

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
January 10, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m., a statutory meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of January 10, 2017. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supervisor Liska led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of the meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the December 29, 2016 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the December 29, 2016 minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from the City of Yankton regarding a transportation network.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$342,142.88 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Knox County Board of Supervisors recess at 9:56 a.m. on January 10, 2017.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

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The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 9:57 a.m., as provided by Sec. 23-272, 23-274 Revised Statutes of Nebraska 1943 (Reissue of 2012).

Chairman Sokol, Jr. appointed County Clerk Fischer as Temporary Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors due to the reorganization process.

Temporary Chairman/Co. Clk. Fischer called for nominations three times from the floor for Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Miller nominated Supervisor Sokol, Jr. Nomination seconded by Supr. Schlote.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that nominations cease, rules be suspended and to cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Sokol, Jr. for Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2017. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Motion carried. Supervisor Sokol, Jr. assumed the duties of the Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2017.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. called for nominations three times from the floor for Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Supr. Liska nominated Supr. Miller. Nomination seconded by Supr. Borgmann.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that nominations cease, rules be suspended and to cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Miller for Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2017. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #3. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced the 2017 Committees as follows: **FINANCING, BANKING & INSURANCE** – Supervisors Virgil Miller, Martin O'Connor and Jim Borgmann; **CLAIMS** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, Danny Schlote and Kevin Mackeprang; **ROAD & BRIDGE** – Supervisors Virgil Miller, Jim Sokol, Jr., Patrick Liska and Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta.; **PRINTING** – Supervisors Jim Sokol, Jr., Jim Borgmann and Patrick Liska; **PURCHASING** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, Jim Borgmann and Kevin Mackeprang; **COURTHOUSE & GROUNDS** – Supervisors Virgil Miller, Martin O'Connor, Jim Sokol, Jr., Co. Clerk Joann M. Fischer, Custodian Brandon Peters and Lawn/Snow contract Jess Warriner; **COURTHOUSE SECURITY** – Sheriff Don Henery, County Attorney John Thomas and Emergency Manager Laura Hintz; **COUNTY MACHINERY CARE** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, Jim Sokol, Jr., Patrick Liska and Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta; **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, Jim Sokol, Jr., and all Department Heads; **COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE** - Supervisors in Respective Districts; **COURTHOUSE SUPPLY APPROVAL OFFICER** – County Clerk Joann Fischer; **KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TAX CLAIMS** – appointments to be made during Board of Equalization; **SAFETY COORDINATORS** – Emergency Manager Laura Hintz and County Clerk Joann M. Fischer; **KNOX COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE** - Supervisors Danny Schlote and Patrick Liska, Emergency Manager Laura Hintz, Co. Clerk Joann Fischer, Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta, Sheriff Don Henery, Custodian Brandon Peters, Road employees Mike Beckmann, David Huigens and Mike Jelinek, and Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz as secretary; **AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE** - Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang, Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta and Co. Clerk Joann Fischer; **BLOOMFIELD AIRPORT JOINT ZONING BOARD** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang; **CREIGHTON AIRPORT JOINT ZONING BOARD** – Supervisor Jim Borgmann; **GOLDENROD HILLS (HOUSING)** – Supervisor Jim Sokol, Jr.; **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) COORDINATOR** – Co. Clerk Joann Fischer; **KNOX COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** - Supervisors Danny Schlote and Patrick Liska; **KNOX COUNTY VISITORS' COMMITTEE** – Supervisor Martin O'Connor; **MISSOURI SEDIMENTATION ACTION COALITION BOARD** – Mark Simpson; **NEBRASKA REGIONAL INTEROPERABILITY NETWORK** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang; **911 COMMITTEE** - Supervisors Virgil Miller, Jim Sokol, Jr. and Danny Schlote; **NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD** - Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang; **NORTHEAST NEBRASKA AREA AGENCY ON AGING** - Supervisor Virgil Miller; **NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (NENEDD) BOARD** - Supervisor Jim Borgmann; **NORTHSTAR SERVICES BOARD** - Supervisor Danny Schlote; **RECREATION RIVER COOPERATING AGENCY** - Supervisor Martin O'Connor; **REGION IV MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE DISTRICT** - Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to retain Kevin R. Barta as County Highway Superintendent for the ensuing year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to authorize Co. Treasurer Stark to invest all funds of the County for the calendar year 2017. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to set the current salary for Veterans' Service Officer Gary Jones at \$19.75 per hour. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote to designate the publishing and posting requirements of 2017 Notices of Meeting as follows: All 2017 Notices of Meeting to be posted on the Knox County Website being [www.co.knox.ne.us](http://www.co.knox.ne.us); the Notice of Meeting for the first regular meeting of each month be published in the Niobrara Tribune, the Notice of Meeting for the second regular meeting of each month be published in the Wausa Gazette; and special meeting/quorum meeting notices be published in both the Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:10 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:23 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Supervisors signed their respective shed inventory sheets; 2. Chairman Sokol, Jr. signed the Pay Rate Adjustment forms for the Hwy. Supt. office staff and the Road employees; 3. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote to accept a quote from **B's Enterprises, Inc. of Norfolk NE** in the amount of \$14,808 for two 72" x 50 (10 gauge) culverts, one piece construction with headwall attached for each culvert with 5 x 1 corrugation to be used for the Morton/Columbia Township line project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Schedules for the Shed Inspection to be held on January 23 and the Road Employee evaluations to be held on January 26 reviewed; 5. County bridge match program. Hwy. Supt. Barta attended a recent meeting. Two bridge project proposals had been submitted and one was chosen for funding; 6. Update on the BIA "Ray Stark" bridge project. An environmental assessment study is being conducted; 7. Update on the "Verdigre North" historical bridge project; 8. Update on Bloomfield north oil road near Mark Miller Feedlot. Discussion was held on elevation readings to replace a box culvert, possibly adding frontage roads and moving sewage ponds; 9. Repairs on Cat 140M motorgrader; 10. Radiant heat tube repaired at Bloomfield shed; 11. No updates on Lindy/Santee road lawsuit; 12. Discussed One & Six Year Road process. The One & Six Year Road hearing will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Fee Report of Fees collected between October 1 and December 31, 2016. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Clerk Fischer discussed with the Board the school fair exhibits. In the past, the County Superintendent of Schools' Office handled the exhibits but when the office was closed, the duties were transferred to the Knox County Clerk's Office. The exhibits were shown in the School Building and the north end of the 4-H Building at the Knox County Fair Grounds for many years, however with the increase of the 4-H membership, the school exhibits were limited to the School Building this past year and will be in the future. The process for showing, labeling and judging the school exhibits has been done the same for many years and suggestions to update the process were given. County Clerk Fischer asked that the needed updates and school fair exhibit duties be turned over to those who have more experience in the art field. The Board asked County Clerk Fischer to write letters to the school art teachers and school boards in the County to see if someone from their groups would take over the updates and school fair exhibit duties.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of the District Court December Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report of Summary of Collections, Disbursements and Balances for six months ending December 31, 2016, and that there were no unpaid claims against Knox County as of December 15, 2016. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Clerk Fischer presented information on the County's present voluntary leave transfer program, the results of a survey conducted with other County Clerks, and suggestions from NACO to update the present program. The Board appointed a committee to review the program, to present updates to the Board and to make changes to the Employee Handbook regarding the voluntary leave transfer program. Chairman Sokol, Jr. and Supr. Schlote will represent the Board on the committee along with County Clerk Fischer, Hwy. Supt. Barta, Sheriff Henery, and an employee from the Road department to be named by Hwy. Supt. Barta.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska that the receipts be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$32,670.70.

#18193 – Knox County Zoning, building permit & late fee, 1,180.00; #18194 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 103.00; #18195 – State of Nebraska, motor vehicle prorated, 6,892.85; #18196 – State of Nebraska, January 2017 rent, 2,205.00; #18197 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18198 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 525.07; #18199 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 121.98; #18200 – Farmers & Merchants State Bank, interest, 7,958.72; #18201 – Knox County Clerk, plats, misc. fees, c.c. marriage licenses & copies, 145.91; #18202 – Encartel Inc., reimburse jail phone usage, 40.35; #18203 – Knox County Sheriff, auto inspections & handgun permits, 460.00; #18204 – Three River, 911 surcharges, 313.00; #18205 – Clerk of District Court, filing fees, copies, crt. costs, fines, passport fees & bail bond, 887.40; #18206 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18207 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 289.07; #18208 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 10.00; #18209 – Knox County Court, fines & overload fines, 2,896.00; #18210 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 53.00; #18211 – Knox County Sheriff, work release, 200.00; #18212 – Knox County Community Foundation, leadership program, 275.00; #18213 – Nathan Sucha, loan closing fee, 250.00; #18214 – Knox County Development Agency, annual contribution, 5,500.00; #18215 – Knox County Development Agency, outdoor trailer supplies, 1,000.00; #18216 – Knox County Clerk, election recovery, 1,314.35.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 142,896.74; Advanced Correctional Healthcare, meds, 5.45; Big John Manufacturing Inc., sprayer parts, 337.80; BJ Harris, test generator, 990.40; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, van gas, 26.00; Bob Barker Company Inc., supplies, 171.46; Burns Lumber Company LLC, railing bracket, 14.11; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rental, 41.50; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 10,706.30; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 26,400.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., aca program fees, 1,000.00; Creighton News, publishing, 191.25; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 86.51; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 205.17; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Dawn Murphy, board expense, 37.40; Derek Cunningham, board expense, 28.76; Dollar General, janitor supplies, 29.45; Donald Jiracek, prior service, 25.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 201.34; Echo Group Inc., bulbs/caulk, 139.10; Ecowater Systems, bottled water/salt, 351.75; Elaine's Tavern & Café, prisoner board, 4,290.00; Farmers Pride, propane, 210.10; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,135.79; Health Plan Services Inc., insurance County pays, 1,698.32; Hefner Hardware, paint/supplies, 206.13; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; John

Thomas, fax fee, 2.00; Kay Morrill, board expense, 17.42; Key Sanitation, garbage, 104.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees/transport prisoner, 507.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 76.22; Liz Doerr, mileage, 73.98; Loren McCormick, board expense, 25.52; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 40.50; Midwest Special Services Inc., transport prisoner, 435.00; MIPS, computer program, 686.99; Moody Motor Co. Inc., repairs, 234.03; Nebraska Weed Control Association, reg. fee/dues, 330.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,527.21; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing/subscription, 84.00; Office Depot, office supplies, 215.95; Pitney Bowes, meter rental, 203.67; Quill, office supplies, 100.99; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 9,424.43; Rhonda K. Surface, floor paint, 60.45; Ruth Vonderohe, travel expense, 152.28; Sukup Service, tires/repair, 1,961.18; Telebeep, pager, 51.33; The Farner Co., utensils, 119.28; The Monitor, publishing, 71.75; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 160.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 262.89; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 73.50; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 20.02; Viewu, body cameras, 125.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 240.00; Wholesale Supply Co., janitor supplies, 125.30.z

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 57,585.71; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 25.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel, 1,355.26; Bauer Built, tires, 2,568.00; Block Tree, equipment rental, 278.00; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 109.51; Bomgaars, shop supplies/acetylene, 627.97; CHS Wausa, gas, 88.01; City of Bloomfield, water, 19.50; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 137.34; CMart, gas, 148.62; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,352.14; Country Pride Cooperative, heating fuel, 399.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,800.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 680.95; Great Plains Communications, phone, 476.98; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filters/repairs, 2,276.67; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 719.28; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 81.72; J&K Auto, gas, 43.25; Kayton International Inc., filters, 112.36; Kevin R. Barta, license renewal, 50.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 116.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 1,075.49; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 32.30; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineering fees, 3,578.96; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 98.00; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel/filter, 1,892.13; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 87.77; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 523.23; Pahl Construction LLC, equipment rental/culvert, 9,092.50; Peitz GMC Service Inc., repairs/filters, 326.76; Powerplan, repairs, 634.61; Productivity Plus Account, repairs, 621.98; Reinke's Farm & City Service Inc., repairs, 74.75; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 3,799.96; Rohrer Welding, shop supplies, 58.19; State of Nebraska Motor Fuels Division, diesel tax, 381.00; Sukup Service, tires/tire repair, 2,547.57; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 583.27; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.50; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies, 66.12.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; Maximus Inc., 2016 evaluation, 1,250.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 46.00; Postmaster, postage, 109.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, kiosk internet, 99.32.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 185.00; MIPS, computer program, 217.93.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Susan York, reimburse deductible, 179.08.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 2,918.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 215.66; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 800.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 39.96; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1.83; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 196.99; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 67.61.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 3,650.00; Northeast Community College Foundation, donation, 5,000.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.37.

**911 WIRELESS FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 335.01; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 397.80; Three River Telco, phone, 143.92.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bob's Candy Service, inmate commissary, 111.90.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** BJ Harris Inc., generator testing, 790.40; CenturyLink, phone, 180.39; CenturyLink, phone, 5.37; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 269.98; Three River Telco, phone, 77.49.

TOTALS	
General Fund	212,079.60
Road Fund	110,586.36
Child Support Fund	1,457.29
Visitor's Improvement Fund	99.32
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	402.93
County Insurance Fund	179.08
C&C Development Fund	4,292.67
Inheritance Fund	10,733.37
911 Wireless Fund	876.73
Sheriff Commissary Fund	111.90
911 Emergency Fund	<u>1,323.63</u>
Total	\$342,142.88

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:11 a.m., January 10, 2017 until Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

January 10, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:10 a.m.

A reorganizational meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska at 10:10 a.m. on the date of January 10, 2017. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the December 29, 2016 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the December 29, 2016 minutes as read.

Chairman Schlote appointed County Clerk Fischer as Temporary Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization due to the reorganization process.

Temporary Chairman/Co. Clk. Fischer called for nominations from the floor for Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization. Supervisor Miller nominated Supervisor Schlote. The nomination was seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska that nominations cease, rules be suspended and to cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Schlote as Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization for 2017. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #6. Motion carried. Supervisor Schlote assumed the duties of the Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization for 2017.

Chairman Schlote called for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization. Supervisor Sokol, Jr. nominated Supervisor Mackeprang. The nomination was seconded by Supr. Borgmann.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller that nominations cease, rules be suspended and to cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Mackeprang as Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization for 2017. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #5. Motion carried. Supervisor Mackeprang assumed the duties of the Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization for 2017.

Chairman Schlote announced the following committee appointment for 2017: **KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TAX CLAIMS** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, Kevin Mackeprang, Patrick Liska and Co. Assessor Monica McManigal.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to designate the publishing and posting requirements of 2017 Notices of Meeting as follows: All 2017 Notices of Meeting to be posted on the Knox County Website being [www.co.knox.ne.us](http://www.co.knox.ne.us); the Notice of Meeting for the first regular meeting of each month be published in the Niobrara Tribune, the Notice of Meeting for the second regular meeting of each month be published in the Wausa Gazette; and special meeting/quorum meeting notices be published in both the Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Co. Assessor McManigal and the Board discussed TIF projects.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:23 a.m. on January 10, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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Supr. Miller led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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The minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the January 10, 2017 meeting minutes as read with the correction that the minutes were approved by Chairman Sokol, Jr. and that special meeting/quorum meeting notices be published in both the Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Pathways Shelter for the Homeless thanking Knox County for a donation; 2. Northeast Nebraska RC & D 2016 Annual Report; 3. Letter from Sheriff Henery thanking Custodian Brandon Peters and Deputy County Clerk Rhonda Surface for painting the floors and walls in various parts of the Knox County Jail.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5

and #6. Nays none. Absent was District #7. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$37,639.29 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Sheriff Henery requested the Buildings and Grounds Committee to view his proposed booking area after the meeting.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:00 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:29 a.m. with all members. Supr. Borgmann had arrived at 10:24 a.m. during Board of Equalization.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. The Board reviewed the Knox County Shop Inspection List compiled after the inspections held on January 23; 2. Discussed repairs on District #2 CAT 140M motorgrader; 3. The 1999 Sterling gravel truck is at the Center Yard and will be inspected by NIRMA representative Pete Eiden to see if it is totaled or what the options would be if it can be repaired; 4. Discussed new snow truck; 5. Personnel update on temporary reassignment of blading road duties; 6. The One and Six Year Road Hearing will be held on February 9; 7. Due to road and bridge employees pushing snow, the road/bridge employees' job evaluations will be held at the February 9 meeting; 8. CPR and First Aid training will be held on February 28 and March 1; 9. Hwy. 84 will be reconstructed between Center and Bloomfield in 2017 and between Center and Verdigre in 2018; 10. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into executive session at 10:43 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of individuals while discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of individuals while discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 10:57 a.m.; 11. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to close the executive session that was held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to appoint Derek Cunningham and Jennifer Bollich to the Knox County Extension Board. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the December 2016 Permits Report, the 2016 Yearly Permits Report and the Yearly Fee and Valuation Summary. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. 2016 was one of the slowest years for zoning permits issued since 2007; 3. Hideaway Acres and Devils Nest update; 4. Mark Jones with the proposed wind project near Wausa informed Mrs. Doerr that his group is talking to landowners in the area and the group may be applying for a Conditional Use Permit within the next nine months.

The Board discussed proposed legislative bills with County Clerk Fischer, Assessor McManigal, Sheriff Henery, Clerk of the District Court Fischer and Deputy Clerk of the District Court Krohn. The Board will send a letter of opposition on LB 544 that would change operations of the District Court Office with the State taking control at this time of those Counties where the County Clerks are Ex-Officio Clerk of District Courts and then to continue in the near future to take away the control from Counties with elected Clerks of District Courts.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that the receipts be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$326,558.38.

#18217 – State of Nebraska, hwy. allocation, Build Nebraska Act & motor vehicle fee, 165,403.40; #18218 – State of Nebraska, responsible charge costs for Bloomfield West bridge project, 3,420.13; #18219 – NIRMA, reimbursement on sign post driver, 1,800; #18220 – Knox County Attorney, filing fee for returned checks, 10.00; #18221 – Knox County Sheriff, fees & mileage, 4,101.92; #18222 – Register of Deeds, December 2016 recording fees & documentary stamp tax, 7,131.79; #18223 – Knox County Treasurer, check collection fee, 25.00; #18224 – Knox County Sheriff, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates & interest, 5,454.15; #18225 – SID #2, refund on insurance premium, 329.00; #18226 – Knox County Clerk, Imprest interest, 12.67; #18227 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,260.28; #18228 – Cedar County Treasurer, tax coll.-Crofton Fire Gen & Sink & Wausa Fire Gen, 23,743.22; #18229 – Knox County Sheriff, work release, 125.00; #18230 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 187.75; #18231 – Knox County Clerk, election cost recovery, 6,075.30; #18232 – Knox County Sheriff, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates, 89,110.00; #18233 – NENEDD, reuse loan payments, 6,462.06; #18234 – Level 3 Communications LLC, 911 surcharges, 60.00; #18235 – Vonage, 911 surcharges, 9.00; #18236 – SID #1, Cedar Knox Rural Water overpayment refund, 182.42; #18237 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 1,724.44; #18238 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 101.20; #18239 – NACO, registration refund, 100.00; #18240 – Knox County Clerk, election cost recovery, 1,669.65; #18241 – Verdigre Twp., motorgrader bits, 154.00; #18242 – Knox County Sheriff, BIA reimbursement of housing inmates, 7,906.00.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Correctional Healthcare, meds, 5.45; Aspen Warriner, lawn/snow contract, 750.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 17.01; Bob Barker Company Inc., supplies, 231.66; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 45.00; Bomgaars, bulb/thermometer, 15.98; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 24.50; CAN Surety, notary bond, 40.00; Creighton Plumbing, repairs, 410.52; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 16.00; DataSpec Inc., subscription, 399.00; Dollar General, supplies, 77.35; Farmers & Merchants State Bank, safe deposit box rental, 30.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/registration, 1,369.56; Flower Basket, spelling bee trophies, 162.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, insignia, 128.79; John Merkel, witness fees/mileage, 57.45; Madison County Sheriff, prisoner board, 1,000.00; Manatron Inc., rate table, 2,452.17; M.O.C.I.C., dues, 100.00; NACO Planning & Zoning, dues, 30.00; NAPA Bloomfield, oil/filter/parts, 47.68; Nebraska Association of County Clerks, ROD & Election Comm., dues, 75.00; Nebraska Secretary of State, Notary Division, notary, 30.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 483.51; Rader Feed & Grain Co., ice melt, 637.00; Reserve Account, meter postage, 5,000.00; Safe N Secure, camera repair, 501.00; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 70.00; Shawn Jordan, witness fees/mileage, 60.66; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 35.90; Viewu, body cameras, 125.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Avera Medical Group, drug test, 25.00; B's Enterprises Inc., signs, 754.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 71.69; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, drug test, 70.00; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 278.28; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 156.68; Central Valley Ag, tordon, 28.22; C-Mart LLC, gas, 59.23; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 109.20; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 42.00; Eugene Wolfe Jr., prior service, 12.00; Farmers Pride, heating fuel, 517.62; First National Bank Omaha, lodging/meals/pesticides, 414.03; Frank's Food mart, shop supplies; 23.96; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies/furnace repair, 74.18; Herbert Feed & Grain Company, diesel, 1,180.40; K&S Door Co. Inc., door repairs, 139.40; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., oxygen/acetylene, 613.37; NAPA Bloomfield, repairs/oil/filters/shop supplies, 1,092.26; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 192.92; NMC Exchange LLC, repairs, 268.66; People's Grocery, shop supplies, 21.43; R&K Motor Parts, filters/repairs/shop supplies; 391.12; Verdigre Farm Service LLC, diesel/repairs/shop supplies/tire repair, 3,299.70; Vic's Service, gas/repairs/tires/shop supplies, 1,731.86; Village of Center, water/sewer, 23.00; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 60.75; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 140.85.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 106.00.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 174.28.

**VETERANS AID FUND.** Gary Jones, CVA fund, 3,500.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, travel/meals/leadership, 1,076.39; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 134.30; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 50.96.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple, court appointed attorney, 1,085.28; Law Office of Kate Jorgensen, court appointed attorney, 2,153.99; Sheila Keeler PR, inheritance tax refund, 151.75; The Law Office of Jeffrey M. Doerr, court appointed attorney, 2,225.01.

**911 WIRELESS FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 335.01; NESCA, dues, 120.00.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 180.39.

TOTALS	
General Fund	14,428.19
Road Fund	11,791.81
Child Support Fund	231.93
County Insurance Fund	174.28
Veterans Aid Fund	3,500.00
C&C Development Fund	1,261.65
Inheritance Fund	5,616.03
911 Wireless Fund	335.01
911 Emergency Fund	<u>300.39</u>
Total	\$37,639.29

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:03 p.m., January 26, 2017 until Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

January 26, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:00 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska at 10:00 a.m. on the date of January 26, 2017. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5 and Danny R. Schlote District #6. Absent was Supervisor James J. Borgmann District #7. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the January 10, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

At 10:10 a.m., Chairman Schlote opened the advertised public hearing on Exemption Applications and Continued Exemption Applications for Tax Exemption on Real and Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations.

At 10:10 a.m., Chairman Schlote opened the advertised public hearing on Exemption Form 457 for Sacred Heart Health Services dba Avera Creighton Hospital on five vehicles.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve Tax Claims #7872, #7873, #7874 and #7875 and hereby directs the County Assessor to make the proper adjustments to the tax roll. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent was District #7. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed their respective District's Qualifying Organization Exemption Applications.

Chairman Schlote closed the open public hearing on Exemption Applications and Continued Exemption Applications for Tax Exemption on Real and Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations at 10:18 a.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the Exemption Applications and Continued Exemption Applications filed for Tax Exemption on Real and Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent was District #7. Motion carried.

Chairman Schlote closed the open public hearing at 10:20 a.m. on Exemption Form 457 for Sacred Heart Health Services dba Avera Creighton Hospital. No one was present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Exemption Form 457 for Sacred Heart Health Services dba Avera Creighton Hospital on a 2008 Chevrolet Uplander, a 2008 Carry On utility trailer, a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado pickup, a 2014 Senator II bus, and a 2013 Chevrolet sedan. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent was District #7. Motion carried.

Supervisor Borgmann arrived at 10:24 a.m.

Co. Assessor McManigal and the Board discussed proposed legislative bills.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:29 a.m. on January 26, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
February 9, 2017
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of February 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. O'Connor led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition Newsletter; 2. Nebraska Dept. of Road letter with information concerning proposed improvement project of Hwy. 84 between Center and Verdigre.

The minutes of the January 26, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the January 26, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of the District Court January Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$333,607.68 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on agenda items was given by Supr. Schlote that the cost of new lights for the Wausa County Shed would be \$2,700.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:01 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:16 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt Resolution #2017-01 authorizing Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign Project Program Agreement - BL1719 between Knox County and the Nebraska Department of Roads for County Bridge Match Program Project Number STWD-CBMP(1) (Creighton North). By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2017-01
SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT - BL1719

Knox County
Resolution No. 2017 -01

Whereas: Knox County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain County Bridge Match funds;

Whereas: Knox County understands that it must strictly follow all State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the project; and

Whereas: Knox County and Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County that:

Jim Sokol Jr., Chair of the Knox County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between the Knox County and the NDOR.

Knox County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.

NDOR Project Number: STWD-CBMP(1)
NDOR Control Number: 00974
NDOR Project Name: County Bridge Match Program

Adopted this 9th day of February, 2017 at Center, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Knox County

James J. Sokol, Jr. /s/
Virgil H. Miller /s/

Martin J. O'Connor /s/
Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
James J. Borgmann /s/

Patrick J. Liska/s/
Danny R. Schlote /s/

Attest: (Seal)
Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

2. Chairman Sokol, Jr. signed Project Program Agreement - BL1719 between Knox County and the Nebraska Department of Roads for County Bridge Match Program Project Number STWD-CBMP(1) (Creighton North); 3. Motion by

Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign an agreement between Knox County and the Nebraska Department of Roads for re-monument of section corners for Project No. STP-84-5(109) Center to Bloomfield. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the quote from Husker Steel, Columbus NE in the amount of \$48,696 for steel projects for a 24 ft. 6 in. x 33 ft. bridge on the Dowling/Morton Township line with the County using beams that the County already have on hand. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the quotes from Husker Steel, Columbus NE for steel products in the amount of \$4,188 to replace the guardrail on a bridge near the Wausa City Park and \$3,289 to replace the guardrail on a bridge near the Rolling Hills Golf Course. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 6. Discussion was held on the 1999 Sterling truck. NIRMA has viewed the truck and NIRMA would pay the County \$20,700 for totaling the truck out less the \$2,500 deductible leaving a balance of \$18,200 for the settlement. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to accept the insurance settlement from NIRMA in the amount of \$20,700 less the \$2,500 deductible leaving a balance of \$18,200 for totaling out the wrecked 1999 Sterling truck. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 7. The new truck will be delivered next week; 8. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the purchase of a 4-foot wide ditch bucket for the CASE tractor backhoe with an estimated cost of \$2,000. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 9. Discussed lawsuit on the Lindy/Santee road project. Judge James Kube ordered mediation that will take place on April 12, 2017; 10. Inspecting and replacing road signs continues.

At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised One and Six Year Road Hearing. Present were Addison Twp. Treasurer Robert Kuhl, Jefferson Twp. Chairman Jimmie Kotrous, Spade Twp. Clerk Don Henery, Hwy. Supt. Barta and Wausa Gazette Reporter Deanna Anderson. Hwy. Supt. Barta presented information on the present road budget; highway allocation amounts; amount received from the 2016 surplus sale; road, bridge & oil projects; machinery purchased; and the County/Township allocation. Discussion was held on the proposed changes by the Miller feed lot.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the opened One and Six Year Road Hearing at 11:15 a.m.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion was held on Administrative Plat Application #P0102 Marty Mischke lot split in the SW1/4SW1/4of Section 21, T33N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. The split was for two tracts that would be 3.01 acres and 5.02 acres. Attorney Ryan Cwach who represents the Mischke family was present to give an explanation of the split. The proposed Administrative Plat has the north boundaries of the two tracts being the center of Road 896 however the property owner north of Road 896 has a legal description that lists his southern boundary in that area as north of Road 896. These two legal descriptions could possibly leave a strip of land not addressed. The Board took no action as further information and research is needed; 2. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the January 2017 Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. There won't be a Planning Commission meeting in February but there will be one in March.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 11:42 a.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:30 p.m. with all members present.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote that the receipts be accepted and placed on file, by roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$969,890.23.

#18243 – Midwest Bank, interest, 332.71; #18244 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 472.60; #18245 – North Central Public Power, '57 in lieu of tax, 79.62; #18246 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18247 – Midwest Bank, interest, 4,184.10; #18248 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 77.50; #18249 – Lucky Livewires 4H Club, litter control road signs, 104.00; #18250 – Knox County Clerk, reimburse election costs, 376.25; #18251 – State of Nebraska, 911 service funding, 4,151.52; #18252 – State of Nebraska, 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 property tax credit payments, 893,266.08; #18253 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 777.27; #18254 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 125.03; #18255 – State of Nebraska, 1<sup>st</sup> of 6 homestead payments and HHS rent, 41,546.40; #18256 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 257.05; #18257 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 1,512.32; #18258 – Knox County Clerk, plats, misc. fees, c.c. marriage license & copies, 111.67; #18259 – Clerk of District Court, filing fees, court costs, fines, copies & passport fees, 523.76; #18260 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 289.32; #18261 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18262 – Knox County Sheriff, handgun permits & auto inspections, 605.00; #18263 – Great Plains Communications Inc., 911 surcharges, 10,372.04; #18264 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 219.30; #18265 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 1,466.73; #18266 – Knox County Court, fines & court costs, 2,401.00; #18267 – Encartel Inc., reimburse jail phone usage, 44.03; #18268 – Knox County Zoning, plat permit, 50.00; #18269 – Knox County Attorney, filing fees and STOP funds, 80.00; #18270 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 9.53; #18271 – Marshall Law Firm obo Charles Sokol, treasurers deed, 10.00; #18272 – Carol Sokol, mowing assessment, 241.19; #18273 – Register of Deeds, recording fees & documentary stamp tax, 6,154.21.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to go into executive session at 12:50 p.m. so as to protect the reputation of individuals while conducting road employee job evaluations. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of individuals while conducting road employee job evaluations. The Board moved to the Annex #1 meeting room. The Board came out of executive session at 2:55 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to close the executive session held on road employee job evaluations at 2:55 p.m. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 147,599.47; BJ Harris Inc., service agreement, 1,200.00; Bloomfield Pharmacy, medication, 18.25; CenturyLink, long distance, 94.14; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rental, 40.00; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 66.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 11,075.95; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 26,400.00; Creighton News, publishing, 411.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 395.47; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dawn Murphy, board expense, 19.45; Derek Cunningham, board expense, 30.68; Donald Jiracek, prior service, 25.00; Ecowater Systems, bottled water/salt, 487.00; Elaine's Tavern & Café, prisoner board, 5,733.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,128.61; Health Plan Services Inc., insurance County pays, 1,738.28; Hefner Hardware, paint, 27.99; Jen Bollich, board expense, 20.52; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Kasey Wagner, board expense, 47.80; Kay Morrill, board expense, 41.38; Knox County Sheriff, service fees/transport prisoner, 429.30; Laura J. Hintz, supplies, 53.94; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 78.05; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 200.49; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program/forms, 874.59; N&B Gas Company, propane, 1,099.11; NAPA Bloomfield, van repairs, 396.12; Nebraska.Gov, subscription, 50.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,610.56; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 96.93; Quill, office supplies, 271.15; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 9,695.28; Roger Vech dba Vech Construction, ROD remodel, 2,000.00; Ruth Vonderohe, travel expense, 860.41; Steven Banks, registration fee, 10.00; Telebeep, pager, 51.33; UNL-Extension, program renewal, 225.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 160.71; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 284.86; Wholesale Supply Co., janitor supplies, 203.30.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 60,738.36; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 202.31; Bomgaars, shop supplies/repairs, 210.49; CHS Wausa, gas/diesel, 1,216.82; City of Bloomfield, water, 17.50; CMart, gas, 198.57; Collector of Internal



Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4593.26; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,800.00; Crofton Journal, advertising, 7.38; Farmer's Pride, diesel/propane, 1,004.13; Great Plains Communications, phone, 481.89; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 719.28; Kayton International Inc., shop supplies, 47.32; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 32.30; Max Dvorak, hotel reimbursement, 70.72; MRJ Engineering, engineer fees, 13,500.00; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel/filter, 2,526.09; NAPA Bloomfield, repairs, 295.40; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 100.48; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 509.96; Powerplan, repairs, 412.23; R&K Motor Parts, repairs, 358.36; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,012.78; Tom's Family Foods, shop supplies, 9.69; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 586.30; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.25.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.88; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, kiosk internet, 99.32.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 185.00; MIPS, computer program, 217.93.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 2,918.33; CenturyLink, long distance, 5.88; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 215.66; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 800.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 39.96; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1.83; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 127.34; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 196.99; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 67.79; Westside Publishing Company, publishing, 425.00..

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Morland Eastland & Lohrberg, court appointed attorney, 90.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Sandra Kroeker, report, 1,513.40.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 334.93; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 564.20; Three River Telco, phone, 143.92.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bob's Candy Service, inmate commissary, 245.30.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.27; CenturyLink, phone, 180.35; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 359.58; Three River Telco, phone, 77.49.

TOTALS	
General Fund	217,759.62
Road Fund	104,711.87
Child Support Fund	184.10
Visitor's Improvement Fund	99.32
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	402.93
C&C Development Fund	4,851.07
Inheritance Fund	3,686.73
911 Wireless Service Fund	1,043.05
Sheriff Commissary Fund	245.30
911 Emergency Fund	623.69
Total	\$333,607.68

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:56 p.m., February 9, 2017 until Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

February 9, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:01 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of February 9, 2017 at 10:01 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the January 26, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the January 26, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Co. Assessor McManigal met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussed setting the 2017 valuations and sales; 2. Legislative updates.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:16 a.m. on February 9, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
February 23, 2017
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of February 23, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Schlote led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the February 9, 2017 meeting minutes as read with the correction that the lights for the Wausa Shed would cost \$2,700.00.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Nebraska Dept. of Roads Federal Fund Purchase Program - March 2017 payments; 2. Nebraska Dept. of Roads STIP and Surface Transportation Program.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$39,364.82 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller that the receipts be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$306,603.26.

#18274 - Knox County Zoning, building permit, 70.00; #18275 - State of Nebraska, highway allocation, 137,192.96; #18276 - SID #1, Cedar Knox Rural Water, refund, 353.32; #18277 - Brunswick State Bank, interest, 378.08; #18278 - North Central Public Power District, in lieu of tax, 99,742.96; #18279 - Cedar County Treasurer, tax coll. - Crofton Fire Gen & Sink & Wausa Gen, 8,393.15; #18280 - Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 193.25; #18281 - State of Nebraska, quarterly CSE reimbursement, 8,161.65; #18282 - Knox County Sheriff-BIA, reimburse for housing inmates, 15,544.00; #18283 - Brunswick State Bank, interest, 945.21; #18284 - NENEDD, February 2017 business loan payments, 6,488.29; #18285 - Pierce County Treasurer, tax collections, 419.01; #18286 - Village of Verdigre, law enforcement service, 275.00; #18287 - Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 169.60; #18288 - Midwest Bank, interest, 831.78; #18289 - State of Nebraska, personal property tax credit, 5,894.69; #18290 - NIRMA, workman's comp insurance refund, 901.58; #18291 - NIRMA, settlement for 1999 sterling truck, 18,200.00; #18292 - Vonage, 911 surcharges, 9.00; #18293 - State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 2,439.73.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess for Board of Equalization at 10:01 a.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

Central Township Board members Joshua Doerr, James Doerr and Matt Doerr met with the Board regarding the upcoming Center to Bloomfield Highway 84 project. A bridge on Highway 84 will be replaced and the highway will be closed in that area. The Central Township Board members are concerned about overweight vehicles and additional traffic on their township roads due to the closure. They have contacted a contractor to clean out some of the ditches. The Central Township Board asks for assistance with weight limit signs that need to be 7-ton gross weight signs and enforcement. The Township Board has contacted the Nebraska Dept. of Roads and County Attorney Thomas on the matter. Also discussed was that during the time period that the above-mentioned bridge is being replaced that the County assist in maintaining three miles of Central Township roads, the County assist with gravel plus rock or salvage concrete on the soft spots, and use of the County's barricades if one of the township roads in question would have to be closed due to it being too muddy since there has been culvert replacement on that road. The Board informed the Central Township Board that during the period that Highway 84 is closed due to the replacement of a bridge near the intersection of Highway 84 and 540 Avenue, the County will maintain one mile of 540 Avenue between 880 and 881 Roads and two miles of 880 Road between Section 11, 12, 13 and 14 in Central Township when the County maintainer is in the area maintaining County roads.

Katie Fritz with the Highway Superintendent's Office met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt Resolution #2017 - 02 stating that Knox County did hold its Public Road One and Six Year Road Hearing and supporting documents, maps and proof of publication are being sent to the Nebraska Department of Roads. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2017 - 02

In pursuant with Section 10 of LB 1302, Knox County did hold its Public Road Hearing on February 9, 2017. Enclosed under separate cover is a One Year Map and Six Year Map with current project listings and future listings, also proof of publication. The Knox County Board of Supervisors wishes to adopt these construction plans as compiled by Knox County Highway Superintendent, Kevin R. Barta, at this time.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Martin J. O'Connor /s/ Marty O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/ Patrick Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/ Virgil Miller, District #3

James Sokol, Jr. /s/

Kevin Mackeprang /s/

Danny Schlote /s/

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
 Knox County Clerk

Jim Borgmann /s/  
 Jim Borgmann, District #7

Passed and approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2017

2. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign the Sworn NIRMA Statement In Proof Of Loss on the wrecked 1999 Sterling truck. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. The 7-ton axle weight signs have been put up.

Zoning Admin. Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion was held on Administrative Plat Application #P0102 Marty Mischke on a lot split of two tracts that had been reviewed at the last meeting but no action was taken then due to more information was needed. Discussion continued on the concerns about the survey/legal description that notes that the tracts are surveyed to the center of 896 road. There had been a question about the possibility of a strip of the road not being deeded to someone as the landowner to the north has a deed that says "to the north of the road". Attorney Ryan Cwach who represents Marty Mischke stated that it has long been recognized that "bounding a tract by the edge or margin of a road will pass the fee to the middle line of the road when the vendor owns the fee on both sides." County Surveyor Skroch also stated that it is assumed that in cases like this the property line is to the center of the road unless explicitly described differently. After further discussion, motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0102 Marty Mischke on a lot split of a 5.02 acre tract and a 3.01 acre tract in the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 21, T33N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. The Planning Commission will meet in March and the Board of Adjustments will be holding a meeting in the near future.

