Legislative Update
7. Discuss/Action – Agenda for May 20, 2025

9:30 a.m. Discuss/Action – Appoint Aging Services Advisory Board Member

10:15 a.m. Discuss/Action – Patrick Kriefels/Region V-Update and Annual Request for Funding

Discuss/Action – Matt Kasik/Apace – Update and Annual Request for Funding

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Hain to adjourn at 12:32 p.m.
Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Hain, Schmieding, Pekarek, Ahmic Motion Carried

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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 13th day of May 2025.

County Clerk

Chairperson