

# May 31, 2022

## 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 May 31, 2022 in the Commissioner's room at the Seward County Courthouse. Notice of the meeting was posted on the Courthouse bulletin board and on the Commissioner's Room door. 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 31, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairperson: John Culver

Members: Misty Ahmic, Bob Vrbka, 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 Ahmic and seconded by Zabrocki to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022.

Affirmative Vote: Ahmic, Zabrocki, Vrbka, Schmieding, Culver          Motion Carried

### **Commissioners Reports:**

Commissioner Ahmic reported she worked on some American Rescue Plan Act Funds information, reviewed Community Sector briefing, and reached out to Village of Garland representatives about ARPA.

Commissioner Vrbka received an inquiry from a 4-H Club about improvements to an abandoned cemetery.

Commissioner Culver reported he attended a 911 Board meeting, received a call from a vendor about HVAC bids, and will be going to the Village of Garland, Bee and Pleasant Dale meetings about ARPA funding.

Commissioner Schmieding reported he had a Visitors Committee meeting, received a call from a vendor of the HVAC bids, and visited with the Public Defender.

Commissioners Zabrocki reported he attended two Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (NIRMA) meetings, a 911 Board meeting and visited with a representative of the City of Seward.

The Commissioners discussed fences of the abandoned cemeteries. Fences near Bee and Utica need to be repaired. Schmieding had previously mentioned that finding volunteers to repair them is an idea, but after working on the subject, he suggested to have the Road Dept. fix any broken fences. It was also mentioned that some 4-H Clubs that have adopted an abandoned cemetery want to place a bench/flag/light at the cemetery. The issue of mowing around these improvements was questioned. The Extension Educator that works with the 4-H Clubs will be contacted for more information.

Becky Paulsen, Weed/Zoning Administrator, brought a plat for the Commissioners consideration.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Ahmic to adopt Resolution No. 3685 in regard to approving the Administrative Plat of Kraus's Corner in Precinct P in the SE ¼ of Section 25, Township 9 North, Range 4 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO 3685 OF THE  
SEWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS** Kevin and Claudia Kraus own 3.03 acres of land and has applied for an Administrative Plat, and described as a tract of land in the Southeast ¼ of Section 2, Township 9N, Range 4E, Seward County, Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS** the Administrative Plat shall be called the KRAUS'S CORNER and

**WHEREAS** The Seward County Planning Commission held a meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to consider the Administrative Plat, and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission recommended to APPROVE the KRAUS'S CORNER Administrative Plat, with a vote of 8 For, 0 Against, and 1 Absent and 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 or Deny the KRAUS'S CORNER Administrative Plat, with Resolution NO. 3685.

Moved by: Vrbka                      Seconded by: Ahmic                      05/31/2022  
Ayes: Darrell J. Zabrocki, Robert Vrbka, Misty Ahmic, Ken Schmieding,  
John K. Culver, Chair of the Board  
Attest: Sherry Schweitzer, Seward County Clerk

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Ahmic, Schmieding, Zabrocki, Culver                      Motion Carried

Marilyn Hladky, Assessor, gave information about the programming and meeting the requirements of LB 644 which was recently passed. The law states that postcards have to be sent to real estate owners if tax increases of certain government entities occur. The Assessor's Office computer system is being programmed with the information that will be printed on the postcards. The Nebraska Department of Administrative Services will be designated as the printing service to print and mail them.

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to designate the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services as the printing service to meet the requirements of LB 644 for printing postcards giving notice of a joint public hearing for political subdivisions increasing their property tax request by more than 2% plus growth.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Culver                      Motion Carried

Terry Wicht, Highway Supt., was present to give information about awarding culvert bids for Seward County. The bids were opened last week. Wicht recommended accepting the bid from Ace Eaton.

Moved by Zabrocki and seconded by Ahmic to award the culvert bid to Ace Eaton in the amount of \$83,517.

Affirmative Vote: Zabrocki, Ahmic, Schmieding, Vrbka, Culver                      Motion Carried

Ahmic led discussion about the ARPA item on the agenda. She stated there is a compliance audit that needs to be completed. Barb Armstead, Deputy County Attorney,

suggested a CPA complete it and suggested Mark Lutz, CPA, as they have been hired to help with other reports. The cost of the audit can be paid by ARPA funds. Ahmic also said she was contacted by several villages and was asked to help them complete their reports.

The Commissioners recessed at 9:37 a.m.  
The Commissioners re-convened at 9:45 a.m.

Eric Hofer, Building and Ground Supt., led discussion on the HVAC contract with Engineered Controls Inc.

Moved by Schmieding and seconded by Vrbka to authorize the Chairman to sign the HVAC Contract with Engineered Controls Inc. for \$64,450.00 to be paid with ARPA funds.

Affirmative Vote: Schmieding, Vrbka, Zabrocki, Ahmic, Culver          Motion Carried

**Known items on the agenda for Board of Commissioners on June 7, 2022 are as follows:**

8:30 a.m.

1. Convene and announce Open Meetings Law
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discuss/Action – Public/Officials/Boards
4. Discuss/Action - Approve minutes of May 31, 2022
5. Discuss/Action – Claims for the period through May 27, 2022

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

6. Commissioners Reports
7. Discuss/Action – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
8. Discuss/Action – Agenda for June 14, 2022

9:15 a.m.      Discuss/Action – Open bids for Pickup and Sign Truck bids

9:30 a.m.      Public Hearing – Request to Re-zone property from A-1 District to TA-1 District in I Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 7 Township 10 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. - Re-zone property from A-1 District to TA-1 District in I Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 7 Township 10 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

9:45 a.m.      Public Hearing – Request to Re-zone property from A-1 District to TA-1 District in P Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 26 Township 9 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

Discuss/Action – Res. - Re-zone property from A-1 District to TA-1 District in I Precinct in the SE ¼ of Section 26 Township 9 North, Range 4 East of the 6th p.m.

10:00 a.m.      Discuss/Action – Award Pickup and Sign Truck Bids

Moved by Vrbka and seconded by Zabrocki to adjourn at 9:53 a.m.

Affirmative Vote: Vrbka, Zabrocki, Schmieding, Ahmic, Culver          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 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

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County Clerk

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Chairperson