Angie O'Connor with Avera presented information and new computerized updates for the annual on-site wellness program. The cost will remain the same as last year for the basic package and additional laboratory testing. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the 2017 Avera Services Proposal for a voluntary on-site Wellness Health Screening for Knox County employees at a cost of \$100 per participant, to allow a \$20 credit per participant towards additional laboratory testing, that those employees participating shall complete a Wellness Questionnaire through the StriveWell Basic Portal, and that participating employees shall meet with Avera staff in a Health Coaching session to review each participant's results of the Wellness Health Screening. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #1. Motion carried.

Jan Jorgensen and Chris Kreycik met the Board to present the Northeast Nebraska RC & D 2016 Annual Report. The report listed the activities that took place during 2016 such as recycling projects, grant writing workshops, weed management, bird tours and cemetery tours. Also discussed was the 2017 Sponsor Dues. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the Northeast Nebraska RC & D 2017 Sponsor Dues in the amount of \$2,000. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to grant permission to operate KENO under Knox County's KENO election to the Creighton Community Country Club that is owned by Wally and Debra Sukup and will be managed by Julie Broders. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve reimbursement to those eligible employees who are enrolled in the County's health insurance benefit through HealthCare Solutions Group, participate in the 2017 Avera on-site Wellness Health Screening, complete the Wellness Questionnaire through the StriveWell Basic Portal, and meet with Avera staff in a Health Coaching session to review each employee's results of the Wellness Health Screening, with the reimbursement to be up to \$250 of 2017 deductible paid between \$250 and \$500; for those employees who pay for child(ren) health insurance coverage through HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., reimbursement up to \$250 of 2017 deductible paid between \$250 and \$500 provided the employee participates in the 2017 Wellness Health Program; that there will be no option to opt out to a comparable wellness program; and the reimbursement of the 2017 deductible must be made by the end of the first quarter in 2018. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #1. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, IT quarterly bill/toner, 3,815.00; Aspen Warriner, lawn/snow contract, 750.00; Avera Creighton Hospital, emergency room, 167.00; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 34.51; Bomgaars, shovels, 37.98; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 45.50; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Dollar General, supplies, 446.15; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/registration, 3,929.47; Manatron Inc., soil conversion, 400.00; N&B Gas Company, tower propane, 131.88; NACO, board handbook supplement, 30.00; NACT, dues, 75.00; Northeast NE Juvenile Services, holding juvenile, 525.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 197.93; Roger Vech, ROD ceiling/sheriff ceiling, 5,728.00; The Monitor, publishing, 35.00; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, sprinkler agreement, 210.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 234.34; Village of Center, sewer/sewer/garbage, 263.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Bauer Built Tire, chains, 720.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 67.14; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 63.18; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 161.41; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 176.18; C-Mart, gas, 149.51; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 128.50; Creighton News, advertisement, 11.00; Graham Tire, repairs, 711.84; Grossenburg implement Inc., repairs/shop supplies, 997.62; Hagge Glass, repairs, 160.00; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 201.29; Herbert Feed & Grain Company, diesel/oil, 3,708.44; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies/repairs, 198.31; Lagen Manufacturing Co., disk shaft, 175.00; LCL Truck Equipment Inc., repairs, 1,908.84; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., repairs, 33.48; NE Association of Co. Hwy. Superintendents, dues, 50.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 182.55; Northern Truck Equipment Corporation, repairs, 1,608.81; Auto Repair, filter/tire repair/battery, 164.50; The Monitor, advertisement, 10.67; Verdigre Eagle, advertisement, 11.18; Verdigre Farm Service LLC, diesel/ shop supplies/tire repair, 3,081.01; Vic's Service, gas, 157.00; Village of Center, water/sewer, 23.00; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 60.75; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies, 4.29.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT FUND.** Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition, 2017 contribution, 1,000.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 46.00.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 1,003.95.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, travel/training/youth program, 473.02; Lindsay Hastings, mileage, 162.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 117.70; NE Human Resources Institute, speaker, 500.00..

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Hagge Glass, security doors, 3,628.40.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, meals, 80.61.

TOTALS

General Fund	17,177.64
Road Fund	14,925.50
Flowage Easement Fund	1,000.00
Child Support Fund	46.00
County Insurance Fund	250.00
Economic Development Fund	1,003.95
C&C Development Fund	1,252.72
Inheritance Fund	3,628.40
911 Emergency Fund	<u>80.61</u>
Total	\$39,364.82

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:56 a.m., February 23, 2017 until Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

February 23, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:01 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of February 23, 2017 at 10:01 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the February 9, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

County Assessor McManigal and the Board discussed 2017 valuations and the process to compute the valuations.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Tax Claim #7876 and hereby directs the County Assessor to make the proper adjustments to the tax roll. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:13 a.m. on February 23, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
March 9, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of March 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Borgmann led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the February 23, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the February 23, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition Newsletter; 2. Nebraska Department of Revenue media release of property tax change from 2015 to 2016; 3. Knox County Economic Development Report; 4. Letter from Corps of Engineers on 2017 interagency meeting scheduled for March 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lewis and Clark Visitor Center located near Gavins Point Dam.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller that all claims except Claim #17030031 payable to James Sokol, Jr. dba Sokol Electric in the amount of \$181.20, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote that Claim #17030031 payable to James Sokol, Jr. dba Sokol Electric in the amount of \$181.20, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$510,392.51 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 9:58 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:16 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. The gravel bid opening will be held on March 30, 2017; 2. The oil bid opening will be held in April; 3. Discussion was held on weight limit signage for three miles of Central Township roads that will be used as non-designated detour roads when a portion of Highway 84 is closed for bridge replacement. Central Township Board members now are requesting the signage be for 20 ton gross weight limit. The County will begin blading the three miles once Highway 84 is closed. The County will pay for the signs and place them as the County can then reuse the signs after Highway 84 is reopened. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to purchase two 20 ton gross weight limit signs and the County place them along one mile of 540 Avenue between 880 and 881 Roads and two miles of 880 Road between Section 11, 12, 13 and 14 in Central Township for the duration that Highway 84 is closed near the intersection of Highway 84 and 540 Avenue for bridge replacement. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to go into executive session at 10:26 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of individuals while discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of individuals while discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 10:33 a.m.; 5. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to close the executive session at 10:33 a.m. that was held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 6. Hwy. Supt. Barta and County Attorney Thomas updated the Board on the mediation that will be held on April 12 on the Lindy/Santee road project; 7. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to go into executive session at 10:52 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of individuals while discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of individuals while discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 11:15 a.m.; 8. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to close at 11:15 a.m. the executive session that was held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Monda and Kevin Kohles met with the Board requesting help in maintaining the main road in the Devils Nest subdivision as there is a lot of through traffic on the road and one portion of the road is in bad condition. Mrs. Kohles said the road is a dedicated public road however Hwy. Supt. Barta said that there is nothing in the records indicating that it was dedicated to the public and is a private road. It was noted that past owners had gated the road because it was a private road. Discussion ensued on projected housing construction in the subdivision, need for crushed rock in several areas on the road, tree cleanup in the subdivision and that tax dollars can't be spent on the road that isn't within the County's jurisdiction. Mrs. Kohles questioned whether the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission would allow the road to be fixed that runs along their property. She also said there is documentation that shows the road is a dedicated public road. The Board instructed Mrs. Kohles to present that documentation to Hwy. Supt. Barta who will in turn have County Attorney Thomas review the documentation.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. New 911 Coordinator Heather Kienow was introduced to the Board; 2. Motorola has approved the agreement on the warranty of the last equipment purchased so payment is needed. The Board will review at the next meeting the loan for the purchase of the equipment that was approved from the Inheritance Fund to the 911 Emergency/Sheriff Offices; 3. Update on the new booking area; 4. Discussed research into conceal carry permitted in the Courthouse.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the Notices of Withdrawal of Claim of Brian Oglevie and Amy Clemens. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the County Treasurer's Return of Sale Proceedings Report to the County Clerk on the delinquent taxes sold at the March 6, 2017 tax sale that the public sale is closed and the private tax sale will begin and continue from day to day until all said land has been offered. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the February Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller that the receipts be accepted and placed on file, by roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$154,685.50.

#18294 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18295 – Peoria Township, reimburse electric/propane at Bloomfield shop, 262.33; #18296 – Eastern Township, wing bits, 240.00; #18297 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 630.14; #18298 – Midwest Bank, interest, 649.04; #18299 – Knox County Zoning, conditional use permit, 650.00; #18300 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 152.20; #18301 – Knox County Community Foundation, leadership program, 662.00; #18302 – Knox County Development Agency, annual contributions, 9,720.00; #18303 – Knox County Development Agency, annual contributions, 4,812.00; #18304 – Knox County Development Agency, annual contribution, 3,500.00; #18305 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 10.00; #18306 – State of Nebraska, 911 service funding, 4,151.52; #18307 – Knox County Sheriff, fees, 1,747.00; #18308 – Kenneth Alder, water & sewer assessment, 500.52; #18309 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 659.91; #18310 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 113.59; #18311 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 289.54; #18312 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,890.41; #18313 – State of Nebraska, personal property tax credit, 60,993.58; #18314 – State of Nebraska, 2<sup>nd</sup> of six homestead payments, 39,341.40; #18315 – Clerk of District Court, filing fees, copies, court costs, fines & passport fees, 1,547.25; #18316 – Knox County Clerk, plats, misc. fees, c.c. marriage license & copies, 44.15; #18317 – Estate of Leon W Anders, inheritance tax, interest & penalty, 5,419.68; #18318 – State of Nebraska, reimbursement for EMPG budget, 7,462.34; #18319 – State of Nebraska, rent, 2,205.00; #18320 – Midwest Bank, interest, 671.92; #18321 – Knox County Sheriff, handgun permits & auto inspections, 540.00; #18322 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18323 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 175.85; #18324 – Encartel Inc., reimburse jail phone usage, 95.50; #18325 – Knox County Court, fines & lab test fees, 3,336.00; #18326 – Knox County Treasurer, registration fee for public tax sale, 475.00; #18327 – NIRMA,

workmans comp. ref., 901.58; #18328 – Grinnel Mutual, insurance settlement, 781.66; #18329 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 4.39.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 144,207.39; Amy Johnson, travel expense, 26.75; Applied Connective Technologies, laptop, 701.00; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 19.00; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, paint, 348.95; Carol Peters, prior service, 15.00; Cartridge World, ink cartridges, 242.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 111.82; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rental, 38.50; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security Co. pays, 10,809.70; Connie Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance Co. pays, 26,400.00; Creighton News, publishing/subscription, 72.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 33.35; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing/subscriptions, 327.27; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Donald Jiracek, prior service, 25.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/repairs/office supplies, 732.19; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 480.00; Elaine's Tavern & Café, prisoner board, 6,594.00; First National Bank Omaha Legal Dept., subpoena/files, 95.60; GIS Workshop LLC, soil update, 1,500.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,335.01; Health Plan Services Inc., insurance Co. pays, 1,738.28; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning, heating installation, 2,600.00; Hefner Hardware, paint supplies, 20.51; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James Sokol Jr. dba Sokol Electric, lights/switches/bulbs, 181.20; James Janecek, prior service, 21.00; James Sokol Jr., mileage, 128.40; Jo Ann Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; K/V Electric LLC, lights/fans/electrical, 5,471.32; Key Sanitation LLC, garbage, 104.00; Knox County Court, cases bound over, 336.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance Co. pays, 78.05; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 73.13; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Mary Ketelsen, travel expense, 24.61; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 40.50; Midwest Special Service Inc., transport prisoner, 864.00; MIPS, computer program, 686.99; Monroe Systems, printer toners, 527.50; Moody Motor Co. Inc., repairs, 40.22; Nebraska Weed Control Assn, registration, 120.00; NetCom Inc., radio repair, 280.00; ; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,489.91; Northeast NACO, registrations, 300.00; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 86.96; Northeast Nebraska RC&D, dues, 2,000.00; Quill, office supplies, 165.98; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly bill, 5,731.50; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement Co. pays, 9,477.92; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Ruth Vonderohe, travel expense, 449.42; Sanne Guns & Ammo, conceal carry class, 300.00; Steven Banks, fuel/meal, 53.82; Telebeep, pager, 51.33; The Farner Co. Inc., utensils, 342.66; The Monitor, publishing/envelopes, 590.10; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 160.71; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 277.00; Verdigre Eagle, subscription, 30.00; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00; Wholesale Supply Co., janitor supplies, 358.95.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 53,293.43; Aaron Fuchtman, CDL, 57.50; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas/tire repair, 604.96; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 61.10; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 92.44; Broadway Mercantile, shop supplies, 37.67; Central Valley Ag, tordon, 29.77; CHS Wausa, gas/diesel, 113.95; City of Bloomfield, water, 24.20; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 148.23; CMart, gas, 163.53; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security Co. pays, 4,023.75; Comfort Inn, lodging, 195.90; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., truck, 165,810.61; Country Pride Cooperative, propane, 372.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance Co. pays, 12,800.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 123.80; Eugene Wolfe Jr., prior service, 12.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel/propane, 3,665.55; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 934.12; Great Plains Communications, phone, 472.22; Health Plan Services, insurance Co. pays, 719.28; Hefner Ace Hardware, shop supplies, 44.11; J&K Auto, gas, 97.40; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 498.97; K/V Electric LLC, light in shop, 2,700.00; Kayton International Inc., shop supplies, 14.69; Key Sanitation, garbage, 116.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 348.28; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance Co. pays, 32.30; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., repairs, 43.08; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 6,768.10; Midwest Service & Sales Co., repairs, 505.63; Nebraska Assn. of County Highway Superintendents, registration, 110.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 88.16; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 421.17; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement Co. pays, 3,510.23; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 586.32; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 258.00; Vic's Service LLC, gas/repairs/shop supplies, 434.45; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.63; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 60.75.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 6.99; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93; K/V Electric, outlets, 165.38; Matthew R. Fischer, reimburse postage, 6.65; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 46.00 .

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 185.00; MIPS, computer program, 217.93.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 2,918.33; CenturyLink, long distance, 6.99; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security Co. pays, 215.66; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance Co. pays, 800.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; Health Plan Services, insurance Co. pays, 39.96; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance Co. pays, 1.83; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement Co. pays, 196.99; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 67.79.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 1,750.00; NIRMA, deductible, 5,000.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 WIRELESS FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 397.80; Three River Telco, phone, 143.92.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bob's Candy Service, inmate commissary, 353.20.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 5.50; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 269.98; Three River Telco, phone, 77.49.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	\$ 234,501.00
Road Fund	260,454.28
Child Support Fund	403.24
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	402.93
County Insurance Fund	250.00
C&C Development Fund	4,299.84
Inheritance Fund	8,833.33
911 Wireless Fund	541.72
Sheriff Commissary Fund	353.20
911 Emergency Fund	352.97
Total	\$ 510,392.51

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:10 p.m., March 9, 2017 until Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

March 9, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
9:58 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of March 9, 2017 at 9:58 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the February 23, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the February 23, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Co. Assessor McManigal met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussed valuation process that needs to be completed by March 19. Several percentages will be lowered. The ag land will be 71% of actual value this year. The completed valuation workup will be sent to the Property Tax Division and then on to TERC for review; 2. Every six years every parcel must be reviewed. The rural review will need to be completed and Co. Assessor McManigal is considering contracting the work to appraiser Jeff White of Neligh. Mr. White's employee is a teacher who has also been doing the rural reviews in other counties in the past years and has the experience needed. The rural review will take three years. Co. Assessor McManigal will invite Mr. White to attend the next meeting to explain the costs and explanation of the work his company does; 2. Legislative updates.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:16 a.m. on March 9, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
March 30, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of March 30, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Mackeprang led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the March 9, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the March 9, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Knox County Development Agency Director's report; 2. North Central District Health Department letter regarding mosquito control; 3. Copy of Petition and Plan of Reorganization involving Boyd County School District 36 (Lynch Public Schools) and Boyd County School District 50 (West Boyd Public Schools).

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$82,340.85 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Clerk of District Court February Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to accept the resignation of Herrick Township Treasurer Dallas Fiscus and the appointment of Ed Sage as the Herrick Township Treasurer. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Surety Bond on Herrick Township Treasurer Ed Sage. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve a \$500 donation to the SD/NE Purple Loosestrife Committee for Galerucella beetles used in the control of purple loosestrife. By roll call. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 9:59 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:28 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. The gravel bid opening will be held at 1:00 p.m.; 2. Discussed purchasing a fifth-wheel flatbed trailer. Quotes received were: **Seidel & Sons, Ainsworth NE** – Titan 26' fifth-wheel trailer, \$7,400; **Nebraska Trailer Sales, Osmond NE** – 26' PJ fifth-wheel flatbed trailer - \$7,300; and **Ken's Trailer Sales, Norfolk NE** – Circle D 25' fifth-wheel flatbed trailer - \$7,250. Also noted was the cost to install the hitch would be \$700 at Speedway in Bloomfield and that the Titan trailer has a 4-inch taller neck than the other trailers quoted. After a discussion, motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to purchase a Titan 26' fifth-wheel flatbed trailer from Seidel & Sons, Ainsworth NE in the amount of \$7,400. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Discussed bidding on used lizard; 4. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to set a hearing for April 27, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. for the reclassification from local to minimum maintenance of .30-mile portion of 882 RD between the N1/2NE1/4 of Section 6, T30N, R3W (Morton Township) and the S1/2SE1/4 of Section 36, T31N, R3W (Peoria Township). By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to set a hearing for April 27, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. for the reclassification from local to minimum maintenance of 3.25 miles of portions of 897 and 896 Roads, 545 Way and 546 Avenue located in Sections 13, 14, 23 and 24, T33N, R3W (Herrick Township) and Sections 18 and 19, T33N, R2W (North Frankfort Township). By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 6. Complaints have been received about townships not blading nor graveling township roads. Discussion was held whether or not maintenance logs are kept on work done on the township roads, that the issues brought forth are negligence on the part of the township boards, hindrance to mail carriers on the neglected roads, and stopping distribution of county/township allocation funds to those townships not in compliance of doing their jobs. The matter will be reviewed with County Attorney Thomas; 7. Research will be done to possibly find a new motor for the pull-type broom for the asphalt crew; 8. A township board member asked if Knox County could put a box ad in the papers that would address problems of planting and fencing in the road right-of-ways. Cedar County places this type of ad in the Missouri Shopper; 9. Weight limit signs are being put up in Central Township on the three miles that will be used more now that bridge construction begins on Highway 84; 10. Equipment repairs; 11. The new truck has been delivered and is in Creighton at this time; 12. The lights on the truck that will be moved to the Crofton Shed are being repaired; 13. Bridge crew update. A bridge workshop will be held April 11 and 12.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into executive session at 11:06 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual while discussing a reuse loan contract on Business Loan 6872420. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual while discussing a reuse loan contract on Business Loan 6872420. The Board came out of executive session at 11:20 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to close the executive session at 11:20 a.m. that was held so as to protect the reputation of an individual while discussing a reuse loan contract on Business Loan 6872420. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to reschedule the loan payments to \$100 per month on Business Loan 6872420. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Hanefeldt updated the Board on the activities taking place through her office. Updates were made on the Leadership Class, Creighton City revitalization, Wausa Village revitalization, housing, and tourism guides.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to go into executive session at 11:27 a.m. to discuss pending litigation. By roll call. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held on pending litigation. The Board came out of executive session at 11:36 a.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to close the executive session at 11:36 a.m. that was held on pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Thomas and the Board discussed township road maintenance complaints. Hwy. Supt. Barta will draft a letter and a road maintenance log sheet and County Attorney Thomas will review the documents. Approved documents will be sent to specific township boards.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board to discuss payment of the Motorola radio equipment. The Board had approved a loan from the Inheritance Fund to 911 Emergency/Sheriff in the amount of \$181,919.56 for the radio equipment and service agreement at the September 10, 2015 meeting and had approved the purchase contract at the November 24, 2015 meeting. A payment was made on January 14, 2016 from the Inheritance Fund to Motorola in the amount of \$45,479.89 leaving a balance of \$136,439.67 due. Payment was not made as there had been a disagreement in the warranty and contract but now the matter has been resolved. Discussion was held on options to repay the loan by 911 Emergency and the Sheriff's Office.

Knox County 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee Champion Katharina Rice of Creighton gave a report to the Board about her experience representing Knox County at the Midwest Spelling Bee held in Omaha on March 11. The Board asked Ms. Rice questions about the Midwest Spelling Bee and congratulated her on a job well done.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:35 p.m. with all members present.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors made a quarterly visit to the Knox County Jail as per Nebraska Revised Statute 47-109.

The Board tabled the renewal of the Nixle subscription agreement. Nixle is a weather alert that is sent through the Knox County Sheriff's Offices to subscribers on their cell phones. Sheriff Henery said that there is only 242 people subscribing at this time. The subscription rate is increasing by \$45 to \$1,545 for May 8, 2017 through May 7, 2018. As there are other apps that people can subscribe to for weather alerts that would not be a cost to the County, the Board contemplated not renewing the agreement. Emergency Manager Hintz will be contacted to see if this is a service that she needs and will be addressed at the next meeting.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised Gravel Bid opening held at 12:56 p.m. Knox County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids and also reserves the right to accept any bid that in their judgment best serves the County's needs. Bids received were as follows: FOR BOTH COUNTY ROAD AND CO./TWP. ALLOCATION GRAVEL: **Sinclair Sand & Gravel, Inc., Spencer NE** - County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), Specialty Product, 1-inch crushed gravel, \$11.50, 1.5-inch bar screened gravel \$9.80, 1.5-inch conveyor screened gravel, \$12.50; Gravel per



yard/delivered price: State Spec (Class A) West Raymond \$20; Specialty Product - East Raymond Twp., 1" crushed gravel, \$17.90; West Raymond Twp., 1" crushed gravel, \$15.75; Western Twp., 1" crushed gravel, \$17.90. **Don McElhose Construction, Verdigre NE** – Gravel per yard/delivered price: ALL SPECIALTY PRODUCT – Bohemia Twp., \$11.00; Creighton Twp., \$14.00; Frankfort Twp., \$18.00; Jefferson Twp., \$12.00; Niobrara Twp., \$13.75; North Frankfort Twp., \$18.00; East Raymond Twp., \$13.75; West Raymond Twp., \$14.75; Spade Twp., \$14.50; Sparta Twp., \$13.75; Verdigre Twp., \$12.75; Walnut Grove Twp., \$13.75, Washington Twp., \$11.50; Western Twp., \$13.00. **Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, Orchard NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard) – State Spec (Class A) \$11.00; Black Dirt \$8.00; Bank Run \$6.00; Armor Coat \$11.00; Gravel per yard/delivered price for State Spec. (Class A): Addison Twp., \$17.25; Central Twp., \$13.75; Cleveland Twp., \$14.25; Columbia Twp., \$15.00; Creighton Twp., \$14.25; Dolphin Twp., 16.75; Dowling Twp., 16.00; Eastern Twp., 18.00; Frankfort Twp., \$19.50; Harrison Twp., 15.00; Hill Twp., 17.00; Lincoln Twp., 16.00; Logan Twp., 15.25; Miller Twp., 14.25; Morton Twp., 15.00; Peoria Twp., 16.00; Valley Twp., 15.00; Verdigre Twp., 15.25; Walnut Grove 16.50. **Emme Sand & Gravel, O'Neill NE** - County haul gravel (pit price/per yard) – State Spec (Class A) \$9.50 & Armor Coat \$10.85; Gravel per yard/delivered for State Spec. (Class A): Washington Twp., \$16.00, **Mitteis Gravel, Orchard NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$9.25, Armor Coat \$9.25; Gravel per yard/delivered price: State Spec. (Class A) Logan Twp., \$14.25; Walnut Grove Twp., \$14.25. **Backus Sand & Gravel, McLean NE** - County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$14.00, Bank Run \$6.00, Armor Coat \$14.00; Gravel per yard/delivered price – ALL STATE SPEC (CLASS A) (delivered)– Addison Twp., \$18.50; Central Twp., \$17.50; Cleveland Twp., \$17.50; Columbia Twp., \$17.75; Creighton Twp., \$17.50; Dolphin Twp., \$18.00; Dowling Twp., \$17.25; Eastern Twp., \$19.75; Frankfort Twp., \$20.00; Harrison Twp., \$17.00; Herrick Twp., \$20.00; Hill Twp., \$18.25; Lincoln Twp., \$18.00; Miller Twp., \$19.00; Morton Twp., \$18.25; Niobrara Twp., \$18.75; Peoria Twp., \$18.00; Spade Twp., \$16.00; Sparta Twp., \$17.00; Union Twp., \$17.25; Valley Twp., \$17.00; Verdigre Twp., \$17.50. **Bazile Aggregate LLC, Plainview NE** - (pit price/per cubic yard) – Road gravel, \$13.50; Mud rock, \$14.50. **Ronald Bourn, Niobrara, NE** - Gravel per yard/delivered price: ALL SPECIALTY PRODUCT – Hill Twp., \$15.00; Union Twp., \$14.00. **Vakoc Excavating LLC, Verdigre NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$10.75, Bank Run \$8.50, Armor Coat \$10.75; Gravel per yard/delivered price – ALL STATE SPEC (CLASS A) – Addison Twp., \$20.00; Bohemia Twp., \$12.00; Central Twp., \$18.00; Cleveland Twp., \$19.00; Columbia Twp., \$20.00; Creighton Twp., \$14.00; Harrison Twp., \$18.00; Hill Twp., 20.00; Jefferson Twp., \$12.75; Logan Twp., \$14.50; Miller Twp., \$14.50; Morton Twp., \$20.00; Niobrara Twp., \$14.50; Peoria Twp., \$18.50; East Raymond Twp., \$15.75; West Raymond Twp., \$15.75; Spade Twp., \$15.50; Sparta Twp., \$15.50; Union Twp., \$17.00; Valley Twp., \$16.00; Verdigre Twp., \$14.50; Walnut Grove Twp., \$16.00; Washington Twp., \$15.00; Western Twp., \$15.75.

After a discussion, motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to accept all gravel bids as submitted. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Bids approved were as follows:

FOR BOTH COUNTY ROAD AND CO./TWP. ALLOCATION GRAVEL: **Sinclair Sand & Gravel, Inc., Spencer NE** - County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), Specialty Product, 1-inch crushed gravel, \$11.50, 1.5-inch bar screened gravel \$9.80, 1.5-inch conveyor screened gravel, \$12.50; Gravel per yard/delivered price: State Spec (Class A) West Raymond \$20; Specialty Product - East Raymond Twp., 1" crushed gravel, \$17.90; West Raymond Twp., 1" crushed gravel, \$15.75; Western Twp., 1" crushed gravel, \$17.90. **Don McElhose Construction, Verdigre NE** – Gravel per yard/delivered price: ALL SPECIALTY PRODUCT – Bohemia Twp., \$11.00; Creighton Twp., \$14.00; Frankfort Twp., \$18.00; Jefferson Twp., \$12.00; Niobrara Twp., \$13.75; North Frankfort Twp., \$18.00; East Raymond Twp., \$13.75; West Raymond Twp., \$14.75; Spade Twp., \$14.50; Sparta Twp., \$13.75; Verdigre Twp., \$12.75; Walnut Grove Twp., \$13.75, Washington Twp., \$11.50; Western Twp., \$13.00. **Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, Orchard NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard) – State Spec (Class A) \$11.00; Black Dirt \$8.00; Bank Run \$6.00; Armor Coat \$11.00; Gravel per yard/delivered price for State Spec. (Class A): Addison Twp., \$17.25; Central Twp., \$13.75; Cleveland Twp., \$14.25; Columbia Twp., \$15.00; Creighton Twp., \$14.25; Dolphin Twp., 16.75; Dowling Twp., 16.00; Eastern Twp., 18.00; Frankfort Twp., \$19.50; Harrison Twp., 15.00; Hill Twp., 17.00; Lincoln Twp., 16.00; Logan Twp., 15.25; Miller Twp., 14.25; Morton Twp., 15.00; Peoria Twp., 16.00; Valley Twp., 15.00; Verdigre Twp., 15.25; Walnut Grove 16.50. **Emme Sand & Gravel, O'Neill NE** - County haul gravel (pit price/per yard) – State Spec (Class A) \$9.50 & Armor Coat \$10.85; Gravel per yard/delivered for State Spec. (Class A): Washington Twp., \$16.00, **Mitteis Gravel, Orchard NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$9.25, Armor Coat \$9.25; Gravel per yard/delivered price: State Spec. (Class A) Logan Twp., \$14.25; Walnut Grove Twp., \$14.25. **Backus Sand & Gravel, McLean NE** - County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$14.00, Bank Run \$6.00, Armor Coat \$14.00; Gravel per yard/delivered price – ALL STATE SPEC (CLASS A) (delivered)– Addison Twp., \$18.50; Central Twp., \$17.50; Cleveland Twp., \$17.50; Columbia Twp., \$17.75; Creighton Twp., \$17.50; Dolphin Twp., \$18.00; Dowling Twp., \$17.25; Eastern Twp., \$19.75; Frankfort Twp., \$20.00; Harrison Twp., \$17.00; Herrick Twp., \$20.00; Hill Twp., \$18.25; Lincoln Twp., \$18.00; Miller Twp., \$19.00; Morton Twp., \$18.25; Niobrara Twp., \$18.75; Peoria Twp., \$18.00; Spade Twp., \$16.00; Sparta Twp., \$17.00; Union Twp., \$17.25; Valley Twp., \$17.00; Verdigre Twp., \$17.50. **Bazile Aggregate LLC, Plainview NE** - (pit price/per cubic yard) – Road gravel, \$13.50; Mud rock, \$14.50. **Ronald Bourn, Niobrara, NE** - Gravel per yard/delivered price: ALL SPECIALTY PRODUCT – Hill Twp., \$15.00; Union Twp., \$14.00. **Vakoc Excavating LLC, Verdigre NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$10.75, Bank Run \$8.50, Armor Coat \$10.75; Gravel per yard/delivered price – ALL STATE SPEC (CLASS A) – Addison Twp., \$20.00; Bohemia Twp., \$12.00; Central Twp., \$18.00; Cleveland Twp., \$19.00; Columbia Twp., \$20.00; Creighton Twp., \$14.00; Harrison Twp., \$18.00; Hill Twp., 20.00; Jefferson Twp., \$12.75; Logan Twp., \$14.50; Miller Twp., \$14.50; Morton Twp., \$20.00; Niobrara Twp., \$14.50; Peoria Twp., \$18.50; East Raymond Twp., \$15.75; West Raymond Twp., \$15.75; Spade Twp., \$15.50; Sparta Twp., \$15.50; Union Twp., \$17.00; Valley Twp., \$16.00; Verdigre Twp., \$14.50; Walnut Grove Twp., \$16.00; Washington Twp., \$15.00; Western Twp., \$15.75.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the November 1, 2016 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the May 3, 2016 Board of Adjustments meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Walker Valley matter held at Board of Adjustments meeting was withdrawn as a different option was given; 4. A public hearing will be held at the next meeting on an additional building at the Toy Shed area; 5. Discussed discrepancy on approved Hideaway Acres 6<sup>th</sup> Addition RePlat; 6. The Board congratulated Zoning Administrator Doerr on receiving the Excellence in Planning Award at the recent NPZA workshop.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that the receipts be accepted and placed on file, by roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$733,374.30.

#18330 – State of Nebraska, highway allocation, 160,999.94; #18331 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 1,897.19; #18332 – Register of Deeds, recording fees & documentary stamp tax, 6,744.16; #18333 – Cedar County Treasurer, tax collections-Crofton Fire Gen. & Sink & Wausa Gen, 8,072.70; #18334 – SID #1, Cedar Knox Rural Water overpayment, 196.55; #18335 – Cedar Knox Public Power district, 5 % gross tax & in lieu of tax, 74,855.47; #18336 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 170.00; #18337 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 10.00; #18338 – Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, March 2017 business loan payments, 6,208.47; #18339 – State of

Nebraska, federal funds purchase program, 291,582.80; #18340 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 10.00; #18341 – Santee Sioux Nation, reimbursement for “Ray Stark” bridge, 19,901.41; #18342 – Pierce County Treasurer, tax collections-School 13 Gen, Bldg & Cap, 2,259.34; #18343 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 77.42; #18344 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18345 – Vonage, 911 surcharges, 9.00; #18346 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 300.00; #18347 – Knox County Attorney, collection fees, 130.00; #18348 – Name Redacted, cobra payment, 320.00; #18349 – Northeast NACO, registration refund, 75.00; #18350 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 2,075.77; #18351 – NIRMA, workman’s comp ins. refund, 901.58; #18352 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 90.00; #18353 – State of Nebraska, funding for 911 service, 4,151.52; #18354 – Birmingham & Cwach Law Office, inheritance tax-Shirley Mischke Estate, 12,992.76; #18355 – State of Nebraska, reimbursement of hotel & meal, 210.92; #18356 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18357 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 283.48; #18358 – Nebraska Public Power District, 5% gross tax & in lieu of tax, 138,394.39; #18359 – Knox County Highway Supt., battery rebate, 30.00; #18360 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 78.83; #18361 – City of Crofton, reimbursement for subpoena costs, 95.60; #18362 – Knox County Zoning, conditional use permit, 200.00.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Board members gave updates from their recent meetings.

Sheriff Henery returned to the meeting to tell the Board that he had been in contact with Motorola and they will be sending a revised billing. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to pay the balance due of \$136,439.67 from the Inheritance Fund to Motorola for the radio equipment and service agreement that was approved at the November 24, 2015 meeting and loan repayments for the equipment/service agreement to be paid by the Sheriff’s Office and 911 Emergency as approved in Resolution #2015-25. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND.** Roger Vech dba Vech Construction, partial payment on booking room, 7,000.00; Alcopro, mouthpieces, 103.00; Aspen Warriner, lawn/snow contract, 750.00; Bomgaars, supplies, 48.27; Cathy Stark, mileage, 48.15; Cedar County Sheriff, service fees, 18.00; CenTec Cast Metal Products, grave markers, 1,498.93; CenturyLink, long distance, 105.62; Christa Beckmann, reimburse doorbell, 14.39; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 86.00; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 105.00; Comfort Inn, lodging, 284.85; Creighton Plumbing, repairs, 181.20; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 11.78; Dale P. Riesberg, meeting expense, 25.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; DAS State Accounting Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dean Wilken, meeting expense, 45.33; Derrick Barr, meeting expense, 71.01; Dollar General, supplies, 374.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies, 303.94; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot, 1,840.42; Fred Steffen, meeting expense, 64.59; Greg Kuhlman, meeting expense, 50.68; Heartland Energy Management, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter contract, 1,428.00; Jim Kotrous, meeting expense, 42.12; John Broders, meeting expense, 46.94; K/V Electric, outlets in booking room, 419.97; Katharina Rice, spelling bee expenses, 200.00; Keith Nielsen, meeting expense, 39.45; Kelly Kumm, meeting expense, 35.70; Ken Foner, meeting expense, 37.84; Law Enforcement Systems Inc., statement sheets, 125.00; Midwest Special Services Inc., transfer, 429.00; MIPS Inc., jury list, 351.45; N&B Gas Company, propane, 461.69; NAPA Bloomfield, repairs, 106.47; Neil Clausen, meeting expense, 54.96; NIRMA, CPR/first aid training, 222.00; Office Systems Inc., contract, 170.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,235.93; Ramada Inn, lodging, 140.00; Rhonda K. Surface, reimburse supplies, 49.48; Robert Ganz, meeting expense, 73.54; Roger Vech, co. atty. wall/booking room, 9,563.85; Thomson Reuters West, law books, 58.00; Tom Pavlik, meeting expense, 25.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 509.25; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 28.84; Village of Center, sewer/sewer/garbage, 275.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Aaron Fuchtman, cdl, 250.00; B’s Enterprises Inc., signs, 2,197.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 67.38; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, PC, drug test, 35.00; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas/tire repair, 440.93; Bomgaars, shop supplies/shop tools, 573.94; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 133.03; C-Mart LLC, gas, 149.51; First National Bank Omaha, meals, 110.42; Greg’s Marine, gas, 38.40; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repairs/air filters, 76.67; Herbert Feed & Grain Company, diesel, 2,223.10; Husker Steel, guardrail repair & posts, 7,702.00; Kevin Barta, meal reimbursement/title/tire fee, 101.21; LCL Truck Equipment Inc., repairs, 203.53; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel/filters, 1,366.94; NAPA Bloomfield, repairs/oil/filters/shop supplies/shop tools, 707.42; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 163.02; NIRMA, manuals, 255.00; NMC Exchange LLC, repairs, 28,506.68; Powerplan, repairs, 381.47; R&K Motor Parts, shop supplies/repairs/filters, 409.64; Rohrer Welding, repairs, 33.70; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 1,467.40; Verdigre Farm Service LLC, diesel/ shop supplies, 3,233.48; Village of Center, water/sewer, 23.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 6.60; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 55.91; K/V Electric, lights, 266.90; Quill Corp., supplies, 118.38.

**VISITOR’S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, kiosk internet, 99.32.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00; Name redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00; Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 55.09; Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 859.88.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Big Red Mini Mart, meals, 99.32; CenturyLink, long distance, 6.60; Corps of Discovery Welcome Center, dues, 250.00; Creative Revolution, network dues, 163.88; Crofton Journal, subscription, 30.00; First National Bank Omaha, travel/registration/supplies, 217.92; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 208.48; Nebraska Development Network-NE, dues, 50.00; Quill Corp., office supplies, 36.97.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Martin V. Klein Carney Law P.C., court appointed attorney, 165.00; The Law Offices of Jeffrey M. Doerr, court appointed attorney, 1,725.80; Thomas P. Herzog Attorney at Law, special county attorney, 1,355.60; Verlyn Luebbe, special county attorney, 1,503.24.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 401.82; Three River Telco, phone, 172.70.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 113.34; Three River Telco, phone, 48.71.

**TOTALS**

General Fund	22,729.52
Road Fund	50,849.87
Child Support Fund	447.79
Visitor’s Improvement Fund	99.32
County Insurance Fund	805.09
Economic Development Fund	859.88
C&C Development Fund	1,063.17
Inheritance Fund	4,749.64
911 Wireless Service Fund	574.52
911 Emergency Fund	<u>162.05</u>
Total	\$82,340.85

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:00 p.m., March 30, 2017 until Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

March 30, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
9:59 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of March 30, 2017 at 9:59 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the March 9, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the March 9, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Co. Assessor McManigal met with the Board on the following: 1. The Property Assessment Division has granted an extension of the date for filing of the 2017 real property abstract of assessment to March 22, 2017, however, Co. Assessor was able to turn in the abstract by the March 21, 2017 deadline; 2. Reviewed the 2017 Knox County proposed ag land values; 3. Jeff White and Gary Davis of Neligh were present to address the Knox County rural review. Mr. White owns Blaser Appraisal Inc. and Mr. Davis has done review work in other counties for Mr. White. Discussion ensued on revaluation process, creating a new valuation model that can be used and enhanced in the future by the Assessor, cost per parcel, gleaning of the parcels that need to be reviewed, using the fly-over information, and when the work would begin as it will take approximately three years to complete. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve a contract with Jeff White for the rural review of Knox County over a three-year period at the rate of \$40 per selected parcel that would include revalue, listing all improvements, taking photos, setting models and setting values. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. The abstract shows that the overall valuation for Knox County is increasing by 2% to 3%.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Tax Claims #7877 and #7878 and hereby directs the County Assessor to make the proper adjustments to the tax roll. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve Form 457 Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Good Samaritan Society-Bloomfield on a 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:28 a.m. on March 30, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
April 13, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of April 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the March 30, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the March 30, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Copy of letter from Engles, Ketcham, Olson and Keith Law Firm and Court Order with update on NIRMA Claim No. GCKNOX030983.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that all claims except Claim #17040104 payable to Schreier's Lumber Company in the amount of \$269.08, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that Claim #17040104 payable to Schreier's Lumber Company in the amount of \$269.08, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #3. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$380,183.77 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:07 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:22 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Oil bid opening will be held at 11:00 a.m.; 2. County Attorney Thomas and Hwy. Supt. Barta updated the Board on the mediation held on the lawsuit filed by John M. O'Dell & Co., assignee of Commercial Contractors Equipment, Inc. on the Lindy/Santee Road project. Representatives from the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Roads were present as well as County Attorney Thomas and Hwy. Supt. Barta. The settlement agreed upon was \$16,000 to be paid to Commercial Contractors Equipment, Inc. and \$1,500 to John C. Brownrigg for mediation and arbitration services. The County will be reimbursed by the BIA and the State for these amounts. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve a claim to John C. Brownrigg in the amount of \$1,500 for mediation and arbitration services and a claim to Commercial Contractors Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$16,000 as per the Mediated Settlement Memorandum on Knox County District Court Case No. CI 15-67 pertaining to the Lindy/Santee Road project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. The Washington Twp. Board requested hiring the County to shoulder their roads with the County's maintainer and retriever. The Board directed Hwy. Supt. Barta to research rates charged by area road maintenance companies and the County will then set a rate higher than those rates so as to not be in competition with these companies; 4. An ad was placed in the Missouri Valley Shopper and the O'Neill Shopper prohibiting fencing or planting crops in the road right-of-way; 5. Discussion was held on the pull-type broom as to an estimate of \$12,000 to upgrade, renting a self-propelled type broom to see how it would work, and putting a bigger or additional radiator on the pull-type broom.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing on Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0015B Toy Shed Storage, LLC for the construction of an additional self-storage building. Troy Behounek was present to discuss the application. The Planning Commission had approved the application with conditions. Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing at 10:45 a.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2017 – 03** approving Conditional Use Permit #CU0015B Toy Shed Storage, LLC amending Conditional Use Permit #CU0015 to construct an additional self-storage building. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2017- 03**

**WHEREAS**, Toy Shed Storage LLC has applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0015B to amend Conditional Use Permit #CU0015 to construct an additional self-storage building on the following described real estate:

The North ½ of the North ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Thirty-three (33) North, Range Two (2) West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, **LESS** the following tracts:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section Twenty-three (23), thence S 89° 58' 05" W along the north section line a distance of 708.65 feet; thence on an assumed bearing of S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 54.82 feet to a point of beginning on the south right-of-way line of Knox County Highway 54C; thence continuing S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 605.18 feet; thence S 89° 58' 05" W a distance of 784.08 feet; thence N 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 619.10 feet back to said south right-of-way line; thence N 88° 53' 54" E along said south right-of-way line a distance of 170.76 feet; thence S 88° 26' 06" E continuing along said south right-of-way line a distance of 613.58 feet to the point of beginning; **AND** Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section Twenty-three (23), thence S 89° 58' 05" W along the north section line a distance of 708.65 feet; thence on an assumed bearing of S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 54.82 feet to a point of beginning on the south right-of-way line of Knox County Highway 54C; thence continuing S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 605.18 feet; thence S 89° 58' 05" W a distance of 670.04 feet to the West right-of-way line of Nebraska Highway 121; thence N 00° 32' 26" E along said Nebraska Highway 121 West right-of-way a distance of 594.79 feet back to said Knox County Highway South right-of-way line; thence N 89° 15' 06" W along said South right-of-way line a distance of 589.81 feet; thence N 88° 26' 06" W continuing along said South right-of-way line a distance of 85.92 feet to the point of beginning; **AND** Also excepting that property deeded to the State of Nebraska for highway purposes in Deed Book 86 at Page 401 and in Deed Book 86 at Page 412 of records of the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office.

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on March 14, 2017, and

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Planning Commission has found that the application complies with the Knox County Zoning Regulations, and hereby makes a recommendation to approve the permit with the following conditions:

1. One business sign up to 80 square feet is allowed to be placed on the property (not on the right-of-way).
2. The existing security fence along the west side of the current structure may be removed and the fence on the north and south sides shall extend west to the new structure.
3. No outside storage is allowed.
4. Under the soffit lighting shall be included on the east side of the new structure.
5. Applicant shall show compliance of diversion of water before construction begins.
6. Permanent diversion of water should be installed during construction and in the future to control the runoff.
7. Two rows of trees will be planted on the west and north sides of the site.
8. After completion of the building, the gate will have secure access.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** that the Toy Shed Storage LLC Conditional Use Permit #CU0015B be approved.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2017.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Knox County community librarians Virginia Lindquist, Wendy Ketelsen, Lisa Macke, Katie Hollmann and Judy Kopp presented to the Board activities happening in their respective libraries and how the annual contribution from the County is used. Many new projects, materials and books, and electronic services have been provided for people of all ages with the funds. After a discussion, motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to contribute \$4,200 to each of the six libraries in Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected between January 1 and March 31, 2017. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the Clerk of the District Court March Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to cancel Check #17030237 payable from the C & C Development Fund to Creative Revolution in the amount of \$163.88. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The advertised asphalt bid opening was held at 10:58 a.m. Knox County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and further reserves the right to accept bids which are in the County's best interest. Bids received were: **Jebro Inc., Sioux City IA** – MC70 - \$2.4450/gallon; MC250 - \$2.3170/gallon; MC800 - \$2.0450/gallon; MC3000 - \$1.8585/gallon; CRS-2 delivered to Creighton - \$1.8595/gallon based on 3,000 gallons; \$100 per hour demurrage charges after two hours, and \$100 pumping fee each time Knox County requests a pump during placement of orders; **Flint Hills Resources, Omaha NE** – MC800 - \$2.0987/gallon; MC3000 – \$1.9874/gallon. After a discussion, motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the low bid of **Jebro Inc., Sioux City IA** –MC70 - \$2.4450/gallon; MC250 - \$2.3170/gallon; MC800 - \$2.0450/gallon; MC3000 - \$1.8585/gallon; CRS-2 delivered to Creighton - \$1.8595/gallon based on 3,000 gallons; \$100 per hour demurrage charges after two hours, and \$100 pumping fee each time Knox County requests a pump during placement of orders. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the renewal of the Nixle weather alert agreement. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to not renew the Everbridge Nixle weather alert contract and the service will end May 7, 2017. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Megan Hanefeldt and Dale Riesberg met with the Board to discuss the possibility of increasing the additional sales tax for lodging in Knox County. The Board reviewed a new Crofton City community guide, lodging tax rates assessed across Nebraska, lodging tax collected for the fiscal year 2014/2015 and a calculation of proposed taxing rates. Currently there are 57 counties collecting 4%, 4 counties collecting 3% (Knox County is one of the four counties), 17 counties collecting 2% and 15 counties collecting 0%. The additional sales tax and other taxes are collected and remitted by lodging facilities and camp areas to the State. The State then returns lodging tax to Knox County and 1% of that is used for visitor's promotion and 2% is used for visitor's improvement. The additional tax would be approximately 70 cents on an average room rental rate of \$70 in Knox County. Discussion was held on LB 222, changes in the State tourism departments, a review of several statutes pertaining to tourism and the collection and use of the lodging tax, and if the increase is approved it would not take effect until October. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to hold a public hearing on May 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. on increasing the additional sales tax on lodging in Knox County from 3% to 4%, that the public hearing notice be published in all of the Knox County newspapers and that letters are to be mailed to area facilities and camp areas notifying them of the upcoming public hearing. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to go into executive session at 11:36 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing a reuse loan contract on Business Loan 6872420. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing a reuse loan contract on Business Loan 6872420. The Board came out of executive session at 11:47 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to close the executive session at 11:47 a.m. that was held on discussion of the reuse loan contract on Business Loan 6872420. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to release the lien on the business real estate and business equipment and to keep a lien on the residence real estate of Business Loan 6872420 if the sale of the business goes through. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. signed the payment rescheduling agreement on Business Loan 6872420.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that the receipts be accepted and placed on file, by roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$1,208,047.34.

#18363 – State of Nebraska, rent, 2,205.00; #18364 – Rebecca Sucha obo Mike Jelinek, culvert & band, 214.00; #18365 – United States Treasury, federal excise tax refund, 3,451.85; #18366 – Knox County Zoning, bldg. permits & late fee, 740.00; #18367 – State of Nebraska, 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 property tax credit payments, 893,266.08; #18368 – State of Nebraska, motor vehicle prorate, 29,776.16; #18369 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 730.92; #18370 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 126.97; #18371 – State of Nebraska, 3<sup>rd</sup> of 6 homestead exemption payments, 39,341.40; #18372 – Knox County Zoning, bldg. & flood permit, 60.00; #18373 – Clerk of District Court, filing fees, copies, passport fees, fines & crt. costs, 1,479.17; #18374 – Knox County Clerk, plats, fess, c.c. marriage licenses & copies, 177.40; #18375 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 104.65; #18376 – Farmers & Merchants State Bank, interest, 9,826.20; #18377 – NIRMA, workman's comp insurance refund, 1,803.16; #18378 – Knox County Sheriff, auto inspections & handgun permits, 1,025.00; #18379 – Knox County Sheriff, sheriff's fees, 856.00; #18380 – Knox County Attorney, STOP funds, 80.00; #18381 – Knox County Court, fines & bond forfeitures, 3,997.00; #18382 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 283.56; #18383 – Niobrara Housing, in lieu housing, 4,181.59; #18384 – Register of Deeds, recording fees & documentary stamp tax, 9,119.57; #18385 – Knox County Zoning, bldg. permits, 100.00; #18386 – State of Nebraska, hwy. allocation, build Nebr. & motor vehicle fees, 173,170.34; #18387 – Encartel Inc., reimb. jail phone use, 332.44; #18388 – Santee Sioux Nation, dispatching services, 6,250.00; #18389 – Knox County Zoning, bldg. permit, 50.00; #18390 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 68.50; #18391 – Cedar County Treasurer, tax coll.- Crofton Fire Gen & Sink & Wausa Fire Gen,

8,989.50; #18392 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,232.88; #18393 – Knox County Sheriff, BIA reimb. housing inmates, 15,008.00.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 151,937.08; Bomgaars, oil, 91.40; Carhart Lumber Company, paint supplies, 3.29; Clark's Rental Inc., drain plug with hose, 21.00; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rental, 42.50; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security Co. pays, 11,402.68; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance Co. pays, 26,400.00; Creighton News, publishing, 112.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 116.01; CVSOAN Treasurer, dues, 60.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Dollar General, supplies, 354.00; Donald Jiracek, prior service, 25.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/ office supplies, 720.80; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 378.00; Elaine's Tavern & Café, prisoner board, 6,090.00; Fire Protection Services LLC, fire alarm inspection & install, 560.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 3,321.36; Health Plan Services Inc., insurance Co. Pays, 1,698.32; Hefner Hardware, paint supplies/bulbs, 104.46; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; John Thomas, reimburse door lock, 127.88; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 48.86; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance. Co. pays, 79.88; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 325.75; Madison County Sheriff, service fees, 27.61; Mary Ketelsen, travel expense, 13.91; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 40.50; Midwest Special Service Inc., prisoner meal, 6.00; MIPS, computer program, 686.99; NACO, registration, 65.00; NACT, continuing ed. and workshop, 125.00; NAPA Bloomfield, oil and seal, 14.90; NPZA, registration, 190.00; Nebraska County Attorney Association, dues/registration, 940.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,236.61; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 156.89; O'Neill Shopper, advertisement, 28.50; Office Depot, office supplies, 274.00; Peitz GMC Service Inc., weed pickup repair, 50.11; Pitney Bowes, postage meter lease and supplies, 387.24; Postmaster, postage, 495.17; Quill, office supplies, 1,638.79; RR Donnelley; permit form, 35.35; Readers Digest, subscription, 19.98; Repco Marketing, PBT solution, 44.25; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement Co. pays, 10,068.71; Ruth Vonderohe, travel expense, 448.33; Schumacher Elevator Company, elevator inspection, 2,242.21; SD/NE PLS Committee, purple loosestrife contribution, 500.00; Telebeep, pager, 51.33; The Farner Co. Inc., utensils, 82.80; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 160.71; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 273.14; Verdigre Eagle, stamp/publishing, 134.75; Verdigre Farm Supply, van gas, 62.92; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 263.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 58,677.37; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 25.00; B's Enterprises Inc., posts, 1,650.00; Bauer Built Tire, tires, 2,776.24; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 68.77; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, drug test, 150.00; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 214.04; CHS Wausa, gas/diesel, 1,189.01; City of Bloomfield, water, 24.20; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security Co. pays, 4,435.67; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 3,731.76; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance Co. pays, 12,800.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 122.51; Farmer's Pride, diesel/propane, 2,238.53; Great Plains Communications, phone, 471.25; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repairs/filters/shop supplies, 1,427.39; Health Plan Services, insurance Co. pays, 719.28; Hefner Ace Hardware, shop supplies, 19.97; J&K Auto, gas, 32.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 97.44; Jonny Dodge Chrysler Jeep Inc., repairs, 1,920.16; Kayton International Inc., repairs, 32.24; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 81.95; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance county pays, 32.30; Mark Binnebose, shop tools, 188.50; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 98.00; NAPA Bloomfield, repairs/oil/filters/shop supplies, 464.84; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 75.17; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 374.69; Northeast Nebraska News Company, advertisement, 24.71; Peitz GMC Service Inc., repairs, 904.49; Productivity Plus Account, repairs, 2,013.75; R&K Motor Parts, shop supplies/repairs/filters, 944.74; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement Co. pays, 3,873.66; Richard Nelson, reimburse fence, 100.00; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 582.44; Schreier Lumber, repairs, 269.08; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 732.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 586.30; Vakoc Excavating LLC, equipment rental/gravel/haul, 36,510.40; Verdigre Eagle, advertisement, 19.28; Verdigre Farm Service, shop supplies/diesel/repairs/barbed wire, 3,152.27; Vic's Service LLC, gas/shop supplies, 319.50; Village of Center, water/sewer, 23.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.38; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 60.75; Walton Electronics, cb radio, 54.95; Willow Creek Sand and Gravel, gravel/haul, 700.95; ZimMetal & Welding LLC, repairs, 145.57.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; K/V Electric, desktop, 150.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** Great Plains Communications Inc., kiosk internet, 99.32

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 185.00; MIPS, computer program, 237.93.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00; Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 2,918.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security Co. pays, 215.66; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance Co. pays, 800.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; Health Plan Services, insurance Co. pays, 39.96; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance Co. pays, 1.83; Lincoln Township Library, meeting room use, 10.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 107.02; NebraskaLand Magazine, advertisement, 250.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 51.96; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement Co. pays, 196.99; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 67.79.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 WIRELESS FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 477.35.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bob's Candy Service, inmate commissary, 375.60.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 5.93; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 161.84.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	225,926.85
Road Fund	145,216.50
Child Support Fund	202.29
Visitor's Improvement Fund	99.32
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	422.93
County Insurance Fund	500.00
C&C Development Fund	4,711.83
Inheritance Fund	2,083.33
911 Wireless Fund	477.35
Sheriff Commissary Fund	375.60
911 Emergency Fund	167.77
Total	\$380,183.77

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:58 a.m., April 13, 2017 until Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

April 13, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:07 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of April 13, 2017 at 10:07 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the March 30, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the March 30, 2017 minutes as read with the correction that the extension granted by the Property Tax Division for the filing of the valuation abstract was only one day.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Co. Assessor McManigal informed the Board of a telephone conference held with NACO executive director Larry Dix on LB461 and Amendment 954 that proposes to change the valuation process on ag land to income based instead of sale based.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:22 a.m. on April 13, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
April 27, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of April 27, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

County Clerk Fischer led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the April 13, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the April 13, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Notice by State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts listing the appointees to the initial school board for Boyd County School District No. 51; 2. Update on Claim No. GCKNOX030983; 3. Notice that the Knox County Jail will be inspected May 25, 2017 by the Nebraska Jail Standards Division; 4. State Homeland Security Grant/Emergency Management Performance Grant Monitoring Visit will be held on May 3, 2017.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$100,717.89 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess for Board of Equalization at 9:59 a.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:10 a.m. with all members present.

Highway Superintendent Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Draft of letter to be sent to townships when the Board receives complaints due to lack of township road maintenance and a draft of a road maintenance log. As the County Board allocates a portion of the highway allocation funds to the townships, the Board will be requiring all of the

township boards to keep a road maintenance log and the reports are to be turned into the Knox County Board on a quarterly basis; 2. Supr. Schlote had received a complaint on a Dowling Township road that needs to be graded and graveled. Discussion was held on the Dowling Township balance of County/Township Allocation funds, noting the road is neither a mail route or bus route, and gravel needed now and grading could be done later; 3. Long-time Road employee Larry Cross will be retiring June 1, 2017 so a memo will be sent to road employees to see if someone in-house would want to transfer into the Creighton shed; 4. Bridge meeting in Lincoln on May 4; 5. Engineering costs are up so that line item in the budget is over; 6. A notice had been placed in the papers stating that planting or fencing a road right-of-way is prohibited. A township board said that someone is planting in the right-of-way of a minimum maintenance road and this member questioned what the recourse is. The Board said that the township board should document the issue and try to handle the matter first and then come to the County Board if necessary; 7. Removing sand and gravel from behind the courthouse and dirt will be placed and the area seeded to grass; 8. Discussed possible undermining of a culvert. Work will begin next week on the area; 9. Discussed purchasing clay; 10. A bigger radiator is being placed on the pull-type broom; 11. Truck repairs; 12. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to go into executive session at 10:26 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual while discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual while discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 10:33 a.m.; 13. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close the executive session at 10:33 a.m. that was held so as to protect the reputation of an individual while discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

At 10:34 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing for the reclassification from local roads to minimum maintenance on 3.25 miles in Herrick Township and Frankfort Township. Present were Herrick Township Board member Rick Stewart, Frankfort Township Board members Duane Guenther and Francis Steffen, and landowners Burl, Lois Ann and Dean Mormann. Herrick Township Board member Rick Stewart said that the request to reclassify a portion of roads was due to the fact that the number of these roads are already in minimum maintenance condition so to reduce costs and liability, the township boards want them properly labeled and signed as minimum maintenance. The Mormanns expressed concerns about one area of road that adjoins their pasture, they are not against the reclassification but would like the road to be fixed in the wet spots before reclassified to minimum maintenance, and they volunteered to use their equipment to help the township fix the road. Discussion was held on liability, adding sand to the gumbo areas, gating road and reclassification after the road is fixed.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing at 10:50 a.m. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to take no action on the reclassification of the 3.25 miles of roads in Herrick and Frankfort Townships at this time so that the Herrick Township Board can work on portions of 545 Way/896 RD and to hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 9, 2017 for the reclassification from local roads to minimum maintenance of 3.25 miles being portions of 897 and 896 Roads, 545 Way and 546 Avenue. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on notifying landowners when a public hearing is held for reclassification of roads. It is not required to send notice nor publish a notice but only needs to be an agenda item. As a courtesy, Knox County holds a public hearing and notice of such is published in the legal papers and the paper where the reclassification is. Suggestion was that a letter be sent to the adjoining landowners of the proposed roads to be reclassified.

Chad Paulsen of Norfolk met with the Board on repairing the upper parapet wall on the north side of the Courthouse. Mr. Paulsen presented pictures of the damaged area; repairs needed; safety measures' scaffolding needed to work around the generator, communication bank, air conditioning units, fence and tower; and bracketing and bracing the communication tower. The project could start June 1 and would take approximately four weeks to complete. After a discussion, motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Chad Paulsen Construction of Norfolk NE for repairs and brick replacement on the damaged upper parapet wall on the north side of the Courthouse and bracketing/bracing of the communication tower in the amount of \$145,000. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. Presented an interlocal agreement between the Boyd County Sheriff's Office and the Knox County Sheriff's Office for personnel backup and other assistance as either County may require in times of emergency or other times if needed. County Attorney Thomas has approved the interlocal agreement as well as the Boyd County Board of Supervisors. There is no cost associated with the agreement. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve an Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement between the Boyd County Sheriff's Office and the Knox County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services that would enhance public safety and protection in both jurisdictions. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. The BIA inspection of the Knox County Jail and waiting for written approval.

County Attorney Thomas updated the Board on the Lindy/Santee road project settlement. The State and the BIA will now issue checks to cover the settlement amounts.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion was held on the upcoming Planning Commission meeting; 2. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the March 14, 2017 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the March Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Update on the FEMA elevation grant.

Annette Sudbeck with Lewis and Clark NRD met with the Board to request consideration of funding for the Corps Discovery Welcome Center in Cedar County. Many Knox County tourism facilities and attractions are featured at the Welcome Center. There are 12,000 to 15,000 visitors per year to the Center which is the only visitor center along the Pan American Highway in Nebraska. The Welcome Center is operated by a staff of local volunteers and a manager who works part-time, and, the Lewis and Clark NRD sponsors and maintains the facility as well as provides accounting support. Local businesses provide funding as well as the NRD and individuals. Public events are also held to help fund the Center. The costs continue to increase to operate the Center and the NRD is asking for commitments for donations. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Chairman Sokol, Jr. to approve a \$2,500 donation drawn from the KENO account to the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center with the commitment that the Board will annually consider a donation for the next two years. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:47 p.m. with all members present.

Economic Development Director Hanefeldt presented the recommended distribution of Visitor's Promotion and Visitor's Improvement Funds that had been approved by the Visitor's Committee. There were requested funds of \$19,650 from the Visitor's Promotion Fund however there is only \$11,550 available. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the following recommended distributions of Visitor's Promo Funds: Bloomfield Community Club, \$1,000; Center 5K Fun Walk/Run, \$1,000; Creighton Area Chamber of Commerce, \$1,000; Crofton Community Club, \$1,000; Crofton Q125 Committee, Inc., \$500; Niobrara Promoters, \$1,000; Verdigre Improvement Club, \$1,000; Wausa – Smorgasbord/Wausa Festivals, \$1,000; Winnetoon Community, \$300; Knox Co. Ag Society, \$1,000; Shannon Trail Promoters, \$500; NE Nebraska RC & D, \$500; Outlaw Trail Quiltway, \$500; Corps of Discovery Center, \$1,000; KCVC – NETA dues, \$250. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.



Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve the following recommended distributions of Visitor's Improvement Funds; Bloomfield City, \$15,200 (swimming pool); and Verdel Village \$2,514 (park landscaping). By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to go into executive session at 1:01 p.m. for the job evaluation of Emergency Manager Hintz. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session was being held for the job evaluation of Emergency Manager Hintz. The Board came out of executive session at 1:16 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to close at 1:16 p.m. the executive session held for the job evaluation of Emergency Manager Hintz. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that the receipts be accepted and placed on file, by roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$477,284.40.

#18394 – SID #1, Cedar Knox Rural Water refund of overpayment, 132.09; #18395 – Bryan Pavlik, inheritance tax, Mary Ellen Hahn Estate, 14,819.58; #18396 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 7.43; #18397 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18398 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 111.35; #18399 – Bloomfield Wausa Rolling hills, liquor license, occupational tax & advertising, 281.82; #18400 – Frontier, 911 surcharges, 2.97; #18401 – Pierce County Treasurer, tax collections-Sch. Dist. 13 Gen, Bldg. & Cap, 45.14; #18402 – Northeast Nebraska Economic Development, business loan payments, 6,208.47; #18403 – Knox County Sheriff, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates, 12,633.00; #18404 – City of Creighton, crushed rock, 247.50; #18405 – State of Nebraska, Elkhorn Ridge name plate tax, 284,958.00; #18406 – Creighton Community Country Club, liquor license, occupational tax & advertising, 288.60; #18407 – State of Nebraska, elevation grant, 2,128.89; #18408 – Vonage, 911 surcharges, 9.00; #18409 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 270.00; #18410 – Ohiya Casino, liquor license, occupational tax & advertising, 287.76; #18411 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 1,486.40; #18412 – Martha Sievers, legal fees for SID #1, 200.00; #18413 – Farmers & Merchants State Bank, interest, 518.10; #18414 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18415 – State of Nebraska, Crofton Bluffs name plate tax, 147,756.00; #18416 – State of Nebraska, airline tax, 2,043.62; #18417 – Knox County Zoning, building permit. 10.00; #18418 – Bohemian One Stop, liquor license, occupational tax & advertising, 244.85; 18419 – St. of Nebraska, HHS rent, 2,205.00; #18420 – Knox County Sheriff, Commissary – jail, 13.35; #18421 – Midwest Bank, interest, 325.48.

**GENERAL FUND.** Aspen Warriner, lawn/snow contract, 750.00; Bloomfield Bakery, training meals, 40.00; Bomgaars, supplies, 62.93; Cathy Stark, cordless phones, 37.94; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 35.50; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 237.72; Dale P. Riesberg, meeting expense, 25.00; Dean Wilken, meeting expense, 45.33; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/lodging, 2,172.91; Fred Steffen, meeting expense, 64.59; Greg Kuhlman, meeting expense, 50.68; Jim Kotrous, meeting expense, 42.12; John Thomas, mileage, 203.30; K/V Electric, door holders, 292.64; Keith Nielsen, meeting expense, 39.45; Ken Foner, meeting expense, 37.84; Knox County Sheriff, transport pris., 900.00; MWC, dumpsters, 910.00; NACO, registration, 745.00; Pro Printing & Graphics, fair cards, 247.57; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 158.80; Robert Ganz, meeting expense, 36.77; Thomson Rueters West, law books, 424.00; Tom Kotrous, elevation grant funds, 2,128.89; Top Quality Glove, gloves, 65.00; Wholesale Supply Co. Inc., janitorial supplies, 263.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Avera Medical Group, drug test, 50.00; B's Enterprises Inc., culvert/bands/signs, 7,072.00; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas/tire repair, 669.27; Candace Crosley, gas/meals, 68.26; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 143.04; C-Mart LLC, gas, 159.32; Crofton Journal, advertisement, 12.89; Don McElhose Trucking & Construction, clay rock/haul, 4,960.00; First National Bank Omaha, meals/lodging/gas/car wash, 146.70; Herbert Feed & Grain Company, diesel/oil, 3,525.09; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging, 489.75; Jason Doerr, meals, 16.85; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 406.32; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., repairs, 123.85; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineering fees, 11,605.02; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., oxygen/acetylene, 342.88; Mike Jelinek, meals, 27.74; Mitteis Gravel, gravel, 8,238.05; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 175.08; NMC Exchange LLC, repairs, 1,174.61; Omaha Slings Inc., repairs, 73.00; Scott Grim, meals, 24.28; The Monitor, advertisement, 30.48; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 11,516.00; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 140.85; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel, 1,574.10.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 46.00; Postmaster, postage, 457.60.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 255.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Creative Revolution, website hosting, 87.81; First National Bank Omaha, travel/registration/supplies/marketing, 470.93; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 185.64; Pitzer Digital LLC, website set up & hosting, 1,430.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Bloomfield Public Library, annual contribution, 4,200.00; Creighton Public Library, annual contribution, 4,200.00; Eastern Township Library, annual contribution, 4,200.00; Lincoln Township Library, annual contribution, 4,200.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineering services, 9,802.50; Niobrara Public Library, annual contribution, 4,200.00; Verdigre Public Library, annual contribution, 4,200.00.

TOTALS	
General Fund	10,016.98
Road Fund	52,765.43
Child Support Fund	503.60
Economic Development Fund	255.00
C&C Development Fund	2,174.38
Inheritance Fund	<u>35,002.50</u>
Total	\$100,717.89

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:25 p.m., April 27, 2017 until Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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April 27, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
9:59 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of April 27, 2017 at 9:59 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the April 13, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the April 13, 2017 minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Governor Ricketts' Property Tax Plan – LB 461 Valuation Reform; 2. Legislative update on LB 461 and LB 602.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the 2017 Knox County Reports and Opinions of the Property Tax Administrator. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve Tax Claims #7879 and #7880 and hereby directs the County Assessor to make the proper adjustments to the tax roll. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:10 a.m. on April 27, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
May 11, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of May 11, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supervisor Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Liska led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the April 27, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Lewis & Clark NRD and the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center thanking the Board for a donation; 2. NENEDD letter and County-wide business loans and grants for Knox County.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that all claims audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$420,399.67 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:00 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:20 a.m. with all members present except Supr. Mackeprang District #5.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to accept the application from Road Employee Mike Beckman to transfer from the Wausa Shed to the Creighton Shed. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried. Advertising will be done over a two-week period for filling the vacancy in the Wausa Shed; 2. Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing at 10:27 a.m. for the reclassification from local road to minimum maintenance road on a .30-mile portion of 882 RD between Section 6 in Dowling Township and Section 31 in Dolphin Township. Supr. Schlote informed the Board that an adjoining landowner and the renter are not in favor of the reclassification as a home may be built in the future in that area; 3. Discussed letter to township boards and road maintenance log. It has been discussed at the last meeting that the log be remitted to the Board by all townships every quarter. Further discussion was held on the County/Township allocation funds that are distributed to the townships noting that this money shared by the County comes from the State, Knox County is the only County that shares it funds with the townships for road maintenance, liability if the roads are not maintained, the townships are their own entities, residents in the townships who are dissatisfied with road conditions need to keep this in mind when electing township officers, and, bills submitted by contractors usually list the roads and

maintenance/graveling. The Board will have correspondence with a township if complaints are received; 4. At 10:43 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing on reclassification of a .30-mile portion of 882 RD. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to deny the reclassification of a .30-mile portion of 882 RD between Section 6 in Dowling Township and Section 31 in Dolphin Township. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried; 5. Bridge crew update; 6. Oil crew update; 7. Updates on road projects; 8. Repairs on broom and trucks.

At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing as per Nebraska Revised Statutes 81-3701 through 81-3726 for the consideration of increasing the additional sales tax (lodging tax) from 3% to 4%. Currently 1% of the lodging tax goes to the Knox County Visitors Promotion Fund and 2% to the Knox County Visitors Improvement Fund. If approved the additional 1% would go to into the Visitor's Promotion Fund. LeRoy Hollman of Verdigre presented statistics of lodging at the Verdigre Inn that his family operates. He was not against the additional tax and thanked the Board for the work they have done. Mr. Hollman offered suggestions to attract more tourism to Knox County as he believes the County is a great place to live and is in favor of sharing it with people. Argo Hotel owner, Sandy Thunker, was also present and expressed mixed emotions as the tax increase would raise the cost of lodging but if it brings more tourism to the area it would help. Dale Riesberg and Economic Development Director Hanefeldt representing the Knox County Visitors Committee discussed distribution of funds, LB 222 that will change regulations at the State Level but may impact the County level sometime in the future, and noting that the increase of lodging tax would not go into effect until October 2017 if approved as per Nebraska Department of Revenue regulations. Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing at 11:14 a.m. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2017 - 04** to increase the additional sales tax imposed on the total consideration charged for occupancy of any space furnished by any hotel, lodging facility or campground in Knox County as per Nebraska Revised Statutes 81-3701 through 81-3726 from 3% to 4% and that the additional 1% lodging tax will be paid to the Knox County Visitors Promotion Fund for a total of 2% for the Visitors Promotion Fund and the Visitors Improvement Fund will remain at 2%. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2017 - 04**

WHEREAS, on March 30, 1989, the Knox County Board of Supervisors established the Knox County Visitors Promotion Fund and also established a County Visitors Promotion committee to serve as an advisory committee to the County Board in administering the lodging tax proceeds and the Visitors Promotion Fund, and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2003, the Knox County Board of Supervisors established the Knox County Visitors Improvement Fund, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 81-3701 through 81-3726 Nebraska Revised Statutes, the governing body of any county, may after a public hearing and adoption of a resolution establishing a County Visitors Promotion Fund and a County Visitors Improvement Fund, impose an additional sales tax not to exceed two percent (2%) on the total consideration charged for occupancy of any space furnished by any hotel in such county for a County Visitors Promotion Fund and not to exceed two percent (2%) for a County Visitors Improvement Fund, and

WHEREAS, the County Visitors Promotion Fund is used generally to promote, encourage and attract visitors to come to the county and use the travel and tourism facilities within the county, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors had approved imposing an additional sales tax of one percent (1%) on March 30, 1989 for the County Visitors Promotion Fund and an additional sales tax of two percent (2%) on September 25, 2003 for the County Improvement Fund on the total consideration charged for occupancy of any space furnished by any hotel, lodging facility or campground in Knox County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, proper notice was given and a public hearing was held on May 11, 2017 as provided by law, to increase the additional sales tax by one percent (1%) to make a total of two percent (2%) to be paid to the Knox County Visitors Promotion Fund, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the additional sales tax imposed on the total consideration charged for occupancy of any space furnished by any hotel, lodging facility or campground in Knox County, Nebraska be increased to two percent (2%) that is to be paid to the Knox County Visitors Promotion Fund and that the additional sales tax for the Visitors Improvement Fund remain at two percent (2%), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total additional sales tax imposed on the total consideration charged for occupancy of any space furnished by any hotel, lodging facility or campground in Knox County, Nebraska will be four percent (4%).

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017.

#### KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Absent  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the April Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried; 2. Supr. O'Connor inquired about a zoning hearing that Mrs. Doerr may have attended in Madison or Stanton County on property in the lake area as Lyle Tramp is requesting a transcript of such hearing. Zoning Administrator Doerr said she was not aware of a hearing; 3. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0104 Kellen and Jackie Wieseler for a lot split of a five-acre tract in the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 30, T33N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried; 4. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0103 Kevin and Patricia Zavadil of lot combination for zoning purposes on Lots 38, 39 and 40, Bon-Homme Subdivision, Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried; 5. At 11:30 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing on Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0028 Calvin and Diane Krupicka for moving the 4<sup>th</sup> generation family house out of a flowage easement area to the east side of Highway 14 where

it will be converted into one apartment and three or four bedroom lodge in Section 5 of Sparta Township. Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing at 11:35 a.m. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2017 – 05** approving Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0028 Calvin and Diane Krupicka, E1/2NW1/4, including the former railroad land therein, and those portions of the S1/2NE1/4 lying west of Nebraska Highway 14, all in Section 5, T31N, R6W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, for moving a house and convert it to one apartment and three or four bedroom lodge. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2017 – 05**

WHEREAS, Calvin & Diane Krupicka have applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0028 to move a home on to their property and convert it to one apartment and 3-4 bedroom lodge on the following described real estate:

The East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E ½ NW ¼), including the former railroad land therein, and those portions of the South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S ½ NE ¼) lying West of Nebraska Highway No. 14; all in Section Five (5), Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Six (6) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, subject to easements and roads of record.

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on April 11, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has found that the application complies with the Knox County Zoning Regulations, and hereby makes a recommendation to approve the permit with the following conditions:

1. One business sign up to 80 square feet is allowed if compliance with the Nebr. Dept. of Roads sign regulations is provided.
2. Applicant shall comply with any and all state regulations including NDEQ septic system requirements.
3. The permit shall expire in two years if the Adventure Inn (lodging) has not started.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Calvin & Diane Krupicka Conditional Use Permit #CU0028 be approved.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

### KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Absent  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District 6

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Zoning Administrator Doerr continued with the following: 6. Update from Planning Commission meeting. Discussion ensued about a campground that is being sold, access and an easement to the campground, and review of current permit.

Sheriff Henery and the Board discussed the purchase of a speed display trailer that would be placed in the area towns especially during their local celebrations. County Attorney Thomas told Sheriff Henery that a second speed display trailer would be purchased with the STOP funds if the County purchased the first one. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to authorize Sheriff Henery to purchase a speed display trailer in the amount of \$5,800 for use throughout the County. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the Special Designated Liquor License Request submitted by Daniel Zelasney dba Z's Lindy Country Club for a special event to be held on July 14, 2017 in Lindy. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of the District Court April Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that the receipts be accepted and placed on file, by roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$265,405.47.

#18422 – State of Nebraska, State Aid-MFO, 45,375.00; #18423 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 550.68; #18424 – Three River, 911 surcharges, 303.00; #18425 – Delperdang LLC, legal fees for SID #1, 750.00; #18426 – Knox County Zoning, bldg. permit, 300.00; #18427 – Knox County Sheriff, mlge. & fees, 1,347.95; #18428 – State of Nebraska, 911 funding, 4,151.52; #18429 – Ocwen Loan obo Gail Mlady, assessment for water & garbage, 451.59; #18430 – Knox County District Court, filing fees, copies, court costs & passport fees, 359.25; #18431 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 1,091.91; #18432 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 127.52; #18433 – State of Nebraska, 4<sup>th</sup> of 6 homestead exemption payments, 39,341.40; #18434 – Blue Moon, Class ID liquor license, occupational tax & reimbursement of publishing, 487.76; #18435 – Crofton Lakeview Golf Assn., Class I liquor license & occupational tax, 275.00; #18436 – Santee Sioux Nation-Tatanka Golf Club, Class I liquor license, occupational tax & reimbursement of publishing, 287.76; #18437 – Knox County Zoning, bldg. permit & plat fee, 120.00; #18438 – Knox County Clerk, plats, misc. fees, c.c. marriage license & copies, 74.17; #18439 – Midwest Bank, interest, 4,093.16; #18440 – Crofton Lakeview Golf Assn., reimbursement of publishing, 12.76; #18441 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 43.32; #18442 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 5.86; #18443 – Knox County Attorney, check filing fee & STOP funds, 50.00; #18444 – Knox County Court, fines, overload fines & court costs, 1,972.00; #18445 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 1,479.46; #18446 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 567.12; #18447 – Great Plains Communications, Inc., 911 surcharges, 8,695.17; #18448 – Knox County Sheriff, auto inspections, handgun permits & fingerprint fees, 790.00; #18449 – Deborah McLarney, legal fees for SID #1, 500.00; #18450 – Richard E. Adkins, legal fees for SID #1, 500.00; #18451 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 1,402.05;

#18452 – State of Nebraska, meal reimbursement, 21.00; #18453 – Allied Oil & Tire Co., credit from tire disposal, 280.00; #18454 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 95.25; #18455 – Encartele Inc., reimburse for jail phone usage, 305.52; #18456 – Frontier Communications, 911 surcharges, 3.96; #18457 – NIRMA, workman's comp. insurance refund, 1,803.16; #18458 – Register of Deeds, recording fees & documentary stamp tax, 5,801.30; #18459 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18460 – State of Nebraska, hwy. allocation & Build Nebraska Act, 141,564.87.

A request was made by an employee for the County to provide vision insurance that would pay the total cost of eyeglasses. The current vision insurance pays for an examination and a portion of the frames. No action was taken.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 145,992.18; Amy Johnson, mileage, 8.56; Applied Connective Technologies, quarterly bill, 3,625.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, dirt County haul, 227.66; Bear Graphics, recording paper, 583.50; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, prisoner medical treatment, 175.00; Bombards, oil, weed gloves, seed, rake, key & bulbs, 94.43; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, paint, 60.98; Carhart Lumber Co., carpet & glue, 1,133.88; Century Link, long distance, 100.40; James Paschal dba Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 66.50; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pay, 10,947.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account, insurance County pay, 26,400.00; Creighton News, publishing & subscription, 343.00; Creighton Plumbing, repair, 50.00; Creighton 59 LLC, van gas, 13.14; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 430.25; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dollar General, supplies, 312.65; Donald J. Janacek, prior service, 25.00; Eakes Office Plus, supplies, 795.09; Eco water Systems, bottled water & salt, 424.00; Elaine's Tavern & Café, prisoner meals, 5,082.00; Farm & Home Publishing, maps, 1,090.00; Farmers & Merchants State Bank, checks, 44.00; GIS Workshop, remaining on "re-fly" oblique's, 1,487.50; Great Plains Communication, phone/internet, 2,963.33; Health Plan Services, Inc., insurance County pays, 1,698.32; Hefner Ace Value, freezer, keys & door knobs, 629.15; JoAnn P. Kori, prior service, 20.00; Justice Data Solutions, Inc., jail maintenance software support, 2,200.00; Kenneth R. Tisha, DDS, prisoner dental treatment, 188.00; Key Sanitation LLC, garbage, 104.00; Knox County Court, court costs, 85.00; Knox County Sheriff, return orders, 247.96; Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 79.88; Liz Doerr, mileage, 19.98; Madison County Sheriff, housing inmate, 1,150.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 686.99; Miriam L. Nelson, postage reimbursement, 11.75; Nebraska Planning Zoning Assn., dues, 40.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,056.93; Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, dues, 885.00; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 304.65; Office Systems Company, maintenance, 592.10; Quill Corp., supplies, 117.78; Ramada Inn, lodging, 510.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pay, 9,652.01; Ruth Vonderohe, mileage & supplies, 734.66; Telebeep, pagers, 51.33; The Farner Company, Inc., utensils, 150.00; The Monitor, publishing, 267.41; US Cellular, cell phone, 160.88; US Cellular, cell phone, 271.50; The Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 188.22; Verdigre Farm Service, van gas, 36.18; Vievu, body cameras, 375.00; Village of Center, water, sewer & garbage, 293.50; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 269.25.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 52,169.50; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel County haul, 25,566.94; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 69.50; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 33.69; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas & tire repair, 261.95; Bohemian One Stop LLC, gas, 302.18; Bomgaars, shop supplies & repairs, 860.34; CHS Wausa, gas, 115.64; City of Bloomfield, water, 21.75; City of Creighton, garbage, sewer & water, 152.72; C-Mart, gas, 65.86; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pay, 3,940.59; Cornhusker International Trucks, Inc., repairs, 1,500.99; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct., insurance County pay, 12,000.00; Crane Sales & Service, repairs & shop supplies, 1,223.00; Creighton News, ad, 22.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 308.21; Crofton Journal, ad, 11.97; Dan Vakoc, mixing strip rental, 500.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 3,072.61; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,033.60; Gragert's, shop supplies, 14.10; Great Plains Communication, phone, 480.91; Grossenburg Implement, Inc., repairs, 1,139.25; Health Plan Services, Inc., insurance County pay, 719.28; J & K Auto, gas, 40.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies & repairs, 13.45; Kersten Auto Co. LLC, hitch & labor, 700.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 116.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Larry Moeller, mixing strip rental, 500.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 32.30; Missouri Valley Shopper, ad, 159.60; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 54.80; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 315.41; O'Neill Shopper, ad, 140.70; Omaha Slings Inc., repairs, 1,358.96; Orrin Pospisil, mixing strip rental, 500.00; Peitz GMC Service Inc., repairs, 263.23; People's Grocery, shop supplies, 8.81; Powerplan, repairs, 2,885.36; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pay, 3,412.08; Richard Jennings, clay, 300.00; Roger Lemke, clay, 300.00; Rohrer Welding, repairs & labor, 195.62; Seidel & Sons Truck Sales LLC, flatbed trailer, 7,475.00; The Monitor, ad, 9.14; UIS Cellular, cell phone, 587.01; Verdigre Eagle, ad, 16.40; Verdigre Farm Service, gas/diesel, 3,369.81; Vic's Service LLC, gas & shop supplies, 121.23; Village of Center, water & sewer, 25.50; Village of Niobrara, water & sewer, 39.06; Village of Verdigre, water, garbage & sewer, 161.25; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel & hauling, 5,597.84.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Century Link, long distance, 6.28; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.31; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 251.86; Maximus Inc., cost allocation, 1,250.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., scanner rent, 46.00;

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Bloomfield Community Club, visitor's promo, 1,000.00; Corps of Discovery Welcome Center, visitor's promo, 1,000.00; Creighton Area Chamber of Commerce, visitor's promo, 1,000.00; Crofton Community Club, visitor's promo, 1,000.00; Crofton Q125 Committee, visitor's promo, 500.00; Knox County Ag Society, visitor's promo, 1,000.00; Niobrara Promoters, visitor's promo, 1,000.00; Northeast Nebraska RC & D, visitor's promo, 500.00; Outlaw Trail Quiltway, visitor's promo, 500.00; Shannon Trail Promoters Organization, visitor's promo, 500.00; Verdigre Improvement, visitor's promo, 1,000.00; Village of Center Improvement Committee, visitor's promo, 1,000.00; Wausa Community Club, visitor's promo, 500.00; Wausa Smorgasbord Committee, visitor's promo, 500.00; Winnetoon Community Committee, visitor's promo, 300.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** City of Bloomfield, visitor's improvement, 15,200.00; Great Plains Communications, internet, 99.39; Village of Verdel, visitor's improvement, 2,514.00.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., scanner rent, 185.00; MIPS, computer program, 237.93.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Name Redacted, ded. reimb., 250.00; Name Redacted, ded. reimb., 250.00.

**C & C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salary, 2,918.33; Century Link, long distance, 6.28; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pay, 215.66; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account, insurance County pay, 800.00; Great Plains Communication, phone/internet, 52.31; Health Plan Services Inc., insurance County pay, 39.96; Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pay, 1.83; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 86.68; Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry, training, 1,250.00; Pitzer Digital LLC, ad/marketing, 2,800.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pay, 196.99; US Cellular, cell phone, 67.83.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Thomas P. Herzog, special County Attorney fees, 2,122.66.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Century Link, phone, 402.01; DSS Corporation, voice capture contract, 4,555.20; GEOCOMM, mapping maintenance, 5,378.10; Great Plains Communication, phone, 477.35; Three River Telco, phone, 172.70.

**SHERIFF'S COMMISSARY FUND.** Bob's Candy Service Inc., inmate commissary, 181.65; Postmaster, inmate postage, 49.00.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** Bryan Ruhr, mileage, 25.00; Century Link, phone, 5.71; Century Link, phone, 113.39; Dave Carlson, mileage/meeting fee, 54.43; DSS Corporation, voice capture contract, 1,284.80; GEOCOMM, mapping maintenance, 1,516.90; Great Plains Communications, phone, 161.92; Heather Kienow, mileage, 40.13; Kevin Barta, meeting

fee, 25.00; Kevin Sonnichsen, mileage/meeting fee, 36.77; Lucinda L. Mastalir, meeting fee, 25.00; Mitch Mastalir, mileage/meeting fee, 35.17; Paul J. Schoenberner, mileage/meeting fee, 57.10; Three River Telco, phone, 48.71.

TOTALS	
General Fund	227,162.86
Road Fund	134,306.14
Child Support Fund	1,606.45
Visitor's Promo Fund	11,300.00
Visitor's Improvement Fund	17,813.39
ROD Preservation/Modernization Fund	422.93
County Insurance Fund	500.00
C & C Development Fund	8,435.87
Inheritance Fund	4,205.99
911 Wireless Service Fund	10,985.36
Sheriff's Commissary Fund	230.65
911 Emergency Fund	3,430.03
TOTAL	\$420,399.67

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:15 p.m., May 11, 2017 until Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

May 11, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:00 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of May 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supr. Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the April 27, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Co. Assessor McManigal met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the TERC Findings and Orders that shows that the levels of value for real property in Knox County for tax year 2017 met the requirements of law. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried; 2. Second notices have been mailed to people who did not file their personal property schedules by May 1. Filers who file after May 1 will receive a 10% penalty plus they will not qualify for the exemption of the first \$10,000 value on personal property tax computation; 3. Adjustment needed to the Blaser Appraisal contract for revalue of ag property. The current contract draft stated that the Assessor's Office would not receive revalue information until January 2020. County Assessor McManigal said that the revalue information needs to be submitted to her office on a yearly basis as it will be difficult to put three years of information into the system in a small window of time before the valuation abstract would be due March 2020. Jeff White will be contacted to make the adjustment to the contract draft.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:20 a.m. on May 11, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
May 25, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of May 25, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Miller led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the May 11, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the May 11, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Thank you from Shannon Trail Promoters; 2. Pathways Shelter for the Homeless Spring 2017 newsletter; 3. Knox County Economic Development Director's Report, agenda for May 22 meeting, and minutes from the March 27 meeting; 4. Nebraska Dept. of Revenue letter acknowledging receipt of Resolution #2017-04 which adopts an additional county lodging tax of 1% for the Knox County Visitor's Promotion Fund and such increase will begin October 1, 2017; 5; Nebraska State Fire Marshal inspection report of the Knox County Jail noting the jail is found to be in compliance.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that all claims except Claim #17050237 payable to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in the amount of \$5,276.02 written from the County Insurance Fund, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote that Claim #17050237 payable to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in the amount of \$5,276.02 written from the County Insurance Fund, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3 #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #1. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$39,671.80 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Supr. O'Connor left the Board meeting at 9:50 a.m. to attend another meeting in the Courthouse.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that the receipts be accepted and placed on file, by roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$126,853.39.

#18461 – State of Nebraska, reimbursement of child support enforcement, 6,758.25; #18462 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 365.75; #18463 – Cedar County Treasurer, tax collections – Crofton Fire Gen & Sink and Wausa Gen, 48,661.61; #18464 – Terry and Joyce Woodbury, reimbursement to SID#1 for gravel, 500.00; #18465 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 43.00; #18466 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 470.00; #18467 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 174.50; #18468 – United States Treasury, reimbursement for housing inmate, 135.00; #18469 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 60.00; #18470 – Northeast Nebraska Economic Development, May 2017 business loan payments, 15,182.74; #18471 – Knox County Sheriff-BIA, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates April 2017, 12,610.00; #18472 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18473 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 914.38; #18474 – Pierce County Treasurer, tax collections – Sch. Dist. 13 Gen, Bldg & Cap, 3,739.63; #18475 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 60.00; #18476 – Jon Hansen, plank, 280.00; #18477 – State of Nebraska, bridge conference reimbursement, 601.47; #18478 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 1,778.50; #18479 – Bonnie Paulsen PR, inheritance tax-Howard Mayberry estate, 32,844.25; #18480 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 25.65; #18481 – Vonage, 911 surcharges, 9.00; #18482 – Midwest Bank, interest, 804.66; #18483 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 60.00; #18484 - Washington Township, shouldering township roads, 750.00.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:00 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:18 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor O'Connor District #1.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Bridge crew update; 2. Oil crew update; 3. County Bridge match program letting for the Creighton North Bridge Project will be held on June 29, 2017. Discussion was held on easements needed near the site; 4. 2017-2018 Budget. The 2018 salaries will be discussed at the next meeting; 5. Discussed at the Safety Committee Meeting earlier was that some of the machinery is not getting general maintenance or it is unclear who is to handle it. Hwy. Supt. Barta is going to go through the equipment list and assign a worker to each piece of equipment to take care of the general maintenance; 6. Equipment repairs.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0105 Shantee Lodge LLC/Jon Eric Todd for combining Lots 6-8 in Block 1 and Lot 1 in Block 2 of Lake Hills Subdivision located in Section 18, T33N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, for zoning purposes only. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried; 2. Planning Commission meeting will be held June 13, 2017 and the review of Joe Merchant camp ground is on that meeting agenda; 3. Reviewed the Hideaway Estates aerial map showing the new entrance to the subdivision.

Discussed the billings for the GIS Workshop program for the Assessor and the Zoning Office. The bills have been paid by the KENO account in the past however there isn't enough in that account at this time to pay both bills. The Board suggested that the Assessor and the Zoning Administrator pay for half of the costs from their budgets and the other half be paid by the KENO account.

Supr. O'Connor returned to the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

There was no comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. Miller who updated the Board on the recent 911 Emergency Board meeting. A 2-month basic trial will be done using cellphones as pagers as the current pager company will be going out of business. The cost to convert over to cellphone pager alerts would cost each community \$25 per month. Discussion was held on cellphone service, no change in dispatching system, Sheriff's department is requesting a waiver of liability be signed by each community in case it doesn't work, and the each pager holder will keep their pagers during the trial period.

Economic Development Director Hanefeldt requested the Board Chairman sign a letter where the Board requests a list of lodging tax submitters in Knox County. The list will be helpful when sending confirmation letters that the lodging tax will increase by 1% starting October 1, 2017. Chairman Sokol, Jr. signed the request letter.

The Board congratulated Economic Development Director Hanefeldt in being selected to participate in the Nebraska Leadership Program.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into executive session at 11:21 a.m. for contract litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held on contract litigation. The Board came out of executive session at 11:32 a.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to close the executive session at 11:32 a.m. that was held on contract litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Supr. O'Connor informed the Board that the Juvenile Justice Grant program is moving along and working, and that Knox County communities are encouraged to participate in the program.

Sheriff Henery introduced the State of Nebraska Jail Inspector. Discussion was held on the shortage of dispatchers/jailers and the difficulty recruiting staff, salary shortage in county sheriff's departments compared to the salaries paid at nearby prisons or other industries, changes in litigation and technology, high risk prisoners and moving them to larger metro jails if needed, and the physiological makeup of prisoners have changed. Sheriff Henery also presented a copy of the inspection report from the BIA and mentioned that the Knox County Jail passed inspection by the State Fire Marshal.

**GENERAL FUND.** Aspen Warriner, lawn/snow contract, 750.00; Bear Graphics, freight, 58.08; Bloomfield Auto Parts, van repairs/parts, 309.33; Bloomquist Plumbing & Electric, plumbing, 212.00; Bomgaars, supplies, 221.27; Carhart Lumber Co., paint, 107.97; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 30.00; Cornhusker State Industries, signs, 62.80; Creighton Plumbing, clean sewer line, 825.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreements, 351.66; ESRI, yearly ARC GIS, 700.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot, 2,057.03; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 275.00; Ken Foner, meeting expense, 37.84; Jim Kotrous, meeting expense, 42.12; Keith Nielsen, meeting expense, 39.45; Madison County Sheriff, service fees, 6.00; Matthew Fischer, reimburse paint/roller, 79.59; Mobile Binders, repair books, 1,050.00; Omaha World Herald, subscription, 176.28; Pierce Co. Sheriff, service fees, 38.34; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 128.47; Robert Ganz, meeting expense, 36.77; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 140.00; Thomson Reuters West, law books, 282.00; Viewu, body cameras, 125.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 40.64; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs/oil filters, 1,168.57; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas/tire repair, 228.14; Bomgaars, shop supplies/repairs/shop tools, 325.92; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 99.72; C-Mart LLC, gas, 84.77; Don McElhose Trucking & Construction, equipment rental, 4,150.00; First National Bank Omaha, meals/ car wash, 13.75; Herbert Feed & Grain Company, diesel, 2,220.35; Jebro Inc., CRS-2, 3,794.62; Joel Suhr, clay, 160.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 242.06; LCL Truck Equipment Inc., repairs, 129.68; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., repairs, 34.40; Mark Binnebose, shop tools, 464.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., repairs, 235.56; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 124.30; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters, 175.74; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 10,866.49; Yankton Fire & Safety Co. Inc., inspection, 101.50.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Quill Corp., office supplies, 499.04.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, 2017 wellness, 5,276.02.

**C & C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, travel/registration, 456.80; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 76.33.

**911 WIRELESS FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 402.01.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 113.39.

TOTALS	
General Fund	8,142.00
Road Fund	24,706.21
Child Support Fund	499.04
County Insurance Fund	5,276.02
C & C Development Fund	533.13
911 Wireless Fund	402.01
911 Emergency Fund	113.39
Total	\$39,671.80

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:01 p.m., May 25, 2017 until Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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May 25, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:00 a.m.

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Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

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The minutes of the May 11, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the May 11, 2017 minutes as read.



There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve Tax Claim #7881 and hereby directs the County Assessor to make the proper adjustments to the tax roll. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Assessor McManigal updated the Board on the following: 1. Valuation change notices will be mailed on May 30. There will be 7,477 notices mailed this year; 2. 2017 Knox County Market Area Map review; 3. Contract to revalue ag land. Review work will be done in a third of the County from now until September.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:18 a.m. on May 25, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
June 8, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of June 8, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. O'Connor led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the May 25, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the May 25, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Thank you note from Creighton Public Librarian Lisa Macke.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$763,569.84 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:01 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:22 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Interviews of the applicants for filling the position at the Wausa Shed will be held at 1:00 p.m.; 2. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to adopt **Resolution #2017 – 06** authorizing Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign NEPA services agreement BK1732 between Knox County and HDR Engineering, Inc. for Bridge Project No. BRO-7054(19) Control No. 31821 Verdigre North. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION  
SIGNING OF NEPA SERVICE AGREEMENT – BK1732**

**Knox County  
Resolution No. 2017 – 06**

Whereas: Knox County is developing a transportation project for which it intends to obtain Federal funds;  
Whereas: Knox County as a sub-recipient of Federal-Aid funding is charged with the responsibility of expending said funds in accordance with Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project;

Whereas: Knox County and HDR Engineering, Inc. wish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to provide NEPA services for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County that:

Jim Sokol Jr., Chair of the Knox County Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized to sign the attached NEPA services agreement between Knox County, Nebraska and HDR Engineering, Inc.

NDOR Project Number: BRO-7054(19)  
NDOR Control Number: 31821  
NDOR Project Description: Verdigre North

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017 at Center, Nebraska

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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James Sokol, Jr. /s/

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Martin J. O'Connor /s/

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Patrick J. Liska /s/

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Virgil H. Miller /s/

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Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

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Danny R. Schlote /s/

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James J. Borgmann /s/

Board/Council Member – Supr. Virgil H. Miller  
Moved the adoption of said resolution  
Member Supr. Kevin D. Mackeprang Seconded the

Motion

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent  
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer/s/  
Signature County Clerk

3. One Smartphone is not working for a Road employee. Research will be made into the contract and insurance replacement; 4. Update on Creighton North bridge project; 5. Bridge crew update; 6. Oil crew update; 7. Repairs on Mechanic's pickup; 8. Supr. Mackeprang mentioned that someone placed red rock on road by Co-op building in Bloomfield.

Officials and Department Heads met with the Board for setting the 2018 salaries for employees except for the elected officials, deputies to elected officials, those employees receiving deputy wages, the Emergency Manager and the Economic Development Director. Officials gave recommendations. After a discussion, motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve a 2.5% increase in wages starting January 1, 2018 for Courthouse employees and Road employees except for the elected officials, deputies to elected officials, those employees receiving a deputy wage, the Emergency Manager, the Economic Development Director, the Zoning Administrator, the secretary to the County Attorney, and the Sheriff Office employees. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Thomas informed the Board that he only has one person working in his office, she works three days a week and receives no insurance benefits as she is a part-time employee but she does receive the retirement benefit. County Attorney Thomas will be increasing his secretary's wage to \$15 per hour starting July 1, 2017.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to increase the Zoning Administrator's wage from \$22.55 per hour to \$25 per hour starting January 1, 2018 noting that Zoning Administrator Doerr does not receive insurance benefits as she is a part-time employee but does receive the retirement benefit and \$840 per year fringe benefit for use of her personal computer and cell phone for County business. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve a \$1.00 per hour wage increase to the deputy sheriffs and dispatcher/jailors in the Sheriff's Office starting January 1, 2018. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the May Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Discussed lake area updates.

Sheriff Henery updated the Board on the trial use of cellphone paging for first responders. Telebeep will soon be eliminating paging due to their antiquated computer program. An encoder may need to be used for the cellphone paging.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess for lunch at 12:04 p.m.

Supr. Mackeprang left at 12:30 p.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:47 p.m. with all members present except Supr. Mackeprang District #5.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Clerk of the District Court May Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that the receipts be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6, and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$95,653.12.

#18485 – Western Township, signs & posts, 230.00; #18486 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 288.00; #18487 – William Schwartz Living Trust, inheritance tax, 7,761.38; #18488 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 649.86; #18489 – SID #1, Cedar Knox Rural Water refund of overpayment, 131.23; #18490 – State of Nebraska, funding for 911 service, 4,151.52; #18491 – State of Nebraska, rent, 2,205.00; #18492 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 280.41; #18493 – Midwest Bank, interest, 627.88; #18494 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,828.77; #18495 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 87.05; #18496 – Knox County Treasurer, cancel outstanding check, 9.00; #18497 – Knox County Development Agency, outdoor trailer supplies/movie event, 790.53; #18498 – Knox County Development Agency, leadership promotion, 500.00; #18499 – Monson & Holloway, inheritance tax-Ellen Cunningham Estate, 8,344.12; #18500 – State of Nebraska, insurance premium, 19,534.67; #18501 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 1,629.58; #18502 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 137.44; #18503 – State of Nebraska, 5<sup>th</sup> of six homestead exemption payments, 39,341.40; #18504 – Clerk of District Court, filing fees, court costs, copies & passport fees, 821.50; #18505 – Knox County Clerk, plats, misc. fees, c.c. marriage licenses & copies, 157.36; #18506 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18507 – Midwest Bank, interest, 679.38; #18508 – Knox County Sheriff, auto inspections & handgun permits, 515.00; #18509 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 87.15; #18510 – Encartel Inc., reimburse jail phone usage, 104.89; #18511 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 270.00; #18512 – Knox County Court, fines, bond forfeitures, court costs & overload fines, 4,465.00.

The Board discussed the repairs being made to the north parapet wall of the Courthouse. There was more damage than originally assessed so extra work is being done.

The Board conducted job interviews to fill the vacancy of the motorgrader position at the Wausau County Shed.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 155,699.23; Avera Creighton Hospital, prisoner emergency room visit, 282.00; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, prisoner medical treatment, 120.00; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, weed gas, 36.86; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Carrot-Top Industries Inc., flags, 100.36; Center Garage, repairs, 116.00; Central Valley Ag, grazon, 558.60; CenturyLink, long distance, 88.12; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rental, 41.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 11,689.67; Connie J. Janecek, prior service, 15.00; Cornhusker State Industries, bench/chair, 630.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 26,400.00; Creighton News, publishing, 32.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, subscription, 30.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Donald Jiracek, prior service, 25.00; Eakes Office Solutions, office supplies, 3.19; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 366.00; Elaine's Tavern & Café, prisoner board, 5,061.00; GIS Workshop, renewal, 8,477.50; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,317.66; Health Plan Services Inc., insurance County Pays, 1,698.32; Hefner Hardware, janitor supplies/roundup, 56.65; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; JoAnn Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Kirsten Monson, witness fees, 41.40; Knox County Clerk, plat books, 145.95; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 44.41; Kustom Signals Inc., radar, 5,735.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 79.88; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage/office supplies, 207.70; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Madison County Sheriff, house Fuerhoff,

1,550.00; Mary Ketelsen, travel expense, 59.92; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 225.50; MIPS, computer program, 686.99; Moody Motor Co. Inc., repairs, 300.07; NACO, dues, 1,997.96; NACEB, dues, 100.00; Netcom Inc., battery UPS, 80.00; NIRMA, insurance, 69,479.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,989.03; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing/subscription, 274.77; Office Depot, office supplies, 176.87; Postmaster, postage, 140.00; Quill, office supplies, 617.79; Region 4 Behavioral Health, quarterly bill, 5,731.50; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 10,233.51; Rhonda K. Surface, carpet cleaner, 38.99; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Ruth Vonderohe, travel expense, 282.48; Stanton County Sheriff, service fees, 35.00; Telebeep, pager, 51.33; The Monitor, publishing/envelopes, 1,372.05; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, sprinkler repair, 54.67; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 160.88; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 268.12; Valorie Olson, court reporter, 1,612.00; Viewu, body cameras, 125.00; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00; Wholesale Supply Inc., janitorial supplies, 288.10.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 60,961.49; B's Enterprises Inc., blades/bits/culvert, 30,028.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 3,767.20; Bauer Built Tire, tires, 5,009.32; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 59.48; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 122.36; CHS Wausa, gas, 1,174.98; City of Bloomfield, water, 24.20; C-Mart, gas, 133.42; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,613.14; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,000.00; Creighton News, advertisement, 37.60; Don McElhose Trucking & Construction, clay rock/haul, 2,210.00; Eugene Wolfe Jr., prior service, 12.00; Gary's Repair & Wrecker Service PTRSP, towing, 551.00; Great Plains Communications, phone, 484.06; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 679.32; Husker Steel, steel structure, 65,683.00; J&K Auto, gas, 46.25; Larry Cross, prior service, 6.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 30.47; Mitteis Gravel, gravel/haul, 8,986.05; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 48.69; NIRMA, ins., 89,877.00; North Central Public Power District, elec., 257.37; Northeast Nebraska News Company, advertisement, 107.43; Peitz GMC Service Inc., repairs, 1,179.90; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,027.84; The Monitor, adv., 24.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 587.01; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 51,689.14; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.13; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 60.75; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies, 3.89; Willow Creek Sand and Gravel, gravel/haul, 11,475.55.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.51; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.31; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 46.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** Great Plains Communications Inc., kiosk internet, 99.39

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** MIPS, computer program, 237.93.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, admin fees, 405.50.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 2,918.33; Big Red Mini Mart, movie day, 56.56; CenturyLink, long distance, 5.51; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 215.66; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 800.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 57.82; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 39.96; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1.83; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 207.54; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 196.99; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 67.83.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Cad Paulsen Construction, ½ wall repair, 72,500.00; Estate of Carol J. Kohles, refund of inheritance tax, 153.36; Morland Easland & Lohrberg, court appointed attorney, 397.50; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Verlyn Luebbe, special county attorney, 3,469.80.

**911 WIRELESS FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 669.23; Platte Valley Communications Inc., battery replacement, 626.34; Three River Telco, phone, 172.70.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bob's Candy Service, inmate commissary, 194.00.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** Bryan Ruhr, meeting expense, 39.98; CenturyLink, phone, 6.12; Dave Carlson, meeting expense, 54.43; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 217.34; Lucinda Mastalir, meeting expense, 25.00; Mitch Mastalir, meeting expense, 25.00; Paul J. Schoenberner, meeting expense, 57.10; Platte Valley Communications Inc., battery replacement, 176.66; Three River Telco, phone, 48.71.

TOTALS	
General Fund	321,220.53
Road Fund	356,018.04
Child Support Fund	103.82
Visitor's Improvement Fund	99.39
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	237.93
Economic Development Fund	405.50
C&C Development Fund	4,568.03
Inheritance Fund	78,603.99
911 Wireless Fund	1,468.27
Sheriff Commissary Fund	194.00
911 Emergency Fund	650.34
Total	\$763,569.84

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:15 p.m., June 8, 2017 until Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

June 8, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:01 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of June 8, 2017 at 10:01 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District

#2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the May 25, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the May 25, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

At 10:09 a.m., Chairman Schlote opened a public hearing on Form 457 Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations for Sacred Heart Health Services dba Avera Creighton Hospital on two 2017 Dodge Grand Caravans.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Certificate of Completion and the Public Notice certifying the 2017 assessment role is complete and the notices of valuation changes had been mailed as per Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1315. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to enter into record all of the 2017 evidence of Equalization, Opinions from TERC and all proof of valuation for Knox County, which are kept on record in the County Assessor's Office. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board set July 17, 2017 as the date for viewing protested properties and for the public hearing for the final decisions on protests filed between June 1 and June 30, 2017.

Chairman Schlote closed the open public hearing at 10:21 a.m. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve Form 457 Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organizations for Sacred Heart Health Services dba Avera Creighton Hospital on two 2017 Dodge Grand Caravans. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:22 a.m. on June 8, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
June 29, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of June 29, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor District #1. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Schlote led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the June 8, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Nebraska Department of Revenue Report article on 2016 taxable sales compared to 2015 for Knox and area counties; 2. Letter from Nebraska Emergency Management Agency on State Homeland Security Grant/Emergency Management Performance Grant Monitoring Visit set for June 28, 2017; 3. Knox County Economic Development Report, May 22, 2017 meeting minutes and agenda for June 26, 2017 meeting.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims except Claim #17060202 in the amount of \$642.55 and Claim #17060253 in the amount of \$175.57, both payable to Schreier's Lumber Company, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that Claim #17060202 in the amount of \$642.55 written from the General Fund and Claim #17060253 in the amount of \$175.57 written from the Road Fund, both payable to Schreier's Lumber Company, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #3. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$381,254.55 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supervisor Mackeprang, seconded by Supervisor Schlote to reappoint LeRoy Clausen of Bloomfield to the Knox County Veterans Service Committee for another five-year term. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Sheriff's Report on Collection of Taxes from October 27, 2016 to June 15, 2017 and the Distress Warrant Register. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:00 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:49 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor O'Connor District #1.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. At 10:49 a.m., the advertised bid opening for County Bridge Match Program (CBMP) Project STWD-CBMP(1): C005425605 Creighton North was held. The Knox County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any irregularities in bids received. Award of the Contract will be in accordance with the County Purchasing Act's competitive bidding considerations as set forth in Nebraska Revised Statute Section 23-3110 to Section 23-3114. Bids were opened in the order they were received: **Midwest Underground, Inc., Lincoln NE** – Bridge - \$496,835.60, Roadway - \$50,992.00 for a total of \$547,827.60, start construction date of March 1, 2018 and end construction date May 4, 2018; **Dixon Construction Company, Correctionville IA** – Bridge - \$400,000.90, Roadway - \$29,155.90 for a total of \$429,156.80, start construction date September 13, 2017 and end construction date November 17, 2017; **KEA Constructors, LLC, Milford NE** – Bridge - \$430,744.58, Roadway - \$30,644.00 for a total of \$461,388.58, start construction date November 1, 2017 and end construction date January 4, 2018; **Theisen Construction Inc., Norfolk NE** – Bridge - \$376,758.01, Roadway - \$19,614.00 for a total of \$396,372.01, start construction date September 25, 2017 and end construction date November 22, 2017; **Simon Contractors, North Platte NE** – Bridge - \$374,598.10, Roadway - \$24,370.90, start construction date September 1, 2017 and end construction date November 1, 2017. Engineer Mark Mainelli left the meeting to review the bids; 2. Oil crew update; 3. Bridge crew update; 4. Crofton north bridge project update. A shoofly is being constructed as the present bridge will be removed; 5. County/Township Allocation report for the end of the fiscal year; 6. Engineer Mark Mainelli and Hwy. Supt. Barta will be looking over the Mark Miller road area north of Bloomfield; 7. Discussed fiscal year end budget amounts; 8. Equipment repairs.

Angie O'Connor with Avera presented reports on the results of the 2017 On-Site Wellness that was held on April 27, 2017.

Engineer Mainelli returned to the meeting and informed the Board that the bids were complete as per specifications. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to accept the bid from **Theisen Construction Inc., Norfolk NE** – Bridge - \$376,758.01, Roadway - \$19,614.00 for a total of \$396,372.01, start construction date September 25, 2017 and end construction date November 22, 2017, for County Bridge Match Program (CBMP) Project STWD-CBMP(1): C005425605 Creighton North. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Insurance Agent Jeff Hammer reviewed with the Board the renewal of the dental/vision insurance with Ameritas Health Plan Services and the proposed premium increases that will begin August 1. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the renewal of the dental/vision insurance coverage with Ameritas Health Plan Service, to leave the PPO Plan 3 in place with no changes in coverage, and the premium to be – County pay \$44.36 per month per eligible employee; employee pay for one dependent \$43.28 per month; and employee pay for plus 2 dependents or more \$95.36 per month. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the April 11, 2017 and the May 9, 2017 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0108 Curtis L. Nielsen on a boundary adjustment on a 117.86 acre tract in the N1/2 and the SW1/4 of Section 14, T31N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0109 Brian Blatchford on a lot combination for zoning purposes on Lot 6 and the South 35 feet of Lot 7, Elkhorn Ridge, a subdivision in Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 4. An update of the upcoming Conditional Use Permit for Kreg Mitteis will be considered at the July 18, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the Treasurer's Certificate of Pledged Securities. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Treasurer's Report of Collections of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes FY 2015 and Prior noting that all Distress Warrants have been collected. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to adopt **Resolution #2017 – 07** for allocation of the 2017-2018 Knox County 911 Wireless funding. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2017 – 07**

Resolved, that pursuant to the order of the Nebraska Public Service Commission Application 911-019/PI-118, dated May 3, 2017, the Knox County 911 Wireless funding of a net of \$52,498.00 for the 2017-2018 funding year shall be allocated:

50% for maintenance, 911 telephone service costs, dispatcher wages, and other eligible costs  
50%, or remaining eligible funds at end of fiscal year, set aside for funding future 911 equipment and software upgrades and purchases

Further resolved that the 50% set aside shall not be utilized for any other purpose than funding future 911 new or upgraded equipment and software including consulting costs related to, and is subject to Public Service Commission approval.

Adopted and approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

### COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Absent  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to adopt **Resolution #2017 - 08** to allocate budget authority to the Buildings and Grounds function within the General Fund due to unforeseen circumstances that caused expenditures to exceed the original budget authority. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2017 - 08**

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen circumstances, proposed expenditures exceed budget authority allocated for the Building and Grounds function within the General Fund Budget, and

WHEREAS, budget authority in the General Miscellaneous function is adequate to allow for a transfer to meet current fiscal year expenditures, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an additional eleven thousand six hundred twenty-nine dollars and 35 cents (\$11,629.35) of budget authority is hereby allocated to the Building and Grounds function within the General Fund Budget.

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Absent  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller that the receipts be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$373,157.28.

#18513 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18514 – NIRMA, workman's comp refund, 676.18; #18515 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 60.00; #18516 – Knox County Attorney, stop funds, 120.00; #18517 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 10.00; #18518 – State of Nebraska, highway allocation, 152,568.25; #18519 – State of Nebraska, reimbursement of EMPG budget, 7,599.58; #18520 – Bear Graphics, refund for paper, 18.00; #18521 – Frontier Communications, 911 surcharges, 3.96; #18522 – SID #1, Cedar Knox Rural Water refund of overpayment, 268.61; #18523 – Cedar County Treasurer, tax collections – Crofton Fire Gen & Sink & Wausa Gen, 15,856.16; #18524 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 2,029.05; #18525 – Knox County Zoning, building permit/flood permit, 60.00; #18526 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 164.95; #18527 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 7.18; #18528 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18529 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18530 – Register of Deeds, recording fees & documentary stamp tax, 6,334.35; #18531 – Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, June 2017 business loan payments, 60,585.60; #18532 – SID #2, United Fire group refund, 1,284.00; #18533 – Knox County Sheriff, Village of Verdigre deputies assist, 225.00; #18534 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18535 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 70.05; #18536 – Knox County Sheriff-BIA, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates for May 2017, 12,988.00; #18537 – State of Nebraska, tourism commission grant, 2,240.00; #18538 – Vonage, 911 surcharges, 9.00; #18539 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 2,376.55; #18540 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 90.00; #18541 – DOI-Bureau of Land Management, PILT - entitlement land, 39,581.00; #18542 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 340.00; #18543 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 289.86; #18544 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 76.00; #18545 – Knox County Zoning, plat application, 50.00; #18546 – Estate of Delbert Kuhlman, inheritance tax, 57,399.10; #18547 – State of Nebraska, elevation grant, 9,676.85.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. Schlote who said he has received a number of compliments regarding the oiling on Hwy 121. Also, Supr. Miller said that he had received a comment from a constituent who said the County has better road equipment than the State Department of Roads.

Jim Coburn met with the Board to discuss the road situation in the Devils Nest Subdivision. Mr. Coburn proposes to put in a new marina as well has plans to remodel the Yacht Club. Mr. Coburn also informed the Board that he has a friend who purchased the Gibson Boat Company and wants to headquarter the company in the Devils Nest. Discussion ensued on the roads in the subdivision that are private roads and that the matter needs to be discussed with Hwy. Supt. Barta and County Attorney Thomas. Chairman Sokol, Jr. said he will meet with County Attorney Thomas and discussion will be held at a future meeting.

**GENERAL FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, computer, 4,092.55; Aspen Warriner, lawn contract, 750.00; Blaser Appraisal Inc., payment for partial work, 12,000.00; Bloomfield Auto Parts, parts, 16.85; Bomgaars, supplies, 53.25; Cathy Stark, mileage, 80.25; CenturyLink, long distance, 107.60; Christa Beckmann, storage containers, 52.82; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 27.00; Clerk of the Supreme Court, appeal, 175.00; Creighton 59 LLC, van gas, 104.41; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 271.12; Dale Riesberg, meeting expense, 54.96; DAS State Accounting, backup, 121.88; DAS State Accounting, teletype, 448.00; Dawn Murphy, board expense, 37.10; Dean Wilken, meeting expense, 48.54; Derek Cunningham, board expense, 28.54; Dollar General, supplies, 226.90; Donald Stoural, mileage, 38.70; Dugan Printing & Promotions LLC, tax statements & reg. holders, 1,160.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 21.45; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/registration, 3,609.32; Hefner Ace Hardware, radio

repair, 88.50; Herbert Feed & Grain Company, generator fuel, 43.50; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging, 629.70; James Hames, mileage, 107.50; James Scott, mileage, 73.10; Jen Bollich, board expense, 19.45; Jim Kotrous, meeting expense, 42.12; K/V Electric LLC, jail lights, 268.60; Kay Morrill, board expense, 17.31; Ken Foner, meeting expense, 37.84; Knox County Clerk, plat books, 62.55; Knox County Sheriff, court costs, 469.76; LeRoy Buccholz, mileage, 49.46; LeRoy Clausen, mileage, 27.95; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage/lap top, 601.58; Manatron Inc., annual maintenance, 20,533.99; Marina Inn, lodging, 222.00; MIPS Inc., scan files to archives, 3,300.00; NACO, registration, 250.00; Nebraska County Assessor Association, dues, 50.00; Neil Claussen, meeting expense, 54.96; Northeast Nebraska News Company, subscription, 31.00; Office Depot, supplies, 597.06; Office Systems Company, copier agreement, 283.00; One Office Solution, contract services, 2,949.39; Postmaster, postage, 1,935.96; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,651.41; Reserve Account, meter postage, 2,500.00; Reserve Account, meter postage, 2,000.00; Robert Ganz, meeting expense, 36.77; Ruth Vonderohe, mileage, 12.84; Schreier Lumber Company, kick plates/granite rock, 642.35; The Monitor, subscription/cards/poster board, 174.45; Tom Kotrous, elevation grant, 9,676.85; Top Quality Glove, gloves, 65.00; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, sprinkler repair, 83.70; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 51.00; Viewu, body cameras, 125.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 290.00; Wausa Rural Fire District, subscription for emergency paging, 180.00.

**ROAD FUND.** A&S Transportation LLC, rock/haul, 9,437.48; Axles & Gears Inc., repairs, 400.00; B's Enterprises Inc., sign posts/culvert, 12,390.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 9,964.40; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 75.55; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs/oil filters/shop tools/shop supplies, 689.14; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 268.84; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 77.63; C-Mart LLC, gas, 190.19; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 2,216.75; Creighton News, advertisement, 72.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 472.71; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, advertisement, 33.00; D&L Towing LLC, towing, 546.00; Don McElhose Trucking & Construction, clay rock/haul, 1,850.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 2,781.87; First National Bank Omaha, gas, 41.00; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 957.60; Gragert's Grocery, shop supplies, 7.58; Greg's Motor & Marine, gas, 41.00; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repairs/filters, 234.26; Hartington Shopper, advertisement, 146.00; Hefner Ace Hardware, shop supplies, 16.98; Husker Steel, bridge steel, 48,696.00; Jebro Inc., CRS-2/oil, 132,979.77; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies/repairs, 23.93; Kayton International, repairs, 67.24; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 291.87; LCL Truck Equipment Inc., repairs, 63.67; Mark Binnebose, shop tools, 44.75; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., repairs/oxygen/acetylene, 450.00; Melvin Barger dba Barger Farms Inc., gravel/haul, 3,800.00; Midwest Radiator & Exhaust, repairs, 1,344.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 154.05; NMC Exchange LLC, repairs, 237.45; Northeast Nebraska News Company, advertisement, 58.80; Powerplan, repairs, 381.47; Pro Crane Service LLC, set beams, 1,518.75; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters, 274.21; RDO Truck Centers, repairs, 199.69; Ronald Bourn, gravel/haul, 9,928.80; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 175.57; Sioux City Truck & Trailer Inc., repairs, 973.64; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 28,699.39; Verdigre Eagle, advertisement, 33.50; Verdigre Farm Service, shop supplies/diesel/repairs/grass seed/filter, 3,515.90; Vic's Service LLC, gas/shop supplies, 234.17; Viking Lumber, concrete, 27.50; Village of Center, water/sewer, 25.50; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 13,438.78.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 6.72; Hometown Leasing, copier payment, 125.93.

**STOP PROGRAM FUND.** Kustom Signals Inc., radar, 5,735.00.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 207.00.

**C & C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 6.72; First National Bank Omaha, travel/subscription/postage/leadership, 458.96; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 52.44; Omaha Promos LLC, youth program, 2,198.52.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** NIRMA, deductible, 5,000.00.

**911 WIRELESS FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 402.01; GeoCom, addressing services, 780.00.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** Bryan Ruhr, board expense, 39.98; CenturyLink, phone, 113.39; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 8.35; Dave Carlson, board expense, 54.43; First National Bank Omaha, fair handouts, 939.99; GeoCom, addressing services, 220.00; Heather Kienow, mileage, 31.57; Lucinda Mastalir, board expense, 25.00; Mitch Mastalir, board expense, 35.17; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 8.00; Paul J. Schoenberner, board expense, 57.10; Special T's & More Inc., t-shirts, 392.00.

TOTALS	
General Fund	73,761.89
Road Fund	290,594.38
Child Support Fund	132.65
Stop Program Fund	5,735.00
Economic Development Fund	207.00
C & C Development Fund	2,716.64
Inheritance Fund	5,000.00
911 Wireless Fund	1,182.01
911 Emergency Fund	1,924.98
Total	\$381,254.55

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:36 p.m., June 29, 2017 until Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

June 29, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:00 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of June 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3,

James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor District #1. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the June 8, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

At 10:03 a.m., Chairman Schlote opened the advertised public hearing on Protests #1-2017 and #2-2017 that were filed between June 1 and June 15.

County Clerk Fischer swore in County Assessor McManigal. Chairman Schlote announced for the record that no decisions would be made by the Board of Equalization on the protests at the hearing.

**Protest #1-2017** – Gary Ralston, 52893 Hwy 59, Creighton NE 68729, Pt. SE1/4SE1/4 ls. tract Hwy. 36 in Section 19, T29N, R5W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 1.14 acres. Co. Assessor McManigal read the filed protest into record. Gary Ralston was present, sworn in and gave taped testimony.

**Protest #2-2017** – Randall D. Wieseler, 41618 W Elm Dr., Maricopa AZ 85138, SW1/4 in Section 29, T33N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. Protester was not present. Co. Assessor McManigal read the filed protest into record.

Chairman Schlote closed the open public hearing at 10:35 a.m.

The Board and County Assessor McManigal reviewed the 2017-2020 Appraisal Contract between the Knox County Assessor's Office and Blaser Appraisal, Inc. for the rural reviews.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve and place on file the following 2017 Omitted/Undervalued and Overvalued/Clerical Notices. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Ralph Acklie, overvalued-adj. grass acres, 343,400 to 272,450; AGP Grain, omitted-added grain bin, 215,140 to 233,180; Steven Banks, overvalued-soil conversion update – adj. crop, 833,410 to 650,510; Bazile Creek Outfit, omitted-added 2<sup>nd</sup> home site, 138,670 to 146,245; James Becker, overvalued-adj. creek acres, 133,385 to 129,915; James Becker, overvalued-adj. to FSA map, 328,065 to 327,165; Wilma Bird, overvalued-adj. home after internal review, 59,405 to 34,685; Helen Carlson, overvalued-soil conversion update – adj. crop, 802,870 to 772,075; Cenex Supply, omitted-combined parcels per request, 251,270 to 204,510; Chapter Calvery, omitted-adj. acres from one parcel to another, 113,245 to 106,040; Chapter Calvery, omitted-adj. acres from one parcel to another, 4,000 to 8,290; Country Pride, omitted-added 30,000 gal. pressure tank, 0 to 93,420; Jason J. Curtis, omitted-adj. CRP acres, 170,065 to 106,190; Jason J. Curtis, omitted-adj. CRP acres, 123,520 to 106,605; Mike Dartman, overvalued-adj. subdivision to equalize, 140,300 to 131,065; Charles Dickau, undervalued-adj. irrigation per LNNRD certification, 240,240 to 317,120; Charles Dickau, omitted-adj. irrigated acres, 317,210 to 306,510; Charles Dickau, undervalued-adj. irrigation per LNNRD certification, 7,295 to 10,535; Epic Land, omitted-adj. feed lot expansion/remove irrigated/add shelter, 1,384,810 to 1,241,060; Epic Land, omitted-adj. feed lot expansion, 897,335 to 894,915; Epic Land, omitted-adj. feed lot expansion, 430,995 to 403,450; Michael Farnik, courtesy – combined lots, 87,730 to 84,665; Clifford Fuchtman, undervalued-adj. irrigation per LNNRD certification, 329,695 to 330,140; Clifford Fuchtman, undervalued-adj. irrigation per LNNRD certification, 503,540 to 512,550; Clifford Fuchtman, undervalued-adj. irrigation per LNNRD certification, 597,770 to 606,295; Gwen Ganz, overvalued-adj. irrigation acres, 96,780 to 50,765; GBB Grain, undervalued-adj. irrigation per LNNRD certification, 363,580 to 364,870; Margaret Grote, omitted-updated improvements, 47,465 to 58,525; Jerry Hanefeldt, overvalued-adj. improved building value after comparing, 219,725 to 211,850; Donald Henery, omitted-added new shed/removed value old home, 74,780 to 74,630; Russell Hirschman, overvalued-adj. depreciation on home, 116,195 to 95,595; Gerald Hotz, overvalued-home visit allowed adj., 107,775 to 102,155; Katherine Hrbek, overvalued-adj. land use/crop to grass, 599,540 to 583,490; Jay Janak, overvalued-removed 2<sup>nd</sup> home site, 104,675 to 100,675; Jay Janak, overvalued-adj. irrigation per LNNRD certification, 131,250 to 131,125; JEM Farms, overvalued-adj. irrigation per LNNRD certification, 118,985 to 113,875; Chris Jessen, undervalued – added irrigation, 708,775 to 819,420; Les Jessen, undervalued-adj. land use/grass to crop, 96,355 to 105,280; LaVon Johnson, overvalued-adj. new home addition to equalize, 934,090 to 926,060; LaVon Johnson, overvalued-adj. grass acres per GIS, 334,730 to 330,820; Michael Kellar, overvalued-adj. river acres per soil survey acres, 253,180 to 241,420; Hazel King, overvalued – salvage value home per conditions, 18,590 to 6,510; Alicia Koehler, omitted-updated improvements, 173,000 to 196,695; Dennis Krupicka, overvalued-adj. subdivision to equalize, 46,280 to 46,260; Jeffrey Loehr, overvalued-adj. subdivision to equalize, 265,290 to 218,195; Shelly J. Luger, omitted-updated improvements, 36,920 to 57,680; Anthony Macke, combined lots per request, 32,075 to 31,605; James R. Maly, overvalued-adj. irrigation per LNNRD certification, 256,775 to 250,350; Helen McCoy, undervalued-added irrigation, 407,200 to 470,395; Brent Miller, overvalued-adj. for frequently flooded soil, 321,600 to 309,155; Grant Miller, overvalued-removed crop acres, 260,280 to 212,450; Kreg Mitteis, undervalued - added dry crop, 77,480 to 79,520; Jacob Morten, undervalued – courtesy notice to new owner, 107,090 to 120,865; Ed Moser, overvalued – adj. irrigated grass per GIS, 565,015 to 560,720; Ed Moser, overvalued – adj. irrigated grass per GIS, 533,985 to 499,524; Michael Nissen, overvalued – soil conversion update-adj. irrigation, 724,245 to 552,715; John Ostermeyer, overvalued – adj. depreciation after review, 161,945 to 158,220; Glen Rudloff, omitted – updated improvements, 546,200 to 558,760; Brian Sandoz, overvalued – adj. subdivision to equalize, 330,315 to 301,580; Dan Schumacher, overvalued – soil conversion update-adj. crop, 314,540 to 249,950; Charles Scott, overvalued-adj. depreciation on old home, 11,615 to 7,295; Marilyn Sharp, overvalued-adj., for soil survey river waste, 115,010 to 70,595; Frank Sommer, overvalued-adj. subdivision to equalize, 94,850 to 94,405; Frank Sommer, overvalued-adj. subdivision to equalize, 123,300 to 119,155; Niela Stark, undervalued-adj. irrigation, 187,685 to 204,645; Larry Straka, overvalued-adj. subdivision to equalize, 138,985 to 127,560; Jeffery Uhler, overvalued-corrected ag land use, 806,880 to 775,215; Derek Van Heek, undervalued-courtesy notice to owner, 225,180 to 226,450; Byron Vanness, overvalued-adj. irrigated grass, 851,610 to 729,340; Byron Vanness, overvalued-adj. irrigated acres, 778,980 to 747,770; Terry Viterna, overvalued-adj. shelterbelt, 239,720 to 238,905; Brian Webb, overvalued-adj. garage valuation, 116,560 to 114,035; Dennis Wiebelhaus, overvalued-home no longer liveable/salvage value, 6,250 to 3,335; Dennis Wiebelhaus, overvalued-adj. CRP acres, 241,830 to 240,715; Dennis Wiebelhaus, overvalued-adj. CRP acres, 161,090 to 159,380; William Wiese, overvalued-removed part irrigation, 561,480 to 519,260; Joyce Wieseler, overvalued-adj. grass/crop acres, 816,960 to 809,580; Willowdale, undervalued-adj. irrigation per LNNRD certification, 659,340 to 663,055; Brian York, overvalued, adj. home to equalize, 36,185 to 32,260; Don Zimmerer, overvalued-corrected ag land use, 366,611 to 341,100; Keith Zimmerman, omitted-added grain bin put up in 2016, 288,225 to 329,840.



Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file Forms 458R Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:49 a.m. on June 29, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
July 13, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of July 13, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor District #1. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Borgmann led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the June 29, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the June 29, 2017 meeting minutes as read with the correction of the vote on Claim #17060202 and Claim #17060253 both payable to Schreier's Lumber Company was as follows: Ayes Districts #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #3. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Nebraska Emergency Management Agency on the State Homeland Security Grant/Emergency Management Performance Grant Monitoring Visit that took place on June 28, 2017.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that all claims except Claim #17070117 in the amount of \$12.84 payable to Schreier's Lumber Company, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that Claim #17070117 in the amount of \$12.84 written from the Road Fund payable to Schreier's Lumber Company, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #3. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$588,889.14 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:00 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:46 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor O'Connor District #1.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2017-09** authorizing Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign the Project Program Agreement between Knox County and the Nebraska Department of Roads for fracture critical bridge inspection and load re-rating (if necessary) services for the Federal-aid project. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION  
SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT  
2017 FRACTURE CRITICAL BRIDGE INSPECTION**

**Knox County  
Resolution No. 2017-09**

Whereas: the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) is developing a transportation project, on the behalf of the county, for which it intends to obtain Federal funds;

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

Whereas: Knox County and the NDOR wish to enter into a Program Agreement to provide for fracture critical bridge inspection and load re-rating (if necessary) services for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County that:  
Chair of the Knox County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between the Knox County and the NDOR.

Knox County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.

NDOR Project Number: STP-NBIS(110) & NBIS (108)  
NDOR Control Number: 00953A & 00958A  
NDOR Project Name: 2017 Fracture Critical Bridge Inspection

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017 at Center Nebraska.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF KNOX COUNTY

James Sokol, Jr. /s/

Absent Martin J. O'Connor

Patrick J. Liska /s/

Virgil H. Miller /s/

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

Danny R. Schlote /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/

Board/Council Member – Supr. Liska  
Moved the adoption of said resolution  
Member Supr. Miller Seconded the Motion  
Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 1 Absent  
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Signature County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Bridge crew update; 3. Oil crew update; 4. Equipment repairs; 5. Crofton north bridge update.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Zoning June Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 2. Update on upcoming Planning Commission meeting to be held on July 18.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected between April 1 and June 30, 2017. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2017-10** directing the County Treasurer to transfer \$106,480.99 in July and in August and the transfer from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to be reduced by \$212,961.98 in the 2017/2018 Budget when it is adopted. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2017 - 10**

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2017-2018 County Road budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 Knox County budget will not be adopted until September 2017, and

WHEREAS, transfers are needed from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund until the 2017-2018 budget is adopted to cover incurred expenses for July and August, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the Knox County Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer \$106,480.99 in July 2017 and \$106,480.99 in August 2017 from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to cover the incurred expenses for July and August, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total transfer from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund that will be adopted in the 2017/2018 Knox County Budget will be reduced by the \$212,961.98 and the remaining balance of the 2017/2018 total transfer to be prorated accordingly from September 2017 through June 2018.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., District #4, Chairman

Absent  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3,

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

James Coburn met with the Board to present his proposed plans for construction in the Devils Nest that includes a marina, a motel, renovation of the Yacht Club, shuttle service to the Ohiya Casino, and golfing plus the construction of new homes.

Brian Keck & Tami Wattnem with New York Life Insurance presented information and a video about a whole-life insurance benefit package and asked that the information be submitted to the employees for their consideration. The insurance premiums would be paid by employee payroll deduction and handled by the County Clerk's Office through the payroll system. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to allow Brian Keck and Tami Wattnem to offer to employees a New York Life Insurance whole life insurance package that is an employee payroll-deduction premium payment plan. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 12:02 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:35 p.m. with all members present except Supervisor O'Connor District #1.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to go into executive session at 12:35 p.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual while discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and

#7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual while discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 12:49 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to close at 12:49 p.m. the executive session that was held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr moves the Board recess at 12:50 p.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 2:04 p.m. with all members except Supervisor O'Connor District #1.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2017-11** transferring \$34,190.59 from the 911 Emergency Fund number 5907 to the newly created 911 Emergency Fund number 2910 as per requirements of the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2017 - 11**

WHEREAS, the Knox County Budget includes a 911 Emergency Fund with a Fund number of 5907, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Budget also includes a 911 Wireless Service Fund with a Fund number of 2913 and a 911 Wireless Holding Fund with a Fund number of 2914, and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts' Office now requires the various 911 Funds to be issued Fund numbers beginning with 291, and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Public Auditor's Office requires the 911 Emergency Fund to be changed from the current 5907 Fund number to a 2910 Fund number, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Clerk has created a new 911 Emergency Fund with the 2910 Fund number within the 2017-2018 budget, and

WHEREAS, there is currently \$34,190.59 in the Fund number 5907 911 Emergency, and  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Knox County Board of Supervisors directs the Knox County Treasurer to transfer \$34,190.59 from the Fund number 5907 911 Emergency to the newly created Fund number 2910 911 Emergency.

#### KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Absent  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Clerk of District Court June Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report of Collections, Disbursements and Balances for six months ending June 30, 2017 and that there were no unpaid claims against Knox County as of June 15, 2017. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the 2017 NIRMA Crime Policy, Liability Package Policy Declaration, Property Package Policy, Common Policy Declarations and Workers' Compensation Policy Declaration Page. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller that the receipts be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$334,995.43.

#18548 – State of Nebraska, rent, 2,205.00; #18549 – Don McElhose, materials, 192.00; #18550 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 260.00; #18551 – State of Nebraska, motor vehicle pro, 12,758.16; #18552 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 1,030.14; #18553 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 137.45; #18554 – State of Nebraska, Personal Property tax credit, 60,993.58; #18555 – State of Nebraska, 6 of 6 payments of homestead exemption, 39,341.38; #18556 – Farmers & Merchants State Bank, interest, 9,905.13; #18557 - Commercial State Bank, interest, 286.71; #18558 - Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 97.00; #18559 – Knox County Clerk, plats, misc fees, marriage license, election recovery, photocopies, 190.00; #18560 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18561 – Knox County Attorney, NSF filing fees & stop funds, 100.00; #18562 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 15.06; #18563 – Clerk of District Court, filing fees, copies & passport fees, 229.50; #18564 – Bohemia Township, culvert/band, 516.00; #18565 – Santee Sioux Nation, law enforcement service, 6,250.00; #18566, Encartele Inc, reimburse for jail phone usage, 34.62; #18567 – Knox County Sheriff, handgun permits & auto inspections, 730.00; #18568 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18569 – SID #1, overpayment to SID #1, 192.60; # 18570 – Knox County Court, fines, court costs, lab test fees & misc. revenue, 3,683.00; #18571 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 210.00; #18572 - State of Nebraska, highway allocation, Build Nebr., & motor vehicle fee, 186,366.63; #18573 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 145.65; #18574 – Knox County Sheriff, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter fees, 1,075.00; #18575 – Allied Oil & Tire, credit from tire disposal, 75.00 #18576 – Register of Deeds, recording fees & documentary stamp tax, 7,900.82; #18577 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 2:16 p.m. to protect the reputation of an individual while reviewing General Assistance Application #3-2017. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual while reviewing General Assistance Application #3-2017. The Board came out of executive session at 2:30 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to close at 2:30 p.m. the executive session held on General Assistance Application #3-2017. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to make a one-time payment on General Assistance Application #3-2017. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 153,904.89; Ann Flood, mental health hearing, 50.00; Ashburn Funeral Home Inc., blood draw, 200.00; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, medical treatment, 120.00; Bloomfield Pharmacy, medication, 59.49; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, weed gas, 79.69; Bomgaars, weed supplies/oil, 77.59; Cellcom-Hartington, case/screen protector, 49.98; Central Valley Ag, weed spray, 2,344.10; Cindy Hild, travel/supplies, 117.74; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rental, 34.00; Clerk of Supreme Court, court costs, 126.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Soc. Sec. Co. pays, 11,551.61; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., Ins. Co. pays, 26,400.00; Creighton News, publishing, 64.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 201.70; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Donald Jiracek, prior service, 25.00; Eakes Office Solutions, office supplies, 34.32; Ecowater Systems, bottled water/salt, 408.50; Elaine's Tavern & Café, prisoner board, 4,998.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,252.66; Health Plan Services Inc., Ins. Co. Pays, 1,698.32; Heartland Energy Management, maintenance agreement, 1,428.00; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning, repairs, 565.00; Hefner Hardware, paint/supplies, 84.82; James Egley, mental health hearing, 75.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Joann M. Fischer, reimburse title fee, 24.00; John Thomas, law books, 371.00; K/V Electric, lights/wiring, 473.11; Kevin R. Piske, mental health hearing, 50.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 104.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., Ins. Co. pays, 79.88; Madison County Sheriff, mental health hearing, 27.61; Madison County District Court, mental health hearing, 50.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 185.00; MIPS, computer program, 796.31; Mobile Binders, book restoration, 3,375.00; National Pen Co. LLC, fair supplies, 382.90; Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging, annual match, 5,971.00; NetCom Inc., antenna repair, 223.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,269.91; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 130.26; Office Systems Co., contract, 184.00; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 203.67; Quality Inn & Conference Center, lodging, 104.95; Quill, office supplies, 647.71; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, ret. Co. pays, 10,118.48; Telebeep, pager, 51.33; the Farner Co. Inc., utensils, 86.53; The Monitor, publishing/envelopes, 97.55; United States Treasury, PCORI fee, 126.56; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 163.87; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 349.95; Valorie Olson, mental health hearing, 50.00; Verdigre farm Service, van gas, 31.32; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 829.00; Wholesale Supply Inc., janitorial supplies, 393.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 57,771.15; B's Enterprises Inc., bits, 960.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 22,737.54; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 43.09; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 33.69; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC, drug test, 35.00; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 375.06; Bomgaars, shop supplies/repairs, 379.59; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, cement mix, 643.05; CHS Wausa, diesel/oil, 1,388.98; Chuck's Auto Repair, alignment/repairs, 100.00; City of Bloomfield, water, 21.75; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 156.97; C-Mart, gas, 125.77; Collector of Internal Revenue, Soc. Sec. Co. pays, 4,369.06; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 4,482.56; Country Market, shop supplies, 26.65; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance county pays, 12,000.00; Creighton News, advertisement, 65.80; Don McElhose Trucking & Construction, clay rock/haul, 5,290.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 1,308.63; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 955.26; Great Plains Communications, phone, 477.39; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repairs/filters/shop supplies, 393.15; Hage Glass, repairs, 247.91; Health Plan Services, insurance county pays, 679.32; Hefner Ace Hardware, shop supplies, 34.35; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/oil, 6,801.19; James Carlson, sand, 1,500.00; Kayton International, repairs, 241.50; Kersten Auto Co. LLC, repairs, 39.00; Kevin Barta, title/tire fee, 15.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 116.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 304.66; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance county pays, 30.47; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 6,876.26; Marcel Kramer, clay, 300.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., shop supplies, 218.92; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 31.00; Melvin Barger dba Barger Farms Inc., gravel, 600.00; Mitteis Gravel, gravel/haul, 2,369.49; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 38.01; Niobrara Trading Post, gas, 121.88; North American Truck & Trailer Inc., repairs, 1,125.20; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 259.93; Peitz GMC Service Inc., repairs, 215.63; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, ret. Co. pays, 3,812.47; Ronald Bourn, gravel/haul, 771.20; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 12.84; State of Nebraska Motor Fuels Division, diesel tax, 1,977.00; Steffens Service, gas, 145.45; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 490.71; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 3,145.75; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/repairs/post/wire, 3,349.10; Viking Lumber, concrete, 27.50; Village of Center, water/sewer, 25.50; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.63; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 60.75; Willow Creek Sand and Gravel, gravel/haul, 25,612.82.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.98; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 46.00; Postmaster, postage, 217.50.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** Great Plains Communications Inc., kiosk internet, 97.65

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** MIPS, computer program, 146.34.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 2,918.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Soc. Sec. Co. pays, 215.66; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance county pays, 800.00; Great Plains Communications, phone and internet, 51.98; Health Plan Services, insurance county pays, 39.96; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance county pays, 1.83; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 27.82; Nicole Sedlacek, LKC Codes, 150.00; NENEDD, meeting fee, 10.00; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, ret. Co. pays, 196.99; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 35.38.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Cad Paulsen Construction, wall repair, 148,449.00; Fitzgerald Vetter Temple & Bartell, court apt attorney, 5,545.15; Guarantee roofing & Sheet Metal Inc., balance due on roof, 6,649.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 6,955.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Verlyn Luebbe, special county attorney, 469.50.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 7.24; Crofton Journal/Niobrara tribune, publishing, 6.81; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 172.11; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 14.96 ; Platte Valley Communications Inc., battery replacement, 112.09; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 495.71; Platte Valley Communications Inc., battery replacement, 477.84; Three River Telco, phone, 179.34.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bob's Candy Service, inmate commissary, 382.80.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	236,043.19
Road Fund	175,796.58
Child Support Fund	315.48
Visitor's Improvement Fund	97.65
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	146.34
C&C Development Fund	4,447.95

Inheritance Fund	170,150.98
911 Emergency Fund	355.28
911 Wireless Service Fund	1,152.89
Sheriff Commissary Fund	<u>382.80</u>
Total	588,889.14

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:31 p.m., July 13, 2017 until Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

July 13, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:00 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of July 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor District #1. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the June 29, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the June 29, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

At 10:05 a.m., Chairman Schlote opened the advertised public hearing on Protests #3-2017 through #16-2017 that were filed between June 16 and June 30.

County Clerk Fischer swore in County Assessor McManigal. Chairman Schlote announced for the record that no decisions would be made by the Board of Equalization on the protests at the hearing.

**Protest #3-2017** – Andrew M. Stech, 54537 863 RD, Osmond NE 68765, W1/2SE1/4 less tracts in the S1/2SW1/4SE1/4 & less 0.56 acres to the State, in Section 19, T29N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 63.51 acres. Co. Assessor McManigal read the filed protest into record. Andrew Stech was present, sworn in and gave taped testimony.

**Protest #4-2017** – Andrew M. Stech, 54537 863 RD, Osmond NE 68765, NE1/4SE1/4 & Part of SE1/4SE1/4 in Section 19, T29N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. Co. Assessor McManigal read the filed protest into record. Andrew Stech was present, sworn in and gave taped testimony and presented addition written information.

**Protest #5-2017** – Brent Miller, 2629 SW 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln NE 68522, S1/2NE1/4 & SE1/4 in Section 6, T31N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. County Assessor McManigal read the filed protest into record. Representative Virgil Miller was present, sworn in and gave taped testimony.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve and place on file the following 2017 Omitted/Undervalued and Overvalued/Clerical Notices. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Bo Bauer, flat valued home, overvalued-15,640 to 12,970; Steven Brunette, overvalued-adjust land use, 138,325 to 136,200; Steven Brunette, overvalued-adjust land use, 70,140 to 69,180; Steven Brunette, overvalued-adjust land use, 220,600 to 190,400; Steven Brunette, overvalued-adjust land use, 662,955 to 587,040; CHS Inc., omitted-added two vertical fertilizer tanks, 749,520 to 762,335; Matthew Doerr, overvalued-adjust land use using aerial/FSA map, 506,580 to 505,210; Matthew Doerr, overvalued-adjust land use using aerial/FSA map, 114,445 to 106,465; Rodney Doerr, overvalued-adjust land use using aerial/FSA map, 220,450 to 199,480; Frank Hanzlik, undervalued-adjust land use, 163,925 to 186,945; Herbert Feed & Grain, omitted-valued liquid fertilizer mixer, 209,025 to 234,025; Kelly Ickler, overvalued—adjusted land use/reviewed homes, 225,975 to 224,235; Bradley Sage, overvalued-adjust ag land after review, 61,850 to 55,835; Bradley Sage, overvalued-adjust ag land after review, 561,365 to 551,360; Jeffery Uhler, overvalued-corrected ag land use, 208,410 to 203,010; Jeffery Uhler, overvalued-corrected ag land use, 340,050 to 281,015.

Co. Assessor McManigal informed the Board that there are still personal property schedules due. A new procedure was used for the non-filers which is the State will file the same amount of personal property for the non-filers and a 25% penalty fee is assessed against these people. This procedure is the option of the County and has not been implemented yet.

Discussion was held on soil types and waste changes.

Chairman Schlote recessed the Board of Equalization at 10:46 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. noting that the open public hearing remains open and will continue upon reconvening.

The Knox County Board of Equalization reconvened at 12:50 p.m. with all members present except Supervisor O'Connor District #1. The public hearing opened at 10:05 a.m. remains open.

**Protest #6-2017** - Brad Sage, PO Box 144, Niobrara NE 68760, SW1/4SW1/4 in Section 6, T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 39.27 acres. Co. Assessor McManigal read the filed protest into record. Brad Sage was present, sworn in and gave taped testimony.

**Protest #7-2017** - Brad Sage, PO Box 144, Niobrara NE 68760, NW1/4NW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4 & SE1/4 in Section 7, T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 359.37 acres. Co. Assessor McManigal read the filed protest into record. Brad Sage was present, sworn in and gave taped testimony.

**Protest #8-2017** - Bradley A. Sage, PO Box 144, Niobrara NE 68760, S1/2NW1/4 & N1/2SW1/4 in Section 8, T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 160 acres. Co. Assessor McManigal read the filed protest into record. Brad Sage was present, sworn in and gave taped testimony.

**Protest #9-2017** - Bradley A. Sage, PO Box 144, Niobrara NE 68760, SW1/4SW1/4 in Section 8, T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 40 acres. Co. Assessor McManigal read the filed protest into record. Brad Sage was present, sworn in and gave taped testimony.

**Protest #10-2017** - Bradley A. Sage, PO Box 144, Niobrara NE 68760, SE1/4NE1/4 in Section 12, T32N, R5W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 40 acres. Co. Assessor McManigal read the filed protest into record. Brad Sage was present, sworn in and gave taped testimony.

**Protest #11-2017** - L. Jay Cihlar, PO Box 144, Verdigre NE 68783, Pt. NE1/4NE1/4, Pt. SE1/4NW1/4 Is SW1/4NE1/4 in Section 5, T30N, R6W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 68.33 acres. Co. Assessor McManigal read the filed protest into record. Representative John Cihlar was sworn in and gave taped testimony.

**Protest #12-2017** - Steve Wieseler, 54524 895 RD Crofton NE 68730. The protest form shows Parcel #54000793 SE1/4SW1/4, S1/2SE1/4 in Section 30, T33N, R2W being 120 acres however the form showed the protested valuation and requested valuation for Parcel #540009794 N1/2NE1/4 in Section 30, T33N, R2W being 80 acres. Mr. Wieseler said it was his intention to protest Parcel #540009794. Steve Wieseler was present, sworn in and gave taped testimony on Parcel #540009794. Co. Assessor McManigal read the protest into record and gave information on the parcel that was the intention of the protestor to be protested.

**Protest #13-2017** - Matt Doerr, 53876 878 RD, Bloomfield NE 68718, S1/2NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4 & SW1/4SW1/4 in Section 23, T30N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. Co. Assessor McManigal read the filed protest into record. Matt Doerr was present, sworn in and gave taped testimony.

**Protest #14-2017** - Alansco LTD, 3402 Long Creed DR, Fort Collins CO 80528, NW1/4 & W1/2SW1/4 in Section 32, T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 240 acres. Co. Assessor McManigal read the filed protest into record. Representative Steve MacGregor was present, sworn in and gave taped testimony.

**Protest #15-2017** - Alansco LTD, 3402 Long Creed DR, Fort Collins CO 80528, NE1/4 & E1/2SE1/4 in Section 31, T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 240 acres. Co. Assessor McManigal read the filed protest into record. Representative Steve MacGregor was present, sworn in and gave taped testimony.

**Protest #16-2017** - Alansco LTD, 3402 Long Creed DR, Fort Collins CO 80528, NW1/4NE1/4 & NW1/4 in Section 5, T31N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 201.59 acres. Co. Assessor McManigal read the filed protest into record. Representative Steve MacGregor was present, sworn in and gave taped testimony.

Chairman Schlote closed the public hearing at 2:03 p.m.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 2:04 p.m. on July 13, 2017 until 9:00 a.m. on July 17, 2017 for a special meeting/public hearing to make final decisions on the 2017 filed protests and until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

Center, Nebraska  
July 17, 2017  
9:00 a.m.

A special meeting/public hearing of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of July 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1 and Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5. Chairman Schlote presiding. Also present were Co. Assessor McManigal, Deputy Co. Assessor Beckmann and County Clerk Fischer.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette newspapers, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

Reading of the minutes of the July 13, 2017 meeting was dispensed with and will be read at the July 27, 2017 meeting.

Chairman Schlote opened the advertised public hearing at 9:04 a.m.

Supervisor Mackeprang arrived at 9:06 a.m.

The Board reviewed GIS maps and presented information from County Assessor McManigal and the protestors.

The following action was taken in this order by the Knox County Board of Equalization:

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to concur with Assessor's recommendation to deny **Protest #1-2017**, Gary Ralston, 52893 Hwy 59, Creighton NE 68729, Pt. SE1/4SE1/4 Is. 0.36 acre tract for highway in Section 19, T29N, R5W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 1.14 acres, as property is valued comparable to like properties. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that after viewing GIS and aerial maps on **Protest #2-2017**, Randall D. Wieseler, 41618 W Elm Dr., Maricopa AZ 85138, SW1/4 in Section 29, T33N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska being 160 acres, corrections be made after adjusting tree cover valuation reducing the valuation from \$307,670 to \$302,165. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to concur with Assessor's recommendation to deny **Protest #3-2017**, Andrew M. Stech, 54537 863 RD, Osmond NE 68765, W1/2SE1/4 less tracts in the S1/2SW1/4SE1/4 & less 0.56 acres to the State in Section 19, T29R, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 63.51 acres, as property is valued comparable to like properties. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to concur with Assessor's recommendation to deny **Protest #4-2017**, Andrew M. Stech, 54537 863 RD, Osmond NE 68765, NE14SE1/4 & part of SE1/4SE1/4 in Section 19, T29R, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 55.9 acres, as property is valued comparable to like properties. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr. seconded by Supr. Liska that after viewing GIS and aerial maps of **Protest #5-2017**, Brent Miller, 2629 SW 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln NE 68522, S1/2NE1/4 & SE1/4 in Section 6, T31N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 240 acres, corrections be made by adjusting for creek area and adjusting tree acre pricing reducing valuation from \$309,155 to \$286,175. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #3. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller that after viewing GIS and aerial maps of **Protest #6-2017**, Brad Sage, PO Box 144, Niobrara NE 68760, SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 6, T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 39.27 acres, corrections be made by adjusting the tree valuation reducing valuation from \$61,850 to \$37,775. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that after viewing GIS aerial maps of **Protest #7-2017**, Brad Sage, PO Box 144, Niobrara NE 68760, NW1/4NW1/4, S1/2NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4 & SE1/4 in Section 7, T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 359.37 acres, corrections be made by granting waste for water draw and adjusting tree valuation reducing valuation from \$561,365 to \$534,375. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to concur with Assessor's recommendation to deny **Protest #8-2017**, Bradley A. Sage, PO Box 144, Niobrara NE 68760, S1/2NW1/4 & N1/2SW1/4 in Section 8, T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 160 acres, as property is valued comparable to like properties. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to concur with Assessor's recommendation to deny **Protest #9-2017**, Bradley A. Sage, PO Box 144, Niobrara NE 68760, SW1/4SW1/4 in Section 8, T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 40 acres, as property is valued comparable to like properties. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that after viewing GIS and aerial maps of **Protest #10-2017**, Bradley A. Sage, PO Box 144, Niobrara NE 68760, SE1/4NE1/4 in Section 12, T32N, R5W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 40 acres, corrections be made by adjusting the tree valuation reducing valuation from \$51,285 to \$49,670. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that after viewing GIS and aerial maps of **Protest #11-2017**, L. Jay Cihlar, PO Box 144, Verdigre NE 68783, Pt. NE1/4NE1/4 & Pt. SE1/4NE1/4 Is. SW1/4NE1/4 in Section 5, T30N, R6W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 68.33 acres, corrections be made by lowering the valuation of the tree areas reducing the valuation from \$87,550 to \$81,085. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann that after viewing GIS and aerial maps of **Protest #12-2017**, Steve Wieseler, 54524 895 RD, Crofton NE 68730, noting there was a mismatch on the protest form and that the intended protest property is the N1/2NE1/4 in Section 30, T33N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska being 80 acres, corrections be made to Parcel 540009794 by valuing tree area different than prior reducing the valuation from \$191,580 to \$180,550. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to concur with Assessor's recommendation to deny **Protest #13-2017**, Matt Doerr, 53876 878 RD, Bloomfield NE 68718, S1/2NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4 & SW1/4SW1/4 in Section 23, T30N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, as property is valued comparable to like properties. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to deny **Protest #14-2017**, Alansco LTD, 3402 Long Creek DR, Fort Collins CO 80528, NW1/4 & W1/2SW1/4 of Section 32, T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 240 acres, as protests are for valuations only-not taxes as was the reason given by protestor for the protest and Board noted no requested valuation was given. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to deny **Protest #15-2017**, Alansco LTD, 3402 Long Creek DR, Fort Collins CO 80528, NE1/4 & E1/2SE1/4 of Section 31, T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 240 acres, as protests are for valuations only-not taxes as was the reason given by protestor for the protest and Board noted no requested valuation was given. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to deny **Protest #16-2017**, Alansco LTD, 3402 Long Creek DR, Fort Collins CO 80528, NW1/4NE1/4 & NW1/4 Section 5, T31N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being 201.59 acres, as protests are for valuations only-not taxes as was the reason given by protestor for the protest and Board noted no requested valuation was given. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Chairman Schlote closed the public hearing at 12:00 p.m.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 12:03 p.m. on July 17, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
July 27, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of July 27, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Mackeprang led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the July 13, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the July 13, 2017 meeting minutes as read with the correction that the Board came out of executive session at 2:30 p.m. and the executive session was also closed at 2:30 p.m.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Jail Standards Division of the Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice stating that the Knox County Jail was determined to be in full compliance with the Standards at the time of inspection on May 25, 2017; 2. Notice that the Northeast Nebraska Weed Management Area received a Missouri National Recreational River Partnership Award for 2016 from the National Park Service; 3. Letter from The Secretary of the Interior Washington explaining the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds the County received.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$194,655.82 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:03 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:34 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussed the need to tile along the oiled road northwest of Wausa. Quotes will be obtained from P & E of Hartington and Porter Tiling of Creighton; 2. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign the contract between Knox County and Theisen Construction, Inc. for bridge project STWD-CBMP(1): C005425605 Creighton North. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Bridge crew update; 4. Update on Crofton Bridge Project; 5. Verdigre North Federal Aid Bridge Project. The project may not be let until 2019; 6. Update on the BIA "Stark" bridge; 7. Oil crew update; 8. Equipment repairs; 9. Update on work done on slide north of Center. Dozer patch work is being done; 10. An ad was placed in the local papers regarding roadside mowing; 11. Complaint about stop sign in Winnetoon. Several signs have been moved.

At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened an advertised public hearing for consideration of a reuse loan application submitted by Laura and James Sucha on the Country Café in Niobrara. Also present were Diana Eckmann, Jeff Christensen from NENEDD and Economic Development Director Megan Hanefeldt. Pinnacle Bank will have first lien and Knox County will have second lien on the real estate and equipment. Through the lease process the rent that had been paid will be applied towards the down payment.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing at 11:05 a.m. There was no one present in opposition to the reuse loan application. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve a \$50,000 reuse loan to Laura and James Sucha for the purchase of the Country Café in Niobrara at 4.5% interest and Knox County to take a second lien position behind Pinnacle Bank on the real estate and equipment. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the June 13, 2017 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. At 11:11 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened an advertised public hearing on the Pfeiffer's Landing Subdivision Plat for a tract in part of the W1/2SW1/4 of Section 15, T33N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Discussion was held on an extension of road that was approved by the township for maintenance and easements. Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the public hearing at 11:20 a.m. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve the Pfeiffer's Landing Subdivision Plat located in the W1/2SW1/4 of Section 15, T33N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. The Board reviewed zoning fee changes that were suggested by the Planning Commission. The Board revised the Setback Adjustment fee from the \$100 suggested fee to \$250. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2017 - 12** approving and adopting zoning fees and late fees effective September 1, 2017. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2017 - 12**

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Planning Commission has reviewed the fee schedule at their July 18, 2017 meeting,

**AND WHEREAS** the Knox County Planning Commission has made recommendation for changes to the Fee Schedule to the Knox County Board of Supervisors for approval;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THAT THE FOLLOWING FEE SCHEDULE BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED AND SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2017:**

	Fee	Late Fee
Administrative Plat/Agricultural Administrative Plat	\$100	\$200
Zoning/Building Permit	\$50 plus \$1/\$1,000 of estimated construction cost	
		\$200-up to \$10,000 in value
		\$500-\$10,001 & above in value
Agricultural Structures (If on more than 20 acres	\$0	\$500
That produce more than \$1,000 of agricultural		



Products per year.)		
Conditional Use	\$200	\$400
Plus Zoning Permit fee of \$1/\$1,000 of construction cost for structures or \$300/tower whichever is less.		
Floodplain Development Permit		
Appurtenant Structure or Not a substantial improvement	\$50	\$100
Substantial Improvement/new structure	100	\$200
Lot Platting	\$200 base plus \$50/lot platted	\$400 plus \$5/lot platted
Rezone or Regulations Amendment	\$500	
Sign Fees-200 sq. ft. advertising sign	\$200	\$400
80 sq. ft. advertising sign	\$80	\$160
Permits expire after 5 years-All renewals 1/2 price.		
Variance Appeal	\$250	\$500
Setback Adjustment	\$250	

Dated this 27th day of July, 2017.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Dist. #4, Chairman,

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, Dist. #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, Dist. #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, Dist. #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Dist. #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, Dist. #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, Dist. #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Zoning Administrator Doerr continued with the following: 4. The next Planning Commission meeting will be held in September; 5. Zoning Administrator Doerr and Emergency Manager Hintz had applied for a sign through Silver Jackets and have learned that Knox County will receive one. The sign that is about the Missouri River flooding that took place in June 2011 will be placed near the boat landing at Lazy River Acres; 6. Discussed Antelope County updates to their zoning regulations regarding wind projects.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve an additional 1% over the 2 1/2% basic limitation allowable increase to restricted funds for the Knox County 2017/2018 budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to publish the following current salaries as per Nebraska Revised Statute 23-122. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Pursuant to Section 23-122, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, salaries & job descriptions of County officials and employees are required to be published between July 15 and August 15. Eligible Knox County employees receive a single health insurance policy or a taxable \$330/month stipend for opting out of County health insurance coverage, a single dental/vision policy and a \$5,000 life insurance policy as a benefit. Those not receiving insurance will be marked "no insurance". Non-exempt employees' salaries are based on an eight-hour workday and non-exempt employees are eligible for overtime pay for hours worked over 40 hours a week at one & one-half times hourly rate. The following are current salaries of Knox County officials and employees: Supervisor/Chairman - \$2,026.15/month; 3 Supervisors - \$1,926.15/month; 3 Supervisor - \$1,926.15/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; Co. Attorney, Clk. of Dist. Ct., Co. Assessor, Co. Clk. & Co. Treas. - \$4,815.37/month; Co. Sheriff - \$5,415.37/month + \$110 uniform allowance/month & \$50 phone/internet/month; Co. Surveyor - \$83.33/month; Hwy. Supt. - \$5,523.70/month + vehicle benefit + \$330/month opt out stipend; Emergency Mgr. - \$3,956.33/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; Part-time Zoning Admin. - \$22.55/hour + \$45 cellphone allowance/month & \$25 internet allowance/month (no insurance); Veterans Service Officer - \$19.75/hour; Weed Supt. - \$18.85/hour summer months (no insurance); Dev. Agency Director - \$2,918.33/month; 911 Coordinator - \$16.25/hour + \$55.00 uniform allowance/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; Deputy Assessor - \$20.01/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month; Deputy Clk. of Dist. Ct. - \$20.01/hour + \$330/month opt out stipend; Deputy Clk. & Deputy Treas. - \$20.01/hour; Office Clerk - \$16.04/hour; Recording Clerk - \$15.25/hour; 2 Office Clerks - \$15.25/hour; Office Clerk - \$14.91/hour; Clerks/Appraiser - \$15.82/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month; Clerk/Appraiser - \$14.97/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month; Clerk/Appraiser - \$12.50/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; Office Manager - \$20.01/hour; 2 Part-time Office Managers - \$18.58/hour (no insurance); Part-time Secretary - \$15.00/hour (no insurance); Part-time Receptionist - \$9/hour (no insurance); Custodian - \$15.00/hour; Chief Deputy Sheriff - \$3,927.83/month + \$34.25 other hours + \$110 uniform allowance/month; Deputy Sheriff - \$3,838.56/month + \$33.48 other hours + \$110 uniform allowance/month; Deputy Sheriff - \$3,471.85/month + \$30.28 other hours + \$110 uniform allowance/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; Deputy Sheriff - \$3,406.88/month + \$29.71 other hours + 110 uniform allowance/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; 4 Part-time Deputy Sheriff - \$20.03/hour (no insurance); Head Jailer - \$19.45/hour + \$55 uniform allowance/month; 3 Jailors - \$16.70/hour + \$55 uniform allowance/month; Jailer - \$15.88/hour + \$55 uniform allowance/month; Jailer - \$15.50/hour + \$55 uniform allowance/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; Jailer - \$15.50/hour + \$55 uniform allowance/month; Jailer - \$14.75/hour + \$55 uniform allowance/month; Administrative Assistant - \$15.75/hour + \$55 uniform allowance; 8 Patrol Operators - \$16.90/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; Patrol Operator - \$16.90/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; Patrol Operator - \$15.00/hour + \$35 uniform allowance/month; 3 Truck Drivers - \$16.90/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; Truck Driver - \$16.50/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; Crane Operator/Truck Driver - \$16.90/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; Mechanic - \$19.85/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; Oil Foreman - \$18.93/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; Substitute Oil Foreman - \$18.93/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; Bridge Foreman - \$18.93/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that the receipts be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$36,514.82.

#18578 - Midwest Bank, interest, 1,246.58; #18579 - Cedar County Treasurer, tax collections - Crofton Fire Gen & Sink & Wausa Fire, 149.27; #18580 - Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18581 - Knox County Zoning, building permit, 30.00; #18582 - NENEDD, July 2017 business loan payments, 5,642.75; #18583 - United States Treasury, reimburse for housing inmate, 405.00; #18584 - Frontier Communications, 911 surcharges, 3.96; #18585 - Michael Kracht, fine/signs, 162.50; #18586 - Knox County Sheriff, work release, 275.00; #18587 - Knox County Sheriff,

inmate commissary, 80.45; #18588 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 120.00; #18589 – economic development reuse loan application fee, 500.00; #18590 – Knox County Development Leadership Program, program fees, 2,625.00; #18591 – State of Nebraska, IV-D quarterly CSE reimbursement, 7,018.27; #18592 – Knox County Sheriff, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates, 9,248.00; #18593 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18594 – Vonage, 911 surcharges, 9.00; #18595 – Dan Wamberg, salvage bridge, 500.00; #18596 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 3,010.03; #18597 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 20.00; #18598 – Estate of Shirley Hilkemeier, inheritance tax, 4,772.91; 18599 – Midwest bank, interest, 329.10; #18600 – Three River, 911 surcharges, 317.00.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into executive session at 11:50 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual while reviewing a revision request on General Assistance Application #3-2017. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual while reviewing a revision request on General Assistance Application #3-2017. The Board came out of executive session at 11:59 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to close at 11:59 a.m. the executive session that was held on a revision request on General Assistance Application #3-2017. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Approval of General Assistance Application #3-2017 remains in effect as a one-time payment.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Chairman Sokol, Jr. who said that Hwy. Supt. Barta and he will be going to the Miller Feed Lot north of Bloomfield to discuss road issues, concrete and engineering costs, and requesting gates removed from on top of one of the hills.

A special meeting will be held on August 24, 2017 beginning at 9:00 a.m. to review the 2017/2018 proposed budget with officials and department heads.

The Board made a quarterly visit to the Knox County Jail as per Nebraska Revised Statute 47-109.

**GENERAL FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, computer drives, 1,999.31; Aspen Warriner, lawn contract, 750.00; Bloomfield Auto Parts, oil/parts, 17.85; Bomgaars, supplies, 83.25; CenturyLink, long distance, 95.05; Chad Paulsen Construction, tuckpoint Annex #1 and old jail and sidewalk caulking, 20,295.00; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 30.50; Connecting Point, service printers, 360.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 83.59; Dale Riesberg, meeting expense, 54.96; Dean Wilken, meeting expense, 45.87; Dollar General, supplies, 271.50; Don Henery, reimburse fuel, 45.04; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 31.19; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/fair supplies, 2,039.68; Fred Steffen, meeting expense, 64.59; Hagge Glass, install new glass in foyer doors, 300.00; Herbert Feed & Grain Company, weed chemicals, 507.49; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 110.00; Jeannoutot Plumbing; water heater/parts/labor, 890.81; Jim Kotrous, meeting expense, 42.12; Keith Nielsen, meeting expense, 39.45; Ken Foner, meeting expense, 37.84; Knox County Court, court costs, 134.00; Knox County Fair Board, admission, 30.00; Madison County Sheriff, house inmate, 800.00; Micro Distributing II LTD., test kits, 406.25; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; NE Assn. of Clerks ROD & Election Commissioners, workshop registration, 100.00; Office Systems Company, copier agreement, 246.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 78.48; Repco Marketing Inc., PBT Solution, 26.00; Robert Ganz, meeting expense, 36.77; Roger Vech dba Vech Construction, lay carpet, 1,070.00; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 122.50; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, sprinkler repair, 177.37; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/time sheets, 672.00; Viewu, body cameras, 125.00; Yankton Fire & Safety Co. Inc., inspection, 141.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Enterprises Inc., signs, 192.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 16,410.90; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 40.50; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs/filters/shop supplies, 636.14; Bomgaars, shop supplies/umbrella, 424.36; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 54.97; C-Mart LLC, gas, 140.16; Crane Sales & Service, repairs, 232.97; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 140.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, advertisement, 106.69; Don McElhose Trucking & Construction, clay rock/haul/equipment rental, 4,960.00; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/tordon, 1,428.22; J&K Auto, repairs, 20.00; Jebro Inc., road oil, 30,069.51; Largen Manufacturing Co., repairs, 40.00; Lynn Smith, clay, 300.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 144.22; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/shop tools, 410.60; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 42,714.00; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 140.00; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tire repair, 222.00; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 140.85; Walton Electronics, cb radio, 54.95; Weldon Parts Norfolk, repairs, 471.86; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 8,839.97; Yankton Fire & Safety Co., inspection, 561.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.95.

**ECOMONIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Laura & James Sucha dba Country Café, reuse loan, 50,000.00.

**C & C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Blane Canada LTD., dues/licensing, 1,500.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 5.95; First National Bank Omaha, travel/subscription/ leadership, 1,074.67; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 149.80.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 98.10; First National Bank Omaha, fair handouts, 60.30.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 418.22.

TOTALS	
General Fund	32,400.96
Road Fund	108,941.87
Child Support Fund	5.95
Economic Development Fund	50,000.00
C & C Development Fund	2,730.42
911 Emergency Fund	158.40
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>418.22</u>
Total	\$194,655.82

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:15 p.m., July 27, 2017 until Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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July 27, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:03 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of July 27, 2017 at 10:03 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the July 13, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the July 13, 2017 minutes as read with the correction that the procedure to use for late-filed personal property schedules is the option of the County and has not been implemented yet.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Chairman Schlote opened a public hearing at 10:19 a.m. on Form 457 Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organization Good Samaritan Society-Bloomfield on five vehicles.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file Notices of Rejection of Homestead Exemptions. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Schlote closed the open public hearing at 10:25 a.m. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve Form 457 Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by Qualifying Nonprofit Organization for Good Samaritan Society-Bloomfield on a 2008 Chevrolet 4-door sedan, a 2007 Ford Sport Van, a 2006 Star Bus, a 2010 Chevrolet pickup and a 2017 Dodge passenger van. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file as per Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1311.02 the 2017 Knox County Three Year Plan of Assessment. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. County Assessor McManigal said that the plan does not cover the upcoming fiscal budget information as the budget won't be approved until September.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:34 a.m. on July 27, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
August 10, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of August 10, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the July 27, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the July 27, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Knox County Development Agency June 26, 2017 meeting minutes, Director's Report and agenda for July meeting.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$624,171.65.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Clerk of the District Court July Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:02 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:12 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussed quotes for tiling along the County oil road northwest of Wausa. A quote was received from Plumbing Electric Service of Hartington in the amount of \$14,550 and Porter Tiling of Creighton was asked for a quote however Porter Tiling said it would be approximately \$14,700 for their services but they were not interested in the project. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the quote from Plumbing Electric Service of Hartington in the amount of \$14,550 for tiling along one side of the County oil

road northwest of Wausa. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Oil crew update; 3. Bridge crew update; 4. Update on Crofton North Bridge Project; 5. Equipment repairs; 6. Discussed a bridge project near Pischelville and a culvert project west of Verdigre. Also discussed was replacing a wood bridge in Niobrara Township that is in an area that drains 1,400 acres. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to accept a quote from Husker Steel of Columbus NE in the amount of \$56,687 for steel materials and concrete for a 25' 6" x 28' slab bridge east of Niobrara near the Matt Colwell farm. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the July Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened an advertised public hearing at 10:42 a.m. for consideration of Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0030 submitted by Kreg W. Mitteis & Sons for operation of a gravel pit in Harrison Township. Kreg Mitteis and Kelly Nickels were present to answer questions. Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing at 10:55 a.m. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2017 – 13** approving Conditional Use Permit #CU0030 Kreg Mitteis & Sons (dba Willow Creek Sand & Gravel) to operate a dry gravel pit on the S1/2SW1/4 and the SE1/4 of Section 7 and all of Section 18, all in T31N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska subject to conditions. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2017 – 13**

**WHEREAS**, Kreg W. Mitteis & Sons (dba Willow Creek Sand & gravel) have applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0030 to operate a dry gravel pit on the following described real estate:

The South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S1/2SW1/4) and the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4), Section 7 and all of Section 18, Township Thirty-one (31) North, Range Four (4) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska.

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on July 18, 2017, and

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Planning Commission has found that the application complies with the Knox County Zoning Regulations, and hereby makes a recommendation to approve the permit with the following conditions:

1. A sign must be posted at the entrance that includes the business name and address along with emergency contact information.
2. Applicant shall comply with Mine Safety and Health Administration.
3. The operator shall supply proof of liability insurance.
4. Within 1 year of the close of operation, the topsoil shall be redistributed, and the land graded and seeded as to prevent erosion and siltation.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** that the Kreg W. Mitteis & Sons Conditional Use Permit #CU0030 be approved.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

### KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Zoning Administrator Doerr continued with the following: 3. Mrs. Doerr showed the Board the sign that was received to be placed at Lazy River Acres regarding the June 2011 Missouri River flooding.

Emergency Manager Hintz presented information about a proposed communication tower. Cedar County has a used tower that they plan to sell. NRIN would pay for the cost of the tower, taking it down and moving to Knox County and Knox County would have to pay the cost of pouring the concrete and putting up the tower.

County Attorney Thomas and the Board discussed court cases. Supr. Marty O'Connor asked if all court cases to be heard by a judge are listed on the court docket and if an attorney involved in a case could request at the last minute to have a case heard therefore the case would not be listed on the docket. County Attorney Thomas responded that it is rarely done.

Economic Development Director Hanefeldt reviewed with the Board her drafts of the proposed budgets for the funds of the Economic Development, C & C Development, Visitor's Promotion and Visitor's Improvement.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the District Seven Probation Year End Review and Departmental Budget Request for 2017/2018. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the National Association of Counties (NACo) prescription program. Knox County is a member of NACo and has been enrolled in the NACo Discount Prescription program. NACo has enhanced the program and is now called the NACo Live Healthy program that offers discounts on prescriptions, dental treatments and health costs, including vision procedures, hearing aids and screenings, prepaid lab work, diabetes supplies and more. County Clerk Fischer asked the Board if Knox County could enroll in the enhanced program and the County Clerk's Office would relaunch the prescription discount program along with adding the health and dental discount option to Knox County residents. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize enrolling Knox County in the NACo Live Health program and the Knox County Clerk's Office to relaunch of the discount prescription discount program with the addition of the discounted health and dental discount program. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Clerk of the District Court Fischer met with the Board on the following: 1. Update from NIRMA on lawsuits; 2. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign the Clerk of the

District Court Sub-Award between the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Clerk Fischer and the Board discussed the future of the school art fair exhibits. The Board would like the school art exhibits to continue at the Knox County Fair and options were discussed to make that happen.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that the receipts be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$66,296.09.

#18601 – State of Nebraska, funding for 911 service, 4,772.55; #18602 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 560.96; #18603 – Country Café, loan closing fee, 250.00; #18604 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 10.00; #18605 – State of Nebraska, rent, 2,205.00; #18606 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18607 – Midwest Bank, interest, 5,833.98; #18608 – Northern Ponca Housing Authority, in lieu of tax, 1,100.59; #18609 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 49.90; #18610 – Leon Beckman, culvert, 360.00; #18611 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 30.00; #18612 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 1,046.02; #18613 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 147.52; #18614 – Clerk of District Court, filing fees, copies & passport fees, 231.75; #18615 – Knox County Clerk, plats, misc. fees, c.c. marriage licenses & copies, 97.44; #18616 – Great Plains Communications Inc., 911 surcharges, 8,678.24; #18617 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18618 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 573.42; #18619 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 1,495.90; #18620 – Estate of Terry L. Carlow, inheritance tax, 28,000.34; #18621 – Knox County Sheriff, July 2017 collections, 750.00; #18622 – Estate of Leslie Erickson, inheritance tax, interest & penalty, 1,423.78; #18623 – Encartele Inc., reimburse jail phone usage, 90.69; #18624 – Stelling Farms, plank, 140.00; #18625 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18626 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18627 – Knox County Sheriff, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter mileage and fees, 1,929.84; #18628 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 26.75; #18629 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 1,449.32; #18630 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 10.00; #18631 – Knox County Court, fines, overload fines, court costs & lab test fees, 4,509.00; #18632 – Carol E Sokol, inheritance tax-Charles Sokol Jr. Estate, 398.10; #18633 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 159,642.45; Applied Connective Technologies, IT bill/toner, 1,039.50; Central Valley Ag, weed spray, 558.60; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rental, 23.50; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 33.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 11,983.65; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 26,400.00; Creston Fertilizer Co., weed chemicals, 814.15; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 508.20; D&L Tire LLC, tires/repairs, 446.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dollar General, office supplies, 15.25; Donald Jiracek, prior service, 25.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 80.00; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 489.75; Elaine's Tavern & Café, prisoner board, 3,675.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,169.13; Health Plan Services Inc., insurance County pays, 1,883.12; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., weed chemicals, 534.20; Independent Pest management, pest control, 35.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; John Thomas, fax fee, 11.00; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees, 2.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 79.88; Liz Doerr, mileage, 42.66; Madison County Treasurer, probation officer costs, 7,041.24; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 698.31; Norfolk Daily News, subscription, 198.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,859.72; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 155.20; Quill, office supplies, 418.84; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 10,577.84; Ruth Vonderohe, mileage, 362.73; Secretary of State, voter registration cards, 20.00; Tauber Plumbing LLC, repairs, 167.87; Telebeep, pager, 51.33; The Farner Co. Inc., utensils, 253.69; The Monitor, supplies, 48.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 83.02; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 339.28; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage/hall rent, 1,106.00; Village of Niobrara, general assistance, 600.00; Wholesale Supply Inc., janitorial supplies, 279.20.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 57,417.79; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 24,497.31; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 62.98; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, cement mix, 1,286.10; CHS Wausa, diesel/gas, 1,960.50; City of Bloomfield, water, 24.20; C-Mart, gas, 314.27; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,340.08; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 2,156.15; Country Pride Cooperative, propane, 282.09; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,800.00; Crofton Journal, advertisement, 34.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 4,179.85; Great Plains Communications, phone, 476.08; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filters, 393.43; Hagge Glass, repairs, 65.00; Harrison Enterprises, repairs, 173.45; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 798.48; J&K Auto, gas, 67.50; Jebro Inc., MC-250 oil, 11,100.82; Jedlicka Hardware, repairs, 105.55; Jonny Dodge Chrysler Jeep Inc., repairs, 12.26; Kelly Supply Company, repairs, 2,172.20; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 32.30; Mark Binnebose, shop tools, 265.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 38.16; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 283.65; Northeast Nebraska News Company, advertisement, 22.00; Pahl Construction, equipment rental, 3,377.50; Peitz GMC Service Inc., repairs, 71.79; Productivity Plus Account, repairs, 2,664.41; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/shop tools, 203.95; RDO Truck Centers, repairs, 130.40; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 3,790.61; Rohrer Welding, shop repairs, 184.18; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 428.96; Verdigre Eagle, advertisement, 38.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.50; Walton Electronics, cb radio, 79.90.

**HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK PROGRAM FUND.** Norfolk Contracting Inc., steel bridge, 236,332.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 251.86; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 46.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** Great Plains Communications Inc., kiosk internet, 97.65

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** MIPS, computer program, 244.34.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 532.34.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,125.83; Blackburn Manufacturing, LKC expense, 134.80; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 231.52; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 800.00; Creighton News, subscription, 40.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 11.29; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 44.36; Heartmade, LKC expense, 60.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1.83; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 11.76; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 316.98; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 210.99; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 35.36; Verdigre Eagle, subscription, 30.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Stratton DeLay Dole Carlson, Buettner, court appointed attorney, 3,052.00; Verlyn Luebbe, special county attorney, 1,650.47.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 4.97; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 183.89; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 545.93; Three River Telco, phone, 179.34.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bob's Candy Service, inmate commissary, 115.95.

#### TOTALS

General Fund

237,259.81

Road Fund	136,390.40
Highway Bridge Buyback Program Fund	236,332.00
Child Support Fund	350.15
Visitor's Improvement Fund	97.65
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	244.34
Economic Development Fund	532.34
C&C Development Fund	5,107.01
Inheritance Fund	6,785.80
911 Emergency Fund	230.93
911 Wireless Service Fund	725.27
Sheriff Commissary Fund	115.95
Total	<u>\$624,171.65</u>

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:10 p.m., August 10, 2017 until Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. for a special budget review meeting and until Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

August 10, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:02 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of August 10, 2017 at 10:02 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the July 27, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the July 27, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Tax Claim #7882 and hereby directs the County Assessor to make the proper adjustments to the tax roll. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Assessor McManigal informed the Board that the Central assessed figures would be coming in this date and balancing will be done.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:12 a.m. on August 10, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
August 31, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of August 31, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Liska led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the August 10 and August 24, 2017 meetings were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the August 10 and August 24, 2017 meetings' minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Knox County Economic Development July 3, 2017 meeting minutes, Director's Report and August 28, 2017 meeting agenda.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$119,558.45 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that the receipts be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$220,798.46.

#18634 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18635 – State of Nebraska, highway allocation, 155,134.15; #18636 – Elsie Frisch Estate, inheritance tax, 4,365.08; #18637 – Knox County Clerk, interest, 18.04; #18638 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 10.00; #18639 – State of Nebraska, IV-D quarterly CSE reimbursement, 7,998.78; #18640 – Pitter Digital LLC, economic development application fee, 353.00; #18641 – Rose Shelf PR, inheritance tax, Marie Shelf Estate, 3,037.81; #18642 – Register of Deeds, recording fees & documentary stamp tax, 4,082.91; #18643 – Pierce County Treasurer, tax coll.-Sch. 13 Gen, Bldg. & Capital, 38.45; #18644 – Cedar County Treasurer, tax coll.-Crofton Fire Gen & Sink & Wausa Fire Gen & Bond, 3,151.22; #18645 – Frontier Communications, 911 surcharges, 3.96; #18646 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 378.08; #18647 – NENEDD, August 2017 reuse loan payments, 5,778.59; #18648 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 122.50; #18649 – Knox County Sheriff-BIA, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates in July 2017, 6,460.00; #18650 – Verdigre Housing Authority, in lieu of tax, 3,295.92; #18651 – SID #1, Cedar Knox Rural Water-refund overpayment, 1,468.54; #18652 – Knox County Attorney, check filing fees & STOP funds, 180.00; #18653 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 945.21; #18654 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 300.00; #18655 – Vonage, 911 surcharges, 8.00; #18656 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18657 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,474.52; #18658 – State of Nebraska-GPS, game & parks utility easement, 3,462.06; #18659 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18660 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 85.65; #18661 – Village of Verdigre, law enforcement service, 175.00; #18662 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 220.00; #18663 – Village of Verdigre, cold mix reimbursement, 1,894.75; #18664 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 5,981.85; #18665 – NIRMA, reimburse court costs-legal expense, 126.00; #18666 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 10.00; #18667 – State of Nebraska, airline tax, 1,655.99; #18668 – State of Nebraska, funding for 911 service, 4,772.55; #18669 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 50.00; #18670 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 289.86; #18671 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 680.54; #18672 – Midwest Bank, interest, 649.04; #18673 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,890.41; #18674 – Heather Klug, check collection fee, 25.00; #18675 – Dwain Warriner, used culvert, 150.00.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:01 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:09 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2017 – 14** authorizing Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign a Construction Engineering Services Agreement – BO1203 Supplemental Agreement No. 3 between Knox County and Minelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. for the increase in overhead rates on STPE-2965(2), Lindy North road project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTION

### CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT – BO1203 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 3

#### KNOX COUNTY Resolution No. 2017-14

Whereas: Knox County and Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. have previously executed a construction engineering services agreement for a transportation project for which the Local Public Agency (LPA) would like to obtain Federal funds;

Whereas: Knox County understands that it must continue to strictly follow all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of this Federal-aid project; and

Whereas: Knox County and Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. wish to enter into a supplemental construction engineering services agreement setting out modifications and/or additional duties and/or funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska that:

Jim Sokol, Jr., Chair of the Knox County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the attached construction engineering services Supplemental Agreement No. 3 between Knox County and Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc.

Knox County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement and any Supplemental Project Agreements.

NDOR Project Number: STPE-2965(2)

NDOR Control Number: 31607

NDOR Project Description: Lindy North

Adopted this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017 at Center Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor /s/

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
James J. Borgmann /s/  
Patrick J. Liska /s/

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Virgil H. Miller /s/

Board/Council Member: Supr. Borgmann  
Moved the adoption of said resolution  
Member: Supr. O'Connor Seconded the Motion  
Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent  
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Great Plains is installing fiber optic north of Bloomfield; 3. Proposed Mark Miller feed lot frontage road north of Bloomfield. Discussion was held on making the area safe due to the shoulders of the road sluffing off, loading gates located in the road right-of-way, County funding towards the project, engineering done by Mainelli Wagner & Associates, and Mr. Miller's crew will put in the concrete culvert. More discussion will be held at another meeting.

Jerry Nipp representing the Knox County Ag Society met with the Board to request 2017/2018 levy authority for the Ag Society as per Nebraska Revised Statute 77-3443. Mr. Nipp updated the Board on the 2017 Knox County Fair, the Knox County Fair will celebrate 100 years in 2018, replacing the lights on the fairgrounds, finishing the Secretary building and the octagon building and the need of the County's support. The levy last year was a total of 0.007435 but the Board felt that the levy authority should be increased to a total of 0.008000 due to the 100-year celebration of the Knox County Fair. The proposed levy is one that had been set in years past until last year when it was dropped to 0.007435.

Also, as per Statute 77-3443, the Board allocates levy authority to the Rural Fire Districts in Knox County. The levy was 4.5 cents last year and the Board will leave it the same this year.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2017 – 15**, as per Nebraska Revised Statute 77-3443, allocating levy authority of 4.5 cents to the Knox County fire districts and to the Ag Society 0.006400 for General expenses and 0.001600 for Capital Improvement for a total of 0.008000 for 2017/2018. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2017 – 15**

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors shall adopt a resolution that determines a final allocation of levy authority for Knox County's subdivisions as per Nebr. Stat. 77-3443, and

WHEREAS, in past years the Knox County fire districts had each been allocated 4.5 cents from Knox County, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Ag Society is requesting \$136,531.69 for General expenses (0.006400) and \$34,132.92 (0.001600) for Capital Improvement for a total of \$170,664.61 at a total levy of 0.008000 as the 2017 levy for the Knox County Ag Society, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors agree to allocate 4.5 cents to the Knox County fire districts and a total of 0.008000 to the Knox County Ag Society as per Nebr. Stat. 77-3443 for budget year 2017-2018.

DATED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2017.

### KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., District #4, Chairman

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3, Vice-Chairman

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

At 11:01 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing on a reuse loan application submitted by Pitzer Digital, LLC in the amount of \$35,300 to use towards the purchase of the Bloomfield Monitor newspaper. Present were Wade and Carrie Pitzer, Jeff Christensen with NENEDD and Economic Development Director Hanefeldt. Discussion was held on lien position, collateral, and number of employees in their Neligh office and proposed for the Bloomfield office. Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing at 11:10 a.m. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve a reuse loan to Pitzer Digital, LLC for the purchase of the Bloomfield Monitor newspaper with terms to be \$35,300 at 3.5% interest for ten years with the County subordinate to BankFirst, SHBA and NEDCO. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Jeff Christensen and the Board discussed the current loan of Grand Central/Doug Joseph of Creighton. The business is not open at this time however there is interest in it and Mr. Joseph wants to participate in the Creighton City Downtown Revitalization Program and needs to put a new roof on the business building. With the grant of 75% of the cost of the new roof, the remainder 25% would be loaned by the Midwest Bank. As Knox County holds the lien position on the collateral, the County would have to subordinate to the Midwest Bank so the loan could be made. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve a subordination agreement to Midwest Bank on the Deed of Trust from Douglas W. Joseph and Milana L. Joseph, husband and wife, and Elena M. Compos to Knox County recorded on May 8, 2009 in Mortgage Book 178, Pages 493-497 of the Mortgage Records in the office of the Knox County Register of Deeds. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Rick Meyers, owner of B-J School Buses, Inc., John Merkel, supervisor of B-J School Buses, Inc. at the Crofton school, and school bus driver Shawn Jordan met with the Board about recent school bus violations in the Crofton area. Also present were Sheriff Henery and County Attorney Thomas. Discussion was held on recent violations, complaint of lack of communication, citations issued, prosecution of violators, neighboring State laws that differ from Nebraska law, suggestion of installing video cameras in school buses, school bus policy about use of cell phones, the need to call in infractions immediately, notifications need to be forwarded to the bus company, the need to publish earlier in the local papers notice to the public to become aware of school bus activity when the school year begins. It was the consensus of everyone present that more communication is needed by everyone involved.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 4. Walnut Grove Township Board members request that a one-mile portion of 873 RD and a one-half mile portion of 514 Avenue be vacated and abandoned. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2017 – 16** directing Hwy. Supt. Barta to conduct a study of vacating and



abandoning a one-mile portion of 873 RD (Platted Road #93) located between the S1/2 of Section 15 and the N1/2 of Section 22, T29N, R8W and the N1/2 portion of 514 Avenue (Platted Road #74) located between the NW1/4 of Section 26 and the NE1/4 of Section 27, all in T30N, R8W, all in Walnut Grove Township. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2017 - 16**

WHEREAS the Walnut Grove Township Board has requested to vacate and abandon the following roads:

1. A one-mile portion of 873 RD (Platted Road #93) located between the S1/2 of Section 15 and the N1/2 of Section 22, T29N,R8W
2. The North one-half mile portion of 514 Avenue (Platted Road #74) located between the NW1/4 of Section 26 and the NE1/4 of Section 27, all in T30N, R8W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
ALL in Knox County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of vacating and abandoning such roads, and,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors hereby directs Hwy. Supt. Kevin R. Barta to conduct a study of vacating and abandoning a one-mile portion of 873 RD (Platted Rod #93) and a one-half mile portion of 514 Avenue (Platted Road #74) in Walnut Grove Township as described above.

Passed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2017.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

5. The Walnut Grove Township Board requests reclassification of eleven miles of township roads from local maintenance to minimum maintenance. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to direct Hwy. Supt. Barta to conduct a study of eleven miles in Walnut Grove Township for reclassification from local maintenance to minimum maintenance. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 6. Bridge crew update; 7. Oil crew update; 8. Creighton North County bridge match project update. Once the project begins, the road will be closed for two months; 9. "Ray Stark" bridge project update. Discussion was held on allocations of BIA funds; 10. The tiling project northwest of Wausa will begin today; 11. Hwy. Supt. Barta asked Sheriff Henery if ticketing of drivers can be done in construction areas, especially around the oil crew. Many drivers are distracted with cellphones or are not slowing down for County road workers in the construction areas. Sheriff Henery said that he will send deputies to the areas.

The Board discussed the snow/ice removal service. Custodian Peters will do the lawn mowing but someone is needed for the snow/ice removal service. While road employees would be able to help with the initial removal, concern was voiced about removal during the day. The Board directed County Clerk Fischer to advertise for contract bids for snow/ice removal from November 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018.

Emergency Manager Hintz asked the Board if they would like to receive the Beacon Emagazine. Several members were interested.

The Board and County Clerk Fischer reviewed revisions and options for the proposed 2017/2018 Knox County budget. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to select the option presented where the 2017/2018 Knox County tax request will be \$3,161,107.22 which is \$71,815.66 less than last year and the proposed levy to be 0.148178 being 0.006217 less than last year and that \$50,000 be added to the General Fund Cash Reserve. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. The 2017/2018 Knox County Budget Hearing and the Special Hearing to set the Final Tax Request will be held at the September 14, 2017 meeting.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Knox County 2017 Office Inventories. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Allen Ober, fair help/gate fee, 55.00; Ann Flood, mental health hearing, 50.00; Anna Walling, fair help/gate fee, 55.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, dirt, 22.24; Bloomfield Public School, fair premium, 87.64; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 302.18; Bomgaars, supplies, 184.47; Buffalo County Sheriff, mental health hearing, 21.84; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., air filters, 34.66; CenturyLink, long distance, 98.55; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 50.50; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 33.00; Clerk of Supreme Court, appeal costs, 252.00; Creighton News, publishing, 240.00; Creighton Plumbing, repairs, 82.43; Creighton Public School, fair premium, 63.75; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 98.67; Crofton Community School, fair premium, 99.52; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 34.00; CVSOAN Treasurer, training, 50.00; D & L Tire LLC, tires, 356.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 449.90; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Denise Koertje, fair help, 54.00; Dollar General, supplies, 167.50; Echo Group Inc., bulbs, 32.36; F & M State Bank, annual ACH vendor fee, 240.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/janitorial supplies, 2,184.99; Herbert Feed & Grain Company, weed chemicals, 443.00; James Egly, mental health hearing, 75.00; James Sokol Jr., mileage, 90.95; Jill Brewster, fair help/gate fee, 64.00; Karen Peters, fair help/gate fee, 37.00; Kathleen Courtney, fair judge/mileage, 126.75; Knox County Sheriff, petty cash, 50.00; Madison County Clerk, judges expense, 161.31; Madison County District Court; mental health hearing, 50.00; Marathon Press, record book, 896.00; Margo Poppe, fair help/gate fee, 46.00; Mark D. Albin, mental health hearing, 989.78; Mary Carhart, fair help/gate fee, 37.00; Michael Sullivan, mental health hearing, 50.00; Midwest Special Service Inc., EPC transfer; 244.50; Nancy Schramm, mental health hearing, 50.00; Nebraska Unified District 1 Verdigre School, fair premium, 96.69; Niobrara Public School, fair premium, 72.22; Norma Ober, fair help/gate fee, 46.00; Northeast District NACO, registration, 200.00; NSA/POAN, dues, 125.00; Pengad Inc., labels, 14.60; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 762.83; Ray Ahrens, fair judge/mileage, 153.50; Ruth Howder, fair help/gate fee/meals, 518.25; Sirchie, supplies, 133.91; St. Ludger Elementary School, fair premium, 54.75; St. Rose of Lima Elementary School, fair premium, 50.99; ; The Monitor, publishing, 56.28;

Viewu, body cameras, 125.00; Wausa Public School, fair premium, 81.64; Wayne County Clerk, judges expenses, 4,750.22.

**ROAD FUND.** B's Enterprises Inc., culvert, 4,240.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 86.49; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 71.46; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs/filters/shop supplies, 291.37; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas/tires, 1,504.84; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 326.82; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., tire repair, 21.65; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 57.54; C-Mart LLC, gas, 24.43; Creighton News, publishing, 64.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 190.08; D & L Tire LLC, tire repair, 651.00; Don McElhose Trucking & Construction, equipment rental, 6,850.00; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,089.00; Gerhold Concrete Company Inc., concrete, 1,785.26; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,462.79; Jebro Inc., road oil, 46,093.42; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop supplies, 32.92; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 8.39; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 2,323.94; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., oxygen/acetylene, 151.15; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 137.31; NMC Exchange LLC, repairs, 1,365.16; PHP Company, equipment rental, 519.75; R.F. Machine Works, repairs, 341.44; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; The Monitor, publishing, 42.00; Tom's Family Foods, shop supplies, 48.28; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 3,654.00; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/oil/filters/tire repair/shop supplies, 2,630.10; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tires, 961.16; Village of Center, water/sewer, 25.50; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 16,115.69.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 6.16.

**ECOMONIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 1000.76.

**C & C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 6.16; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 11.29; Dan Wamberg, leadership tours, 140.00; First National Bank Omaha, travel/subscription/ leadership/office supplies, 753.16; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 71.19; Omaha Promos, marketing, 205.12.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 2,212.50; Mark D. Albin, court appointed attorney, 2,700.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 98.05; Three River Teleco, phone, 42.07.

**911 WIRELESS FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 418.01; Three River Telco, phone, 418.01.

TOTALS	
General Fund	16,501.37
Road Fund	95,212.45
Child Support Fund	6.16
Economic Development Fund	1,000.76
C & C Development Fund	1,186.92
Inheritance Fund	4,912.83
911 Emergency Fund	140.12
911 Wireless Fund	<u>597.35</u>
Total	<u>\$119,558.45</u>

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:20 p.m., August 31, 2017 until Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

August 31, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:01 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of August 31, 2017 at 10:01 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Order Affirming Decision on the Knox County Board of Equalization vs. BIA on the acquisition into trust for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska of approximately 16.6 acres of land referred to the "Ponca Fort Property".

The minutes of the August 10, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the August 10, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

As County Assessor McManigal and Deputy Assessor Beckmann were attending the NACO Assessors' Workshop, Clerk/Appraiser Connie Viterna presented Tax Claims #7883, #7884 and #7885 for the Board's review. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Tax Claims #7883, #7884 and #7885 and hereby directs County Assessor McManigal to make the approved corrections to the tax roll. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:09 a.m. on August 31, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
September 14, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of September 14, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supervisor Miller led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the August 31, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the August 31, 2017 meeting minutes as read with the correction to the motion and second for the adoption of Resolution #2017 – 15 for the levy allocation to the fire districts and ag society for 2017 where the levy authority allocation be 4.5 cents for the Knox County fire districts and for the Ag Society 0.006400 for General expenses and 0.001600 for Capital Improvement for a total of 0.008000 as the Knox County Ag Society 2017 levy. Resolution #2017 -15 was correct.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims except Claim #17090056 in the amount of \$16.64 written from the General Fund and Claim #17090113 in the amount of \$120.30 written from the Road Fund, both payable to Schreier Lumber Company, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that Claim #17090056 in the amount of \$16.64 written from the General Fund and Claim #17090113 in the amount of \$120.30 written from the Road Fund, both payable to Schreier Lumber Company, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #3. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$503,517.30 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:01 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:17 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Oil Crew update. Center-line painting will be done in heavy traffic areas; 2. Bridge Crew update; 3. Guardrail repaired.

At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the 2017/2018 Knox County proposed budget.

At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at 0.148178.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the Clerk of the District Court August Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the County Treasurer's Report of Real Property that was advertised as having delinquent taxes in February 2017 and were not sold for want to bidders at the last annual tax sale or thereafter. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0110 and Affidavit submitted by Randy and Nancy Steffen on zoning boundary adjustment on a 2.75 acre tract in the SW1/4NW1/4 of Section 25, T33N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0111 and Affidavit submitted by Keith and Rebecca Rowley on zoning boundary adjustment on a 0.77 acre tract in the NE1/4NE1/4 in Section 3, T32N, R3W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Continued work on the new flood elevation ruling by the Dept. of Natural Resources for the river area. An attempt will be made for a variance; 4. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the August Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Dave Boschutt with the Nebraska Department of Ag and Weed Supt. Banks met with the Board on the annual County Weed Superintendent evaluation. Mr. Boschutt presented the Reports and Requirements that covered Weed Supt. Banks' inspections, office evaluation, county reports and continuing education for 2016. Mr. Boschutt said he appreciates the job Weed Supt. Banks is doing as well as the Board for supporting the program.

County Attorney Thomas explained the process of issuing tax sale certificates on the delinquent taxes not sold.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to direct County Treasurer Stark to proceed with the issuance of tax sales certificates on any real property with delinquent taxes in February 2017 that were not sold at the last annual tax sale or thereafter. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska that the receipts be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$294,081.92.

#18676 – State of Nebraska, rent, 2,205.00; #18677 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18678 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 968.06; #18679 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 142.73; #18680 – Midwest Bank, interest, 686.85; #18681 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18682 – Clerk of District Court, filing fees, copies & passport fees, 818.50; #18683 – Knox County Clerk, plats, misc. fees, c.c. marriage license, copies & election recovery,

87.62; #18684 – Morton Township, culvert/band, 1,265.00; #18685 – Walnut Grove Township, signs & post, 180.00; #18686 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 165.15; #18687 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18688 – State of Nebraska, county bridge match reimbursement (bridge C005425605), 105,000.00; #18689 – Knox County Sheriff, auto inspections & handgun permits, 685.00; #18690 – Knox County Clerk, fines, court costs & lab test fees, 5,772.00; #18691 – Knox County Zoning, building & zoning permits, 190.00; #18692 – Encartele Inc., reimburse jail phone usage, 83.63; #18693 – State of Nebraska, highway allocation & Build Nebr., 148,652.67; #18694 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 168.30; #18695 – SID #1, Cedar-Knox Rural Water refund, 2,102.96; #18696 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 2,029.05; #18697 – Estate of Ronald Swanson, inheritance tax & interest, 15,925.58; #18698 – Knox County Zoning, plat application, 50.00; #18699 – Barry Meyer dba Country Jim's LLC, liquor license, occupational tax & advertising fees, 338.25; #18700 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18701 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 16.20; #18702 – Register of Deeds, recording fees & documentary stamp tax, 6,420.37; #18703 – Knox County Employees, lease vending area, 3.00; #18704 – Knox County Jail, lease vending area, 1.00; #18705 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00.

Economic Development Director Hanefeldt met with the Board to review a Visitor's Improvement Fund application submitted by the Village of Wausa for additional work on a bay that houses the Wausa Viking Ship. The Visitor's Committee approve the application. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve a Visitor's Improvement Fund allocation in the amount of \$5,000 to the Village of Wausa for improvement to the bay that houses the Wausa Viking Ship that is used for visitor attraction. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on lawn equipment. Hwy. Supt. Barta will research leasing a smaller skid loader with a broom or snow blower attachment. Also, a bagger attachment will be purchased for the mower at the Center County Shed that is being used to mow the Courthouse lawn areas.

At 11:32 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing on the proposed 2017/2018 Knox County Budget. No one was present in opposition.

At 11:32 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing on the 2017/2018 Proposed Property Tax Request. No one was present in opposition.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2017-17** for the Adoption and Appropriations of the 2017/2018 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## KNOX COUNTY RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

### RESOLUTION #2017 - 17

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August with revisions completed on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2017, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of SUPERVISORS of Knox County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Knox County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

DATED AND PASSED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2017.

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve the 2017/2018 Final Property Tax Request at \$3,161,107.22 and the 2017 Tax Rate at 0.148178, noting that the 2017 Tax Rate is 0.006217 less than the 2016 Tax Rate. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign the Budget Cover Page and the Budget Message of the adopted 2017/2018 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2017-18** directing the County Treasurer to make monthly transfers from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund for the 2017/2018 year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION #2017 - 18

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2017-2018 Knox County Road budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 Knox County budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$994,902.50 from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, transfers were needed from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund until the 2017-2018 budget was adopted to cover incurred expenses for July and August, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2017-10 directing the Knox County Treasurer to transfer \$106,480.99 in July, 2017 and \$106,480.99 in August, 2017, from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to cover the incurred expenses for July and August, and

WHEREAS, a remainder of \$781,949.52 needs to be transferred from September 2017 through June 2018 from the General Fund to the Road Fund, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2017/2018 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knox County Treasurer is hereby directed to make monthly transfers from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to be as follows: **\$78,194.07 for September 2017, and \$78,194.05 for October, November and December of 2017, and January, February, March, April, May and June of 2018.**

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2017-19** directing the County Treasurer to transfer \$3,500 from the Knox County General Fund to the County Veterans Aid Fund for the 2017/2018 Budget Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2017 - 19**

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2017-2018 County Veterans Aid Fund does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 Knox County budget was balanced by fund transfer of \$3,500.00 from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Veterans Aid Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the Knox County Treasurer is hereby directed to **transfer \$3,500.00 from the Knox County General Fund to the County Veterans Aid Fund.**

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

#### KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

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Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to adopt **Resolution #2017-20** instructing the Knox County Treasurer to transfer \$262,488.97 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Fund to be used as a partial loan repayment (sixth repayment) for the Bloomfield South Road project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2017 - 20**

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approved at their February 23, 2012 meeting, a road project named "Bloomfield South" project where the County oiled road south of Bloomfield to Hwy. 59 would be milled, graded and oiled with hot-mix by Knife River Midwest, Sioux City IA, in the amount of approximately \$2.73 million, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board approved at their August 9, 2012 meeting to pay for the Bloomfield South project from the Flowage Easement Fund, as a loan to be repaid over 10 years or earlier (with possible extension to 15 years if needed) at no interest, and the repayment to be made by taxation, or if needed sometime during the repayment period, to use some funds from the Inheritance Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Flowage Easement Road Fund was created when the County of Knox sued the U.S. Corps of Engineers and received \$10,049,868 from the Court settlement to cover the expenses associated with rebuilding bridges and roads damaged by the Missouri River and its' tributaries due to sedimentation, and

WHEREAS, the funds to repay the loan to the Flowage Easement Road Fund will be collected in the General Fund and then transferred to the Flowage Easement Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, the project was completed in the 2012/2013 fiscal year with the final cost of the project being \$2,624,889.71 making a total of \$262,448.97 due each year for 10 years, and

WHEREAS, the first loan repayment in the amount of \$273,000.00 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund was made in the 2012-2013 Knox County Budget and

WHEREAS, the overpayment of the first payment was \$10,511.03 and was applied to the second payment made making the second payment of \$251,977.94 during the 2013/2014 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the third, fourth and fifth loan repayments were made in 2014/2015, in 2015/2016 and in 2016/2017 in the amount of \$262,488.97 each with a transfer from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, the sixth loan repayment will be in the amount of \$262,488.97 with a transfer from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund during the 2017/2018 fiscal year, and

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2017/2018 Knox County budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Board of Supervisors instructs Knox County Treasurer Cathy Stark to **transfer \$262,488.97 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Fund** to be used as a partial loan repayment (sixth repayment) for the Bloomfield South Road project, with the transfer to be made during the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2017-21** directing the County Treasurer to transfer \$25,468.74 from the 911 Emergency Fund (Fund 2910) to the Inheritance Fund to be used as a partial loan repayment for the purchase of enhanced upgraded 911 equipment with the transfer to be made during in the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2017 - 21**

WHEREAS, enhanced upgraded 911 equipment was purchased for to provide safety and emergency assistance to the public of Knox County and Knox County Law Enforcement in the estimated amount of \$181,919.56 more or less, and

WHEREAS, the 911 Emergency Fund was not be able to cover the full cost due to less revenue because of more people using cellphones instead of landline phones, and

WHEREAS, the funds are being paid out of the Inheritance Fund to be repaid by the 911 Emergency Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office benefits from the new 911 equipment so at the Special Budget meeting held on August 19, 2015 the Knox County Board of Supervisors designated that 30% of the loan for the new enhanced upgraded 911 equipment be repaid from the County Sheriff's Budget within the General Fund over a period of time with the total of \$54,575.87, and

WHEREAS, the remainder amount due is \$127,343.69 to be re-paid over a period of time from the 911 Emergency Fund to the Inheritance Fund, and

WHEREAS, so far no re-payment has been transferred from the 911 Emergency Fund to the Inheritance Fund on this loan, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2017/2018 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors instructs Knox County Treasurer Cathy Stark to **transfer \$25,468.74 from the 911 Emergency Fund (Fund 2910) to the Inheritance Fund** to be used as the first loan repayment from the 911 Emergency Fund for the purchase of enhanced upgraded 911 equipment, with the transfer to be made during the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2017-22** directing the County Treasurer to transfer \$15,000.00 from the County Sheriff's Budget within the General Fund to the Inheritance Fund to be used as a partial loan repayment for the purchase of enhanced upgraded 911 equipment with the transfer to be made during in the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2017 - 22**

WHEREAS, enhanced upgraded 911 equipment was purchased for to provide safety and emergency assistance to the public of Knox County and Knox County Law Enforcement in the estimated amount of \$181,919.56 more or less, and

WHEREAS, the 911 Emergency Fund was not be able to cover the full cost due to less revenue because of more people using cellphones instead of landline phones, and

WHEREAS, the funds are being paid out of the Inheritance Fund to be repaid by the 911 Emergency Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office benefits from the new 911 equipment so at the Special Budget meeting held on August 19, 2015 the Knox County Board of Supervisors designated that 30% of the loan for the new enhanced upgraded 911 equipment be repaid from the County Sheriff's Budget within the General Fund over a period of time, and

WHEREAS, \$15,000.00 was transferred from the County Sheriff's 2016/2017 budget within the General Fund to the Inheritance Fund as second payment, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2017/2018 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors instructs Knox County Treasurer Cathy Stark to **transfer \$15,000.00 from the County Sheriff's 2017/2018 budget within the General Fund to the Inheritance Fund** to be used as the third loan repayment from the County Sheriff's budget for the purchase of enhanced upgraded 911 equipment, with the transfer to be made during the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt Resolution #2017 – 23 directing the County Treasurer to transfer \$239,249.00 from the Flowage Easement Road Fund to the Inheritance Fund to replace the amount paid out of the Inheritance Fund for a motorgrader on December 29, 2016 that would have been paid from the Road Fund had funds been available at the time of delivery. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2017 - 23**

WHEREAS, the 2016/2017 adopted Road Fund budget included the purchase of a motorgrader, and  
WHEREAS, Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. of Sioux City IA had the successful bid for a new John Deere motorgrader which was delivered in December of 2016 with the cost of \$239,249 due to Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., and

WHEREAS, the Road Fund did not have adequate funds available to pay for the motorgrader at that time so the cost was taken out of the Inheritance Fund on December 29, 2016, and

WHEREAS, rather than amend the 2016/2017 budget for a transfer from the Road Fund back to the Inheritance Fund, the transfer would be made in the 2017/2018 budget, and

WHEREAS, a County road truck was totaled due to an accident while sanding icy roads on January 16, 2017 so a new truck was purchased to replace the totaled truck and was paid for out of the Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, the truck purchase was unexpected and the money allotted in the Road Fund was used towards the purchase of the new truck and not leaving enough to be transferred back to the Inheritance Fund for the payment of the new motorgrader had the 2016/2017 Knox County Budget been amended, and

WHEREAS, in the past several motorgraders were paid for out of the Flowage Easement Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Inheritance Fund balance amount is low due to paying for the motorgrader, paying for repairs to the Courthouse, lawsuit deductibles, court-appointed attorneys plus 911 radio equipment is being paid out of the Inheritance Fund, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2017/2018 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors instructs Knox County Treasurer Cathy Stark to **transfer \$239,249 from the Flowage Easement Road Fund to the Inheritance Fund** to replace the amount paid out of the Inheritance Fund for a motorgrader on December 29, 2016 that would have been paid from the Road Fund had funds been available at the time of delivery.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt Resolution #2017-24 directing the County Treasurer to transfer \$22,585.97 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund during the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year so as to comply with Public Service Commission requirements. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2017 - 24**

WHEREAS, the Knox County 911 Wireless Service Fund was created in the 2009-2010 budget, and  
WHEREAS, funds received were from the Nebraska Public Service Commission, and  
WHEREAS, a portion of the funds received were to be set aside and not to be used unless approved by the Advisory Board and the Public Service Commission, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that wireless funds cannot be co-mingled with any other funding source, and  
WHEREAS, the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund was created in the 2016/2017 budget to be in compliance with Public Service Commission requirements, and

WHEREAS, there was \$22,585.97 in the 911 Wireless Service Fund that accumulated during the 2016/2017 fiscal year, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2017/20189 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors instructs Knox County Treasurer Cathy Stark to **transfer \$22,585.97 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund**, with the transfer to be made during the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 163,825.73; Amy Johnson, travel expense/registration, 154.18; Applied Connective Technologies, IT contract, 2,722.50; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 60.48; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Brandon Peters, used trimmer, 40.00; Central Valley Ag, weed chemicals, 745.75; Christa Beckmann, meals, 10.75; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 33.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 12,305.81; Connie J. Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 27,200.00; Creighton News, publishing, 96.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 191.67; Creston Fertilizer Co., weed chemicals, 1,045.47; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Dollar General, supplies, 322.35; Donald Jiracek, prior service, 25.00; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 439.50; Elaine's Tavern & Café, prisoner board, 4,578.00; Folkers Bros. Garage, repairs/parts, 135.28; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,206.04; Health Plan Services Inc., insurance County pays, 1,927.48; Hefner Hardware, paint/supplies, 26.99; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; JoAnn Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Key Sanitation LLC, garbage, 104.00; Lied Lodge & Conference Center, lodging, 606.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 81.71; Liz Doerr, mileage, 117.72; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Mary Ketelsen, travel expense/registration, 149.90; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 40.50; Midwest Special Service Inc., transfer; 252.00; MIPS, computer program, 698.31; Monica McManigal, mileage/meals; 200.92; Moody Motor Co. Inc., repairs, 58.08; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,351.92; Northeast NACO, registration, 25.00; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 155.04; Postmaster, postage, 147.00; Region 4 Behavioral Health, quarterly bill, 5,895.75; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Reserve Account, meter postage, 4,000.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 10,869.54; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Ruth Vonderohe, travel expense/supplies/meals, 427.48; Schreier Lumber Co., board, 16.64; Secretary of State Elections Division, voter registration cards, 20.00; Steven Banks, registration, 10.00; Telebeep, pager, 51.33; The Farmer Co. Inc., utensils, 161.98; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 131.30; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 339.28; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 21.00; Verdigre Farm Service LLC, gas, 79.58; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 370.50; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 65,094.45; Ag & Industrial Equipment, repairs, 356.45; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel, 2,497.88; Barry Tyler Trucking, equipment rental, 2,875.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 67.38; Brian Dather, CDL renewal, 57.50; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, cement mix/shop supplies, 660.04; Carhart Lumber Company, shop supplies, 30.95; CHS Wausa, gas/spray, 189.86; City of Bloomfield, water, 21.75; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 150.67; Clark's Rental, equipment rental, 600.00; C-Mart, gas, 233.67; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,927.36; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs/filters, 1,845.52; Country Market, shop supplies, 15.27; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,800.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 178.43; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 4,450.66; Gragert's Grocery, shop supplies, 9.58; Great Plains Communications, phone, 490.59; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filters/shop supplies, 173.65; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 798.48; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 59.56; Husker Steel, steel structure, 51,837.00; J&K Auto, gas, 93.25; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 44.04; Kayton International, equipment rental, 1,500.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 116.00; L.G. Everist Inc., rock, 1,739.58; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 32.30; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., oxygen/acetylene, 289.86; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 62.00; Melvin Barger dba Barger Farms Inc., gravel/haul, 576.00; Mitteis Gravel, gravel, 857.38; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 41.57; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 289.27; People's Grocery, shop supplies, 10.10; Powerplan, repairs, 357.49; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/shop supplies, 47.46; Randy Hanson, red rock/haul, 698.03; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,306.80; Rohrer Welding, bridge repair, 411.00; Schreier Lumber Co., cure/equipment rental, 120.30; Tom's Family Foods, shop supplies, 26.95; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 368.73; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/tire repair/shop supplies, 3,392.03; Vic's Service LLC, gas/repairs/oil/filter, 293.95; Village of Center, water/sewer, 25.50; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.50; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 67.45; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop tool, 5.49; Willow Creek Sand and Gravel, gravel/haul, 8,345.09.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 46.00; Postmaster, postage, 210.00.



**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** Great Plains Communications Inc., kiosk internet, 97.65.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 244.34.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Pitzer Digital LLC, loan, 35,300.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,125.83; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 231.52; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 800.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 11.29; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 44.36; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1.83; Lindsay Hastings, mileage, 162.00; Nebraska Human Resources Institute, speaker, 500.00; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 42.57; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 210.99; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 35.36.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 4.97; Emergency CallWorks Inc., hardware refresh, 6,692.79; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 172.11.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 495.71.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND.** Emergency CallWorks Inc., hardware refresh, 28,532.38.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bob's Candy Service, inmate commissary, 234.10.

**TOTALS**

General Fund	249,353.84
Road Fund	174,598.82
Child Support Fund	434.22
Visitor's Improvement Fund	97.65
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	299.34
Economic Development Fund	35,300.00
C&C Development Fund	5,218.04
Inheritance Fund	2,083.33
911 Emergency Fund	6,869.87
911 Wireless Service Fund	495.71
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	28,532.38
Sheriff Commissary Fund	234.10
Total	\$503,517.30

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:48 a.m., September 14, 2017 until Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

September 14, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:01 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of September 14, 2017 at 10:01 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the August 31, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the August 31, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Discussion was held on a request by Chanda Mueller for a refund of taxes she paid on her previously owned property. She had paid taxes on a property that was surveyed however it was discovered that there were two houses on the same property and the survey had to be corrected, leaving Ms. Mueller with a lower amount of square footage. The survey error was not the County's error but that of the original owner and surveyor. Co. Assessor McManigal said that the refund would be a combined amount of \$92 for the 2014 and 2015 taxes paid on the area found to be the adjoining landowner's property. The adjoining owner is not being taxed for the additional property given to her by the corrected survey. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

County Assessor McManigal and the Board discussed TIF issues. A legislative interim study will be held in September.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Tax Claim #7886 and hereby directs the County Assessor to make the proper adjustments to the tax roll. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:17 a.m. on September 14, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
September 28, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of September 28, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supervisor Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Miller O'Connor (corrected 10/12/2017) led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the September 14, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Note from North Central District Health Department thanking the County for allowing them to give flu shots to the employees and the public on September 19.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$269,256.53 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Conditional Use Permit #CU0012 was approved by the Board on November 12, 2013 for Menno and Sara Jean Hershberger for a family cemetery on their property in Spade Township. An affidavit was presented stating that the cemetery was not used and that the Hershbergers are selling their real estate and moving. In order for title insurance to be issued to the new buyers, the Conditional Use Permit needs to be voided by the Board as the cemetery was not used. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2017 - 25** voiding Conditional Use Permit #CU0012 issued to Menno A. Hershberger and Sara Jane Hershberger on November 12, 2013 as the cemetery that was approved was not used and will not be maintained as the Hershbergers are selling the property and moving, and that the Resolution and the affidavit presented by the Hershbergers be recorded in the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2017 - 25**

Whereas Menno A. Hershberger and Sara Jane Hershberger were granted Conditional Use Permit #CU0012 for a cemetery on November 12, 2013, and

Whereas Menno A. Hershberger and Sara Jane Hershberger have presented the Knox County Board of Supervisors with an affidavit and request to declare Conditional Use Permit #CU0012 for a cemetery null and void, because they "are selling our farm to a non-Amish buyer and leaving Knox County. No one has been buried in the cemetery; it would not be maintained as a cemetery unless we lived on the farm; and it is unlikely any Amish person would be buried there without our maintaining the cemetery", and

Whereas referral to the Planning Commission is not necessary under the facts and circumstances of this request, and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Knox County Board of Supervisors declares the Conditional Use Permit #CU0012 for a cemetery null and void, and

Be it further resolved that the affidavit and request dated September 22, 2017 and this Resolution shall be recorded at the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office and indexed against the land namely the W1/2SW1/4 of Section 31, T31N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, with the recording fees charged to the Hershbergers.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
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/s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
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Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska  
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Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
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/s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

ABSENT  
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Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote  
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Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
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James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 9:58 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:07 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Mackeprang District #5.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion was held on the proposed vacation/abandonment of portions of 873 RD and 514 Avenue in Walnut Grove Township. Present were Walnut Grove Township Board members Charles Cook and Kevin Cook. Hwy. Supt. Barta said that there wasn't a problem with the portion of 873 RD being vacated however there was concern by several utility companies for vacating the one-half mile portion of 514 Avenue. The matter will be addressed at the public hearing. The report of County Highway Superintendent Barta in regard to the vacation and abandonment of portions of platted 873 RD and 514 Avenue in Walnut Grove Township located in Knox County, Nebraska, was brought before the Board. Motion by Supervisor Miller, seconded by Supervisor Borgmann to accept the report of Knox County Highway Superintendent Barta for the vacation and abandonment of portions of 873 RD (Platted Road #93) and 514 Avenue (Platted Road #74) in Walnut Grove Township located in Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried; 2. Supervisor O'Connor made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Miller that the following Road Resolution be published in the Verdigre Eagle on October 5, 12 and 19, 2017 and a copy of said Resolution be sent by certified mail to current landowners namely Butterfield Farms, LLC; Edward W. Sucha, Jr.; John and Julie B. Krueger; Charles A. and Marjorie E. Cook; Ronald L. and Carol M. Cook; and Edward Heggemeyer, and the date of hearing on this matter being set for October 26, 2017 at 10:45 A.M. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2017 - 26**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 39-1722, Nebraska Revised Statutes (Re-issue of 2004) the County Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2017 directed the County Highway Superintendent to make a study of the use of portions of a platted Walnut Grove Township roads described as follows:

1. A one-mile portion of 873 RD (Platted Road #93) located between the S1/2 of Section 15 and the N1/2 of Section 22, all in T29N, R8W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska
2. The North 1/2 of 514 Avenue (Platted Road #74) located between the NW1/4 of Section 26 and the NE1/4 of Section 27, all in T30N, R8W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of vacating and abandoning such roads, and

**WHEREAS**, on September 28, 2017, County Highway Superintendent did file his report in writing as to such roads, containing a recommendation that said portions of roads be vacated and abandoned, and

**BE IT, THEREFORE RESOLVED**, by the County Board of Supervisors of Knox County that a public hearing be had as provided in Section 39-1724, Nebraska Revised Statutes (Re-issue of 2004), in the Supervisors' Meeting Room in the Courthouse at Center, Nebraska on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017 at the hour of 10:45 A.M. for the purpose of determining whether portions of 873 RD and 514 Avenue located in Walnut Grove Township located in Knox County, Nebraska, be vacated and abandoned.

Passed, approved and adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

By: James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
Chairman

3. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. for reclassification of eleven miles of Walnut Grove Township roads from local maintenance to minimum maintenance; 4. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign the Road and Bridge Contracts Reports for end of fiscal year and the Certification to Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried; 5. Discussion was held on the Miller Feedlot frontage road project, on proposed costs, splitting the cost between the County and Mark Miller Feedlot, and work needed. The matter will be discussed further at a future meeting; 6. Bridge crew update; 7. Update on the Creighton North and Ray Stark bridge projects; 8. Oil crew update; 9. Upcoming conferences; 10. Center line painting to take place next week; 11. Discussed skid loader to use on snow removal at the Courthouse. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to lease a Bobcat S70 skid loader with bucket for \$2,000 annually from Kayton International Inc. and to purchase a broom attachment for \$2,650. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried;

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the July 18, 2017 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried; 2. Update on the flood elevation change.

At 10:45 a.m., Chairman Sokol Jr. opened the advertised bid opening for snow/ice removal service for the Knox County Courthouse Square, storage area and garage. Knox County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and further reserves the right to accept any bid that best serves the County's needs. There were no bids submitted for the snow/ice service. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that further advertising cease for the snow/ice removal service and to proceed leasing a skid loader with bucket and purchase a broom attachment to be used by the Knox County Road employees for various projects including snow and ice removal on sidewalks on the Courthouse Square, in front of the storage area and the garage. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

At 10:45 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing on Julie A. Broders and Michael S. Wienelke dba Creighton Community Country Club for a Class I liquor license.

Discussion was held on the salary for custodian Brandon Peters. Mr. Peters has been mowing and trimming the lawn areas on the Courthouse Square and around the storage area and garage since August 18. Mr. Peters said he would help with putting out ice melt and blowing the light snow from the sidewalks during the winter. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to increase custodian Brandon Peters' wage from \$15 per hour to \$16.25 retroactive to August 18, 2017 due to the added responsibilities of mowing and trimming of the grass areas at the Courthouse Square, storage area and garage, and for putting out ice melt and blowing the light snow on the sidewalks this winter. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing at 11:05 a.m. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve a Liquor License Application for a Class I Liquor License for Julie A. Broders and Michael S. Wienelke dba Creighton Community Country Club. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that the receipts be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$84,386.82.

#18706 – Knox County Attorney, non-sufficient check filing fee, 10.00; #18707 – Cedar County Treasurer, tax collections for Crofton Fire Gen & Sink and Wausa Fire Gen, 35,042.50; #18708 – Estate of Bette Ann Jessen, inheritance tax, 3,167.02; #18709 – State of Nebraska, reimbursement of emergency management budget, 6,615.35; #18710 – Northeast Nebraska Economic Development, business loan payments, 5,959.07; #18711 – Farm Bureau Property & Casualty Ins., insurance settlement on bridge damage, 1,779.25; #18712 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18713 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 157.25; #18714 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 174.00; #18715 – Creighton Township, road interlocal agreement-loan payment #6, 8,174.63; #18716 – Knox County Sheriff-BIA, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates, 11,832.00; #18717 – Dale Ketelsen, used signs, 20.00; #18718 – Frontier Communications, 911 surcharges, 3.96; #18719 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18720 – Estate of James L Wells, inheritance tax, 694.00; #18721 – Vonage, 911 surcharges, 7.00; #18722 – Northeast NACO, fall workshop registration refund, 50.00; #18723 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 4,832.21; #18724 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18725 – State of Nebraska, temporary easement fee, 100.00; #18726 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 289.86; #18727 – National Pharmaceutical services, 76.68; #18728 – Michael Peters, PR, inheritance tax-Ralph V. Peters estate, 4,612.04; #18729 – Knox County Treasurer, additional postage due, 15.00; #18730 – Knox County Zoning, zoning permits, 700.00.

At 11:17 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised bid opening for the 2018 spraying and lawn fertilizing during the grass growing season. Knox County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and further reserves the right to accept any bid that best serves the County's needs. There were no bids submitted for the snow/ice service. Bids received were: **Superior Turf Management LLC, Creighton NE**, \$718.10 for three fertilizer applications with weed control and one application of crabgrass preventer; **Ben Skroch Lawn Service LLC, Bloomfield NE**, \$2,400 for three fertilizer applications with weed control and one application of crabgrass preventer. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the bid from Superior Turf Management LLC of Creighton NE for the 2018 spraying and lawn fertilizing during the grass growing season in the amount of \$718.10 for three fertilizer applications with weed control and one application of crabgrass preventer. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #5. Motion carried.

A Board member had received a question from a constituent about the process of paying taxes in Knox County if the full payment of the taxes is received but the interest is not included. County Treasurer Stark informed the Board that if a tax payment is received in the mail and does not include the full delinquent tax interest, she attempts to contact the payer to ask him or her if they would want to pay the delinquent tax interest by credit card so the tax payment received could be applied then. If the payer cannot be contacted, the check is returned to the payer with a note explaining the need for delinquent tax interest to be added to the payment. County Treasurer Stark said that the statutes plus her computer system will not allow for anything but 100% payment.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Bloomfield Auto Parts, filters, 44.89; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 93.38; Bomgaars, sprinkler, 42.99; Cathy Stark, mileage, 96.30; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 57.50; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 36.00; C Mart LLC, gas, 42.80; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., PPO fee, 34.65; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 299.22; Dale P. Riesberg, meeting/mileage, 48.54; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Denise Burman, mileage, 212.40; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreements, 282.48; F & M State Bank, annual ACH vendor fee, 240.00; Fire Protection Services LLC, fire alarm inspection, 515.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage/lodging, 2,375.10; Herbert Feed & Grain Company, weed chemicals, 728.10; Holiday Inn, lodging, 99.95; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 275.00; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 42.12; Ken Foner, meeting/mileage, 37.84; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees, 62.38; N & B Gas Company, propane, 160.86; NAPVA, dues, 100.00; Nebraska Secretary of State, notary, 30.00; NECC, CPR training, 40.00; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 54.96; NSA/POAN, registration, 165.00; Office Systems Company, contract, 184.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 192.44; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 36.77; Secretary of State Elections Division, registration, 70.00; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 122.50; The Monitor, publishing, 21.00; Tri State Turf & Irrigation Maramide Inc., sprinkler repair, 47.20; Valentine's Niobrara Lodge, lodging, 255.00, Wholesale Supply Company Inc., janitorial/building supplies, 336.95.

**ROAD FUND.** B's Enterprises Inc., culverts, 1,000.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 78.89, Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs/shop supplies, 1,517.23; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 417.47; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 132.86; Broadway Mercantile, shop supplies, 44.70; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 77.28; C-Mart LLC, gas, 117.52; Don McElhose Trucking & Construction, equipment rental/gravel/haul/clay rock, 8,474.49; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 1,570.14; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,725.43; Husker Steel, guardrail, 1,685.04; Jebro Inc., mc-3000, 55,029.10; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 377.12; Knox County Register of Deeds, easement, 168.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., oxygen/acetylene, 44.42; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 36.00; Midwest Spray Team & Sales Inc., equipment rental, 1,507.64; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 144.07; Richard Jennings, clay, 300.00; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul/sand, 33,667.68; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 258.00; Weldon Parts Norfolk, repairs, 1,070.22; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 6,825.54.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, postage, 28.00.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 1,833.34.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, travel/training/ leadership, 808.95; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/youth programs, 154.52; The Monitor, subscription, 26.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Motorola Solutions Inc., radio equipment, 136,439.67, Warren Jessen, easements, 882.75.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** Bryan Ruhr, meeting, 25.00; Bryan Young, meeting/mileage, 38.91; CenturyLink, phone, 98.05; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 8.35; First National Bank Omaha, scanner/antenna/base, 1,856.55; Lucinda Mastalir, meeting, 25.00; Mitch Mastalir, meeting/mileage, 35.17; Stanley Dryak, meeting/mileage, 43.19; Steve True, meeting/mileage, 38.91.

**911 WIRELESS FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 418.01.

TOTALS

General Fund	7,931.32
Road Fund	118,314.84
Child Support Fund	28.00
County Insurance Fund	250.00
Economic Development Fund	1,833.34
C&C Development Fund	989.47
Inheritance Fund	137,322.42
911 Emergency Fund	2,169.13
911 Wireless Fund	418.01
Total	<u>\$269,256.53</u>

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:45 a.m., September 28, 2017 until Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

September 28, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
9:58 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of September 28, 2017 at 9:58 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supervisor Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the September 14, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

County Assessor McManigal met with the Board on the following: 1. The Chanda Mueller matter that had been discussed at the last meeting was continued. Ms. Mueller requested a refund of taxes she paid on her previously owned property. She had paid taxes on a property that was surveyed however it was discovered that there were two houses on the same property and the survey had to be corrected, leaving Ms. Mueller with a lower amount of square footage. The survey error was not the County's error but that of the original owner and surveyor. The Board directed County Assessor McManigal to write a correction in good faith to Chanda Mueller in the amount of \$92.91; 2. A TIF interim study hearing will be held on September 29, 2017; 3. Office staff is doing review work.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:07 a.m. on September 28, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
October 12, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of October 12, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Schlote led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supr. Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the September 28, 2017 meeting minutes as read with the correction that Supr. O'Connor led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Knox County Economic Development August 28, 2017 meeting minutes, Director's report and update on Leadership 2017; 2. National Assn. of Counties' participation and membership benefits report.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$436,272.31 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:00 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:29 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Bridge crew update; 2. Centerline striping being done on County oiled roads; 3. Bridge inspections to be done this quarter on approximately one-half of the County's bridges; 4. Tyler Cramer with Infra Structure LLC will be conducting inspections on 34 fracture critical bridges in Knox County next week; 5. Creighton North Bridge Project update; 6. NIRMA conference update; 7. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to go into executive session at 10:36 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual while discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual while discussion personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 10:47 a.m.; 8. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 10:47 a.m. the executive session that was held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the September Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0114 David A. and Laurie A. Hansen for zoning lot combinations of Lots 1679, 1680 and 1681, Block 15, Devils Nest Subdivision, Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2017 - 27** requesting consideration for a cell tower to be located near Center for cell service in the area. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2017 - 27**

WHEREAS the Village of Center is the county seat of Knox County, Nebraska, an

WHEREAS the population of Knox County is approximately 8,600, and

WHEREAS a large volume of business is conducted at the Knox County Courthouse and the Nebraska Health and Human Services branch office, and

WHEREAS there is no cell service in the Village of Center as well as the surrounding area of Center, and

WHEREAS Knox County fire departments and law enforcement rely on cell service for 911 notifications, and

WHEREAS the University of Nebraska Extension Service has an office on the Knox County Courthouse Square and use cell service in other areas but the service is not available in Center creating a hardship to contact extension agents when in the rural Center area, and

WHEREAS drivers' license exams are given at the Knox County Courthouse each week and a large number of people use their cell phones exclusively and attempt to call out of the Courthouse if more information is needed when they are trying to get their license, and

WHEREAS the veterans in this area use cell phones when attempting to contact the Veteran Service Officer which can be difficult due to no cell service, and

WHEREAS cell phone service would be very beneficial to a large number of people, and

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that cell service is very necessary in and near the Village of Center, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knox County Board of Supervisors requests consideration for the location of a cell tower near Center, Nebraska.

### COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST: (Seal)

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of the District Court September Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the 2016/2017 Audit Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign the Maximus Certification of Cost Allocation Plan. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Ed Knott with Applied Connective Technologies met with the Board for the renewals of contracts for IT and software services. Discussion was held on cyber security protection, firewalls, discounted rates, and security camera service. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve a Service Agreement and Master Software As A Service Agreement with Applied Connective Technologies of Albion NE for the period of November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2018. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Mark Simpson, Knox County representative to the Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition (MSAC), informed the Board of the application by MSCA for a Nebraska environmental trust fund grant to conduct a short-term feasibility study for small sediment collectors in the Niobrara River. The sediment collectors would be deployed for sampling and data

collection. The purpose is to collect multiple samples at different locations to determine bedload sediment migration inflow and to quantify material for sizability of a full-scale model. Discussion was held on the harvesting of the sand and the potential uses, adjoining landowners' permission has been received, that this process is not a total solution to the sedimentation problem, and how the Niobrara State Park and the river are tourist attractions. Mr. Simpson said that he may be asking the Board for a letter of support in the future.

Jared Reimers, Liaison for Congressman Adrian Smith, met with the Board to ask if there were any questions the Board may have for the Congressman. Mr. Reimers updated the Board on the committees that Congressman Smith is a member of or is the head of, tax reforms, CRP program, subsidies for crop insurance and that this year has been the most productive year for Congress in a decade.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the Nebraska Emergency Performance Grant. Knox County received an additional \$850 for 2016 and in 2017, the County will receive \$31,338. The grant funds are used to pay for a portion of Emergency Manager Hintz's salary plus part of the office expenses.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected from July 1 through September 30, 2017. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery told the Board that Dean Wavrunek was inducted into the Nebraska Sheriff's Association Hall of Fame. Officer Wavrunek has worked with the Knox County Sheriff's Department as a Criminal Investigator and as Verdigre's police chief and is in his 50<sup>th</sup> year serving as a law enforcement officer.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to go into executive session at 11:39 a.m. for the review of General Assistance Application #4-2017. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held for the review of General Assistance Application #4-2017. The Board came out of executive session at 11:50 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to close at 11:50 a.m. the executive session held on General Assistance Application #4-2017. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to allow \$201.03 for General Assistance Application #4-2017. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to add to the agenda by emergency action the approval of Julie A. Broders and Michael S. Wienelke, dba Creighton Community Country Club, as a lottery sales outlet for the Knox County component of the NCG joint keno lottery. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Julie A. Broders and Michael S. Wienelke, dba Creighton Community Country Club, as a lottery sales outlet for the Knox County component of the NCG joint keno lottery. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller that the receipts totaling \$267,170.60 be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote.

#18731 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 140.00; #18732 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 96.95; #18733 – Sharon Hall, inheritance tax-Arnold Dean Hall Estate, 209.03; #18734 – State of Nebraska, 911 service funding, 4,772.55; #18735 – Knox County Clerk, SID #2 election cost, 696.96; #18736 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 508.00; #18737 – State of Nebraska, motor vehicle prorated, 6,615.64; #18738 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 650.00; #18739 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 1,485.32; #18740 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 135.57; #18741 – State of Nebraska, October 2017 rent, 2,205.00; #18742 – State of Nebraska, extra reimbursement for emergency manager budget, 850.00; #18743 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 112.45; #18744 – Knox County Clerk, plats, misc. fees, c.c. marriage licenses & copies, 144.25; #18745 – Farmers & Merchants State Bank, interest, 10,669.70; #18746 – Clerk of District Court, filing fees, copies & passport fees, 265.50; #18747 – Creighton Housing, in lieu of tax, 8,941.92; #18748 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 400.00; #18749 – Knox County Sheriff, handgun permits & auto inspections, 615.00; #18750 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 289.86; #18751 – Knox County Attorney, non-sufficient check filing fees, 40.00; #18752 – Lyle Fischer, culvert, 200.00; #18753 – Santee Sioux Nation, dispatching services, 6,250.00; #18754 – Register of Deeds, recording fees & documentary stamp tax, 6,305.32; #18755 – Knox County Court, fines & lab test fees, 3,102.00; #18756 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 700.00; #18757 – Liska Construction LLC, equipment rental, 100.00; #18758 – Encartele Inc., reimburse jail phone usage, 92.13; #18759 – Knox County Sheriff, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter fees, 1,066.00; #18760 – Knox County Zoning, plat application, 50.00; #18761 – National Pharmaceutical Services, manufacturer formulary rebate, 67.73; #18762 – Jon F. Walker, inheritance tax-Lyle H. Walker Estate, 1,401.95; #18763 – State of Nebraska, highway allocation, 186,098.70; #18764 – Bohemia Township, caution sign & post, 70.00; #18765 – Don Meisner, damaged culvert, 100.00; #18766 – NIRMA, insurance dividend, 12,095.00; #18767 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 78.00; #18768 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 13.41; #18769 – Estate of Erwin W. Mackeprang, inheritance tax, 9,536.66.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 150,486.09; Bazile Creek Power Sports, bagger, 509.95; Bear Graphics, World War discharge binder, 139.07; Bloomfield Auto Parts, parts, 108.95; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 37.88; CenturyLink, long distance, 112.78; Chad Paulsen Construction, Annex #2 Project, 19,855.90; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rental, 37.50; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 11,444.24; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 27,200.00; Creighton News, publishing, 237.20; Creston Fertilizer Co., weed chemicals, 393.75; Donald Jiracek, prior service, 25.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreements, 382.43; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 186.00; Elaine's Tavern & Café, prisoner board, 5,376.00; Farmers & Merchants Company, notary bond, 40.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,202.98; Health Plan Services Inc., insurance County Pays, 1,927.48; Heartland Energy Management, quarterly contract, 1,428.00; Hefner Hardware, lock/supplies, 36.95; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Knox County Court, court cases bound over/dismissed; 237.00; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees, 18.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 81.71; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 93.54; Michael J. Pommer, audit, 8,200.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 698.31; NACO, dues, 450.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,308.51; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 442.30; Postmaster, postage, 4.27; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 125.98; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 10,112.55; Ruth Vonderohe, travel expense, 396.97; Superior Turf Management LLC, lawn spraying, 270.00; Telebeep, pager, 51.33; The Monitor, publishing, 210.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 35.36; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 339.28; Verdigre Collision Repair, van windshield, 263.50; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 196.00; Verdigre Farm Service LLC, gas, 67.03; Vic's Service LLC, tire, 89.25; Viewu, body cameras, 125.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 57,338.62; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 75.00; B's Enterprises Inc., bolts/washers, 365.00; Bauer Built Tire, tires, 6,057.70; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 79.95; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 60.52; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 366.91; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, masonry, 643.05; CHS Wausa, diesel, 1,146.92; City of Bloomfield, water, 21.75; C-Mart, gas, 148.06; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,334.03; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 69.46; Country Market, shop supplies, 24.55; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,000.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 1,011.17;

Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,161.00; Garry's Farm Service, seed, 150.00; Great Plains Communications, phone, 485.61; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filters/shop supplies, 899.61; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 798.48; Jebro Inc., MC3000 oil, 50,706.53; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 6.49; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 32.30; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 14.59; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., oxygen/acetylene, 192.31; Mitteis Gravel, gravel/haul, 6,901.99; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel, 1,022.61; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 37.72; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 260.00; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters, 92.41; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 3,761.02; Sioux City Truck & Trailer Inc., repairs, 30.40; St. of Nebr. Motor Fuels Div., diesel tax, 656.00; Steffens Service, gas, 21.31; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 460.45; Verdigre Farm Serv., diesel/gas/seed, 5,398.60; Vic's Serv. LLC, gas, 228.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.19; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 67.45; Willow Creek Sand and Gravel, gravel/haul, 19,412.16.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 7.05; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; Maximus Inc., cost allocation study, 1,250.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 46.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** Great Plains Communications Inc., kiosk internet, 97.65.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 244.34.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,125.83; CenturyLink, long distance, 7.05; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 231.52; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 800.00; Creighton News, publishing, 30.60; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 44.36; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1.83; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 49.00; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 210.99; The Monitor, publishing, 52.50; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 35.36; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 21.50; Yankton Computer, repairs, 159.75.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 5.09; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 172.11; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 19.80; Platte Valley Communications Inc., repairs, 565.75; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 2,090.49; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 495.71; Three River Telco, phone, 179.34.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bob's Candy Service, inmate commissary, 399.25.

TOTALS	
General Fund	247,044.54
Road Fund	176,599.92
Child Support Fund	1,355.34
Visitor's Improvement Fund	97.65
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	299.34
C&C Development Fund	4,822.58
Inheritance Fund	2,083.33
911 Emergency Fund	804.82
911 Wireless Service Fund	2,765.54
Sheriff Commissary Fund	<u>399.25</u>
Total	\$436,272.31

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:03 p.m., October 12, 2017 until Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

October 12, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:00 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of October 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the September 28, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

County Assessor McManigal submitted the following tax list corrections: #7887 – Chanda Mueller, refund of \$47.56 for survey error made prior to Courthouse receiving the survey – for year corrected 2014; #7888 – Chanda Mueller, refund for survey error made prior to Courthouse receiving the survey – for year corrected 2015; #7889 – Terry J.



& Jeanette M. Helmer, addition to tax rolls in amount of \$177.96 for acceleration of 2017 tax due to mobile home being sold and moved.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve Tax Claim #7887, #7888 and #7889 and hereby directs the County Assessor to make the proper adjustments to the tax roll. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Clerk Fischer presented the 2017 Levy Worksheet. The levies were compiled from the entity budgets submitted. County Clerk Fischer informed the Board that the Crofton City budget needs corrected as the projected levy on the submitted budget is over 50 cents however the minutes of the September 18, 2017 Crofton City Council meeting stated that the Council approved the 2017 Crofton City levy at 50 cents and the corrected budget has not been submitted at this time. The State Auditor's Office recommended that the Board of Equalization adopt the 2017 Crofton City levy at 50 cents for the General Fund as approved by the Crofton City Council and that if the corrected budget indicates the levy will be different, the Board needs to adopt a corrected levy before November 5, 2017.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to adopt the 2017 Knox County entity levies according to their respective submitted budgets noting that the Crofton City levy is set at 50 cents as per the September 18, 2017 Crofton City Council meeting minutes and per the State Auditor's recommendation and that the Crofton City budget needs to be corrected before the October 26, 2017 Board of Equalization meeting in case a correction needs to be made to the Crofton City levy. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**KNOX COUNTY** – Valuation 2,133,307,632, General Fund Levy 0.146182; C & C Development Fund Levy 0.001996, **Total Knox County Levy, 0.148178**; **KNOX COUNTY AG SOCIETY** – Valuation 2,133,307,632, General Fund Levy 0.006400, Capital Improvement Fund Levy 0.001600, **Total Knox County Ag Society Levy 0.008000**.

**TOWNSHIPS – ADDISON:** Valuation 70,430,205, General Levy 0.017038; **BOHEMIA:** Valuation 36,040,533, General Levy 0.069366; **CENTRAL:** Valuation 70,038,529, General Levy 0.064250; **CLEVELAND:** Valuation 101,825,745, General Levy 0.044193; **COLUMBIA:** Valuation 118,314,670, General Levy 0.035000; **CREIGHTON:** Valuation 82,060,465, General Levy 0.085303; **DOLPHIN:** Valuation 105,316,372, General Levy 0.050000; **DOWLING:** Valuation 100,628,394, General Levy 0.056644, Sinking Levy 0.005963, **Total Dowling Twp. Levy 0.062607**; **EASTERN:** Valuation 100,581,475, General Levy 0.092611, Library Valuation 116,027,696, Library Levy 0.008920, **Total Eastern Twp. Levy 0.101531**; **FRANKFORT:** Valuation 36,185,857, General Levy 0.150000; **HARRISON:** Valuation 59,164,155, General Levy 0.049016; **HERRICK:** Valuation 48,450,610, General Levy 0.017544; **HILL:** Valuation 80,961,075, General Levy 0.034585; **JEFFERSON:** Valuation 42,469,179, General Levy 0.039629; **LINCOLN:** Valuation 113,102,005, General Levy 0.081343; **LOGAN:** Valuation 42,736,955, General Levy 0.038140; **MILLER:** Valuation 56,208,005, General Levy 0.051120; **MORTON:** Valuation 131,005,095, General Levy 0.068700, Sinking Levy 0.006107, **Total Morton Twp. Levy 0.074807**; **NIOBRARA:** Valuation 27,113,955, General Levy 0.023324; **NORTH FRANKFORT:** Valuation 63,536,552, General Levy 0.230000; **PEORIA:** Valuation 115,805,148, General Levy 0.038858, Sinking Levy 0.034541, **Total Peoria Twp. Levy 0.073399**; **RAYMOND:** Valuation 105,580,285, General Levy 0.027051; **SPADE:** Valuation 30,066,467, General Levy 0.023747; **SPARTA:** Valuation 36,146,131, General Levy 0.060670; **UNION:** Valuation 25,036,779, General Levy 0.032592; **VALLEY:** Valuation 39,638,765, General Levy 0.047932; **VERDIGRE:** Valuation 54,174,705, General Levy 0.036918; **WALNUT GROVE:** Valuation 72,459,132, General Levy 0.052868; **WASHINGTON:** Valuation 57,401,657, General Levy 0.079266; **WESTERN:** Valuation 30,982,791, General Levy 0.096828.

**CITIES & VILLAGES – BLOOMFIELD:** Valuation 36,666,672, General Levy 0.405000, Fire Levy 0.045000, Bond Levy 0.192586, **Total Bloomfield Levy 0.642586**; **BLOOMFIELD AIRPORT AUTHORITY:** Valuation 36,666,672, General Levy 0.034091; **CREIGHTON:** Valuation 39,325,031, General Levy 0.425842, Fire Levy 0.045000, **Total Creighton Levy 0.470842**; **CREIGHTON AIRPORT AUTHORITY:** Valuation 39,325,031, General Levy 0.024158, Bond Levy 0.015257, **Total Creighton Airport Authority Levy 0.039415**; **CROFTON:** Valuation 30,892,437, General Levy 0.500000; **BAZILE MILLS:** Valuation 1,067,973, General Levy 0.327691; **CENTER:** Valuation 1,783,723, General Levy 0.450000; **NIOBRARA:** Valuation 13,148,216, General Levy 0.457051, Bond Levy 0.076056, **Total Niobrara Levy 0.533107**; **SANTEE:** Valuation 250,165, General Levy 0.000000; **VERDEL:** Valuation 643,671, General Levy 0.447201; **VERDIGRE:** Valuation 15,213,167, General Levy 0.454997, Fire Levy 0.045000, Bond Levy 0.253070, **Total Verdigre Levy 0.753067**; **WAUSA:** Valuation 19,075,386, General Levy 0.500000; **WINNETOON:** Valuation 1,625,423, General Levy 0.348881.

**RURAL FIRE DISTRICTS - WAUSA DIST. 1** – Total Valuation 466,035,400, General Levy 0.045000; **BLOOMFIELD DIST. 2** – Valuation 571,643,648, General Levy 0.008747, Sinking Levy 0.036253, **Total Bloomfield Dist. 2 Levy 0.045000**; **NIOBRARA DIST. 3** – Valuation 212,858,782, General Levy 0.041477, Sinking Levy 0.003523, Bond Levy 0.007913, **Total Niobrara Dist. 3 Levy 0.052913**; **VERDIGRE DIST. 4** – Valuation 271,471,099, General Levy 0.013261, Sinking Levy 0.031739, **Total Verdigre Dist. 4 Levy 0.045000**; **CROFTON DIST. 5** – Total Valuation 586,202,636, General Levy 0.024750, Sinking Levy 0.020250, **Total Crofton Dist. 5 Levy 0.045000**; **CREIGHTON DIST. 6** – Total Valuation 354,855,144, General Levy 0.008454, Sinking Levy 0.036546, **Total Creighton Dist. 6 Levy 0.045000**; **ORCHARD #7:** Knox Co. Valuation only, 36,966,241, Levy set in Antelope County.

**SCHOOLS – BLOOMFIELD:** Total Valuation 603,614,742, General Levy 0.479751, Spec. Building Levy 0.139999, Qualified Capital Levy 0.016734, **Total Bloomfield School Levy 0.636484**; **CREIGHTON:** Total Valuation 514,519,990, General Levy 0.647853, Spec. Building Levy 0.058896, Qualified Capital Levy 0.006871, **Total Creighton School Levy 0.713620**; **CROFTON:** Total Valuation 571,524,358, General Levy 0.698115, Spec. Building Levy 0.061858, **Total Crofton School Levy 0.759973**; **WAUSA:** Total Valuation 381,973,773, General Levy 0.714184, Spec. Building Levy 0.047996, Qualified Capital Levy 0.015073, **Total Wausa School Levy 0.777253**; **NIOBRARA:** Valuation 192,297,945, General Levy 0.950755, Spec. Building Levy 0.019593, Bond Levy 0.010085, **Total Niobrara School Levy 0.980433**; **SANTEE:** Valuation 7,102,368, General Levy 1.049998; **The following School Levies are set in other Counties:** **NEBR. UNIFIED DIST. 1 – VERDIGRE SCHOOL:** Total Valuation 309,616,706, Levy Set in Antelope County; **BOYD COUNTY:** Knox County Valuation only, 23,751,590, Levy set in Boyd County; **NEBR. UNIFIED DIST. 1 – ORCHARD SCHOOL:** Knox County Valuation only, 20,372,425, Levy set in Antelope County; **PLAINVIEW DIST. P-5:** Knox County Valuation only 13,833,793, Levy set in Pierce County; **OSMOND DIST. 42:** Knox County Valuation only, 12,953,325, Levy set in Pierce County.

**SPECIAL TAXES - SID #1:** Valuation 9,412,392, General Levy 0.400000; **SID #2:** Valuation 6,366,972, General Levy 0.400000; **The following Special Tax Levies are set in other counties:** **ESU #1:** Knox County Valuation only, 2,062,396,499, Levy set in Wayne County; **ESU #8:** Knox County Valuation only, 70,911,133, Levy set in Antelope County; **NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** Knox County Valuation only, 2,133,307,632, Levy set in Madison County; **LEWIS & CLARK NRD:** Knox County Valuation only, 1,277,864,669, Levy set in Cedar County; **LOWER ELKHORN NRD:** Knox County Valuation only, 278,814,393, Levy set in Madison County; **LOWER NIOBRARA NRD:** Knox County Valuation only, 576,628,571, Levy set in Boyd County.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:29 a.m. on October 12, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
October 26, 2017
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of October 26, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Mackeprang led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the October 12, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the October 12, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Knox County Development Agency August 28 meeting minutes, October 30 meeting agenda and Director's report; 2. Letter from Congressman Adrian Smith expressing appreciation for hosting his staff for a mobile office in Knox County recently.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$81,936.64 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

The first meeting date in December will be changed to Tuesday, December 12, 2017 due to the NACO December Conference being held December 13-15, 2017.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt Resolution #2017 - 28 approving the amendment and addendum to the NIRMA/NIRMA II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements extending the County's commitment to participate in NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2017 - 28
FOR AMENDMENT AND ADDENDUM TO
NIRMA/NIRMA II INTERGOVERNMENTAL/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, Knox County has previously entered into Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements with various other Nebraska Counties and other public agencies to form and participate in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association II (NIRMA II) as authorized by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act (Neb.Rev.Stat. §44-4301 et seq.) and the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act (Neb.Rev.Stat. §13-801 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, Counties and other Public Agencies as defined in Neb.Rev.Stat. §44-4303 are allowed to participate in said cooperative undertakings; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that proper risk management requires the spreading of risk so as to minimize fluctuation in insurance needs and that benefits can be derived through the pooling of insurance purchasing by local government; and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II have provided coverages to the County in a cost effective way which meet and exceed that provided by standard insurance carries; and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II provide risk management services such as loss prevention, safety audits, claims and litigation management, and coverages tailored to address loss exposures counties and other related public entities face not economically available from other sources; and

WHEREAS, these coverages and risk management services are essential for the continued effective and efficient use of county taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the current Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements will expire on June 30, 2018, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Knox County Board hereby:

- 1. Extends its commitment to participate in NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period July 1, 2018 through June 03, 2021; and
2. Declares that the Resolution shall serve as an amendment and addendum to the previous Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements entered into by the County Board, and Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements readopted by and incorporated herein by this reference as amended.

After motion duly made by member Supr. Miller and seconded by member Supr. Schlote, the following members voted by roll call vote in favor of passage and adoption of said Resolution: Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7.

The following members voted against the same: None

The following members were absent or not voting: None

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of October, 2017.

Attest: (Seal)

Knox County Board

Joann M. Fischer /s/
County Clerk

By: James Sokol, Jr. /s/
Chairperson/Presiding Officer

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote to draft a letter of support to the Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition supporting action to a short-term feasibility study that aims to move a step closer to addressing the accumulating sediment in the Lewis and Clark Lake and for the reduction of such sedimentation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:03 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. A request was received by the Frankfort Township Board to temporarily close about 1.25 miles of a "dead end" township road from November 1, 2017 to April 1, 2018. County Attorney Thomas response to Hwy. Supt. Barta was that it is up to the Township Board if they want to temporarily close the road and it is the responsibility of the Township Board to barricade such road and erect proper signage; 2. Hwy. Supt. Barta and the Board discussed purchasing reflective safety quilted jackets and stocking hats for County Road employees and other employees if needed. An NIRMA ASSIST Grant will be applied for that would reimburse the County for up to 75% of the costs; 3. Bridge crew update; 4. Bridge inspection update; 5. Fracture critical bridge inspection update; 6. Update on "Ray Stark" County/BIA bridge project. Engineering documents have been received and signatures are needed; 7. Mark Miller Feedlot frontage road project update. Discussion was held on estimated costs of \$380,000, County partial funding, alternative widening of the road and putting in culvert costs, that some Board members believe the problem is a self-induced problem, what size of culvert is needed, dirt work, engineering costs that are approximately \$5,000 so far and that putting in the frontage road would be safer to the public. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to allocate \$125,000 plus engineering costs towards the Mark Miller Feedlot frontage road project along the County oiled road north of Bloomfield. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays Districts #1, #2 and #6. Motion carried.

At 10:43 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing for the vacation and abandonment of a one-mile portion of 873 RD (Platted Road #93) located between the S1/2 of Section 15 and the N1/2 of Section 22, in T29N, R8W and the North one-half of 514 Avenue (Platted Road #74) located between the NW1/4 of Section 26 and the NE1/4 of Section 27, in T30N, R8W, all in Walnut Grove Township. Present were Walnut Grove Township Board members Charles Cook and Kevin Cook, North Central Public Power District representative Brent Eggerling and Frank Sommer to discuss the vacation/abandonment. Doug Ptacnik with Great Plains Communications had called in earlier as he was not able to attend the meeting. There was no objection to the vacation/abandonment of the one-mile portion of 873 RD. Mr. Eggerling stated that there is a three-phase electrical line located along the N1/2 of 514 Avenue but there isn't a recorded easement for the line. North Central Public Power District would like to keep the line there if possible and if that portion of the road is vacated/abandoned, the District would like an easement there. The Walnut Grove Township Board members present said they would work with the District in this matter. Great Plains Communications wants the road to remain open as there is a fiber optic line running through the road and also, they want the Township Board to fix the nearly 36 ft. gully in that area so the fiber optic line would not be exposed. There have been several accidents in and near the gully and it would cost the Township a large sum of money to fix the gully. Also, the liability insurance paid by the Township Board is increasing due to the accidents. Discussion ensued on alternative routes for the fiber optic line to be placed. The Board left the public hearing open until Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. when discussion will resume on the vacation/abandonment of the portions of 873 RD and 514 Avenue in Walnut Grove Township.

At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised hearing for reclassification of approximately 10 miles of roads in Walnut Grove Township from local maintenance to minimum maintenance. There is no opposition to six miles of roads however there are four miles adjoining Holt County that are in question. Holt County does not have minimum maintenance roads and are unfamiliar with the process. Two miles of the four are maintained by a Holt County Township Board, and according to Holt County Highway Superintendent Gary Connet, are in good condition, however, the remaining two miles are not maintained and hard to drive through. Holt County has not had a public hearing yet and would be required to do so if the four adjoining miles of road were to be considered for minimum maintenance. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2017-29** for the reclassification of six miles of Walnut Grove Township roads being the North .8-mile portion of 514 Avenue between Sections 22 and 23, T30N, R8W; 1.2 miles in Sections 24 and 25, T30N, R8W; a one-mile portion of 876 RD between Section 36, T30N, R8W and Section 1, T29N, R8W, a one-mile portion of 874 RD between Sections 10 and 15, a one-mile portion of 874 RD between Sections 11 and 14 and a one-mile portion of 874 RD between Sections 12 and 13, all in T29N, R8W, all located in Walnut Grove Township, Knox County, Nebraska, and that four miles of 510 Avenue adjoining Holt County will not be reclassified at this time. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2017 - 29**

**WHEREAS**, upon a public hearing held on October 26, 2017, there being no objections, it appears that it would be in the public interest to reclassify the following Walnut Grove Township Roads from local classification to "Minimum Maintenance" described as follows:

1. North .8-mile of 514 Avenue between Sections 22 and 23, T30N, R8W
2. 1.2 miles in Sections 24 and 25, T30N, R8W
3. One-mile portion of 876 RD between Section 36, T30N, R8W and Section 1, T29N, R8W
4. One-mile portion of 874 RD between Sections 10 and 15, T29N, R8W
5. One-mile portion of 874 RD between Sections 11 and 14, T29N, R8W
6. One-mile portion of 874 RD between Sections 12 and 13, T29N, R8W

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk give a copy of said Resolution to the Knox County Highway Superintendent for reclassification of these roads.

Passed and approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

By: James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
Chairman

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued on the following: 8. Slide north of Center dropped after the rain recently. The area has been filled in but will need to be addressed next spring; 9. Center line striping completed; 10. Interrogatory questionnaire to be completed on lawsuit; 11. Complaint of truck traffic going too fast past Lindy.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the September 12, 2017 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the March 16, 2017 Board of Adjustments meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0115 Garrett Hanefeldt for a lot split of a 9.23 acre tract in the N1/2NW1/4 of Section 18, T29N, R5W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. The November Planning Commission meeting will include the consideration of expansion of the Herzog feedlot that is being sold to Mark Miller and the resubmission of an application by Jim Sorrel for property in the lake area; 5. Discussion was held on setbacks of wind towers from dwellings.

Insurance Agent Jeff Hammer met with the Board with the proposed 2018 HealthCare Solutions Group premiums for health insurance for eligible County employees. The \$30,000 County deductible per employee with full insurance coverage over that amount still remains as well as the \$1,500 in-network out-of-pocket expense to the employees. The fixed costs are going down as the claims have been lower and the reinsurance company is charging less for fees and other costs. New to the plan this year will be transplant costs to be fully insured and not be a part of the County's \$30,000 deductible or laser designation. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve the 2018 HealthCare Solutions Group Specific Deductible 12/18 health insurance plan with the County's deductible to be \$30,000; the monthly County-paid premium for eligible employees to be \$770 with a \$500 deductible; the monthly employee-paid premium for child(ren) coverage to be \$541.69, and, the taxable stipend paid to those eligible employees who opt out of the County-paid health insurance benefit due to other coverage remains at \$330 per month. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery discussed with the Board traffic control on County oiled roads. Also he is purchasing a new vehicle.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska that the receipts totaling \$59,688.94 be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#18770 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,260.28; #18771 – Pierce County Treasurer, tax collections - Sch. 13 Gen, Bldg & Cap, 3,468.61; #18772 – Cedar County Treasurer, tax collections – Crofton Fire Gen & Sink & Wausa Fire Gen, 10,322.53; #18773 – Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, October 2017 Business Loan Payments, 5,959.07; #18774 – Polk County, reimbursement for housing inmate, 187.50; #18775 – Frontier Communications, 911 surcharges, 3.96; #18776 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 161.00; #18777 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 485.00; #18778 – State of Nebraska, elevation grant, 2,411.44; #18779 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 130.00; #18780 – Estate of Delbert C. Johannsen, inheritance tax, 8,760.64; #18781 – SID #1, Cedar Knox Rural Water-refund of overpayment, 774.80; #18782 – Santee Sioux Nation, equipment rental/patch roads, 18,419.50; #18783 – Vonage, 911 surcharges, 6.00; #18784 – Farmers & Merchants State Bank, interest, 638.08; #18785 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 4,759.73; #18786 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 190.80; #18787 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18788 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18789 – Nebraska Community Foundation, leadership program reimbursement, 1,200.00; #18790 – Nebraska Economic Developers Association, scholarship for Megan Hanefeldt, 500.00.

Discussion was held on fixing the south parking lot. The Center Village Board has been contacted about the repairs needed after they had put in a new water line.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

The Board made a quarterly visit to the County Jail as per Nebraska Revised Statute 47-109.

**GENERAL FUND.** Blaser Appraisal, appraisal services, 3,000.00; Bloomfield Auto Parts, filter, 5.94; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 91.40; Bob Barker Company Inc., supplies, 48.64; Bomgaars, shear set, 24.99; Brett's Body Shop LLC, chip repair, 60.00; Cathy Stark, mileage/supplies, 285.90, 96; CenturyLink, long distance, 86.93; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 44.50; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 33.00; C-Mart LLC, gas, 55.00; Creighton Plumbing, repair, 125.45; Creighton 59 Express, gas, 127.92; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 460.48; D&L tire LLC, tires, 784.00; Dale P. Riesberg, meeting/mileage, 52.29; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 45.87; Derrick Barr, meeting/mileage, 71.01; Dollar General, supplies, 230.80; Eakes Office Solutions, chairs, 1,195.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot /lodging, 3,832.77; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 50.68; Holiday Inn, lodging, 551.70; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 42.12; John Broders, meeting/mileage, 46.94; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 39.45; Kelly Kumm, meeting/mileage, 35.70; Ken Foner, meeting/mileage, 37.84; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees, 51.72; K/V Electric, repairs, 171.35; Lynn Peavey Co., UA/BA kits, 32.10; Maddison Oltjenbruns, meals, 50.17; Nebraska Weed Control Association, training, 120.00; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 203.67; Postmaster, postage, 136.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 679.74; Ramada Inn Kearney, lodging, 231.00; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 73.54; Tom Pavlik, meeting/mileage, 74.22; Top Quality Glove, gloves, 65.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 85.94; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 517.00.

**ROAD FUND.** B's Enterprises Inc., signs/cones, 396.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel, 9,066.26; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 67.38; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs/shop supplies, 354.97; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 40.48; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., tire repairs, 25.30; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 74.88; C-Mart LLC, gas, 178.91; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 203.31; Doering Trenching & Plumbing LLC, security light, 195.00; First National Bank Omaha, registration, 100.00; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,735.26; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging, 199.90; Jebro Inc., demurrage charge, 75.00; L.G. Everist Inc., rock, 438.43; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., oxygen, 458.76; Maxon Industries Inc., repairs, 1,439.28; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 147.05; NMC Exchange LLC, repair, 683.93; Productivity Plus Account, repairs, 12.53; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Straight-Line Striping Inc., centerline striping, 34,734.75; Village of Center, water/sewer, 25.50; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 140.85; Weldon Parts Norfolk, repairs, 49.82; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies/culvert, 1,734.98; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 10,498.95.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.44; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, court furniture, 247.95; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 143.90.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

**ECOMONIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 261.50.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.44; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 26.00; First National Bank Omaha, travel/training/ leadership/supplies, 1,293.31; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 210.79; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 365.37.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 75.43; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 5.89; Nebraska APCO/NENA, registration, 293.75.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 321.56; Nebraska APCO/NENA, registration, 101.25.

TOTALS	
General Fund	14,079.65
Road Fund	64,123.48
Child Support Fund	523.22
County Insurance Fund	250.00
Economic Development Fund	261.50
C&C Development Fund	1,900.91
911 Emergency Fund	375.07
911 Wireless Service	<u>422.81</u>
Total	<u>\$81,936.64</u>

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:10 p.m., October 26, 2017 until Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

October 26, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:03 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of October 26, 2017 at 10:03 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the October 12, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the October 12, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

At the last meeting, the Board of Equalization had set a 50-cent levy on the General Fund of Crofton City as there was an error in their budget that put them over the 50-cent levy limit. The corrected Crofton City budget has now been submitted and the levy according to the corrected budget is in compliance with 50 cents. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to formally set the 2017 levy for the General Fund of the City of Crofton at 50 cents as per the City of Crofton's submitted corrected budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr. seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file Notices of Rejection of Homestead Exemption. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Assessor McManigal updated the Board on the recent Blazer pick-up work.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:18 a.m. on October 26, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
November 9, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of November 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Borgmann led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supr. Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the October 26, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. A Joint Public Notice issued by the US. Army Corps of Engineers and the Nebraska DEQ for the review by the Nebraska DEQ for state certification on the Highway 12 Verdell to Santee Spur Road Embankment Repair, Phases I and II.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$407,265.40 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:04 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:10 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Update on Creighton North bridge project; 2. Discussed roadside mowing. Board members are to check the roadsides in their respective districts to see if the landowners mowed their roadsides. The township boards are responsible for requiring the township roads to be mowed by the landowners; 3. Bridge crew update; 4. The safety coats and hats purchased for the road employees have arrived. A NIRMA Assist Grant has been applied for; 5. At 10:28 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing for the reclassifications of roads in Herrick and Frankfort Townships. Herrick Township Clerk Rick Stewart and Frankfort Township Treasurer Duane Guenther were present. Work was completed on one of the roads and everyone is now in agreement to the reclassification. Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing at 10:42 a.m. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2017 - 30** approving the reclassification from local maintenance to minimum maintenance on portions of 896 RD, 897 RD, 545 Way and 546 Way in Herrick and Frankfort Townships. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2017 - 30**

**WHEREAS**, upon a public hearing held on November 9, 2017, there being no objections, it appears that it would be in the public interest to reclassify the following Herrick Township and Frankfort Township Roads from local classification to "Minimum Maintenance" described as follows:

1. Approximately one and one-half miles of 897 RD (Platted Road #152) located between the SE1/4 of Section 14, the S1/2 of Section 13, the N1/2 of Section 24 and the NE1/4 of Section 23, all in T33N, R3W (Herrick Township)
2. Approximately 1.25 miles of 545 Way (Platted Road #187) and 896 RD (Platted Road #188) located between the E1/2 of Section 23, the W1/2 of Section 24 and also in the SW1/4 of Section 24, all in T33N, R3W (Herrick Township)
3. Approximately one-half mile of 546 Way (Platted Road #152 and Platted Road #275) located in Section 13, and between the SE1/4 of Section 13 and the E1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 24 in Twp. 33N, R3W (Herrick Township) and the SW1/4 of Section 18 and the W1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 19, Twp. 33N, R2W (Frankfort Township).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk give a copy of said Resolution to the Knox County Highway Superintendent for reclassification of these roads.

Passed and approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

By: James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
Chairman

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 6. Discussion was held on the Frankfort Township Board proposing to temporarily close a portion of road. The Board recommends that the Township Board state in their meeting minutes the dates the road would be temporarily closed as well as putting a notice in the Crofton Journal newspaper.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board to discuss a Debris Management Plan. Knox County is one of twelve counties in a debris plan but now each county needs their own plan. Worksheets will be sent to all of the towns and villages for designation of temporary areas to be used in each community for debris from a disaster.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of the District Court October Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the County Treasurer's Distress Warrant report certifying that 18 distress warrants were delivered to the County Sheriff in the total amount of \$4,752.18 which included interest and distress warrant fees. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to adopt **Resolution #2017 - 31** allocating a one-time levy authority of 0.038140 to Logan Township so that the township will be able to receive their budgeted amount of \$16,300 in tax dollars for the 2017/2018 budget as Logan Township did hold a budget hearing but did not hold a town hall meeting for overriding their levy for the new budget year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2017 - 31**

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Board of Supervisors shall adopt a resolution that determines a final allocation of levy authority for Knox County's subdivisions as per Nebr. Stat. 77-3443, and

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Board of Supervisors agreed to allocate 4.5 cents to the Knox County fire districts and a total of 0.008000 to the Knox County Ag Society for budget year 2017-2018 on August 31, 2017 by Resolution #2017 - 15, and

**WHEREAS**, Knox County Townships do not receive levy allocation from the Knox County Board of Supervisors, and

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Board of Equalization set levies on October 12, 2017 for the Knox County entities according to the submitted budgets for the 2017/2018 fiscal year and at that time a levy of 0.038140 was set for Logan Township General Fund as per their submitted budget, and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts reviewed all entity budgets and found that the Logan Township Board did hold a budget hearing but did not hold a town hall meeting for overriding their levy for the new budget year, and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts gave options to the Knox County Board of Supervisors to either allocate levy authority this one time to Logan Township in the amount of 0.038140 so that Logan Township would receive tax dollars for the 2017/2018 fiscal year or to deny the allocation that would result in zero tax dollars to be collected for Logan Township, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors agree to a one-time only allocation of levy authority of 0.038140 to Logan Township so that township will be able to receive \$16,300 in tax dollars for their General Fund as per their submitted 2017/2018 budget.

DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., District #4, Chairman

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3, Vice-Chairman

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0117 Bruce Jorgensen for a lot split of a 7.28 acre tract in the E1/2SW1/4 of Section 19, T29N, R5W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the October Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Discussion was held on several requests to construct "tiny houses" in the lake area; 4. David Hoffman was present to discuss his permit applications and property his brother and he are deeding to Knox County for a new entrance to Hideaway Estates. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2017 – 32** accepting a deed from David P. Hoffman and Mary Kay Hoffman, husband and wife and Scott P. Hoffman and Kerri A. Hoffman, husband and wife, for a 51.73 ft. x 200 ft. tract in Lot 1, Hideaway Estates conveyed and dedicated for public road purposes as a new entrance into the Hideaway Estates subdivision in Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2017 – 32**

**WHEREAS**, Hideaway Estates is a platted subdivision located in North Frankfort, and

**WHEREAS**, the platted entrance to Hideaway Estates is located over a crest of a hill and vehicle accidents have occurred in the area, and

**WHEREAS**, the Nebraska Department of Roads recommended that the entrance be moved for the safety of the public, and

**WHEREAS**, David P. Hoffman and Scott Hoffman own Lot 1 in Hideaway Estates, a subdivision of Knox County, Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS**, the Hoffmans have offered to donate a 51.73 ft. by 200 ft. portion of Lot 1 as a new entrance to Hideaway Estates to be conveyed and dedicated to the public for the safety of the public, and

**WHEREAS**, a deed was prepared and signed by David P. Hoffman and Mary Kay Hoffman, husband and wife, and Scott P. Hoffman and Kerri A. Hoffman, husband and wife, as grantors conveying and dedicating to Knox County the portion of Lot 1 for public road purposes, and

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that Knox County accepts a Deed of Dedication from David P. Hoffman and Mary Kay Hoffman, husband and wife, and Scott P. Hoffman and Kerri A. Hoffman, husband and wife conveying and dedicating to the public for public health, safety and welfare that part of Lot 1, Hideaway Estates, a subdivision in Knox County, Nebraska described as commencing at the existing Southwest corner of said Lot 1, the point of beginning, thence Northwest 51.73 feet along the property line to the Southeast corner of Lot 2 of Hideaway Estates, thence Northeast on the property line dividing Lot 1 from Lot 2 a distance of 200 feet, thence Southeast 90 degrees for a distance of 51.73 feet to the property line of Lot 1, thence Southwest a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning as the new entrance to Hideaway Estates subdivision.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

At 11:17 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing for Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0029 David P. Hoffman and Scott Hoffman for the construction of two 2-unit condominiums on Lots 2 and 3, Hideaway Estates subdivision. David Hoffman was present and updated the Board on the proposed construction. Each unit will be 2,500 square feet each and local materials and builders will be used.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing at 11:20 a.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0112 David P. Hoffman and Scott Hoffman for a zoning lot combination of Lots 2 and 3, Hideaway Acres Subdivision, Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to adopt **Resolution #2017 - 33** approving Conditional Use Permit #CU0029 David P. Hoffman and Scott Hoffman for the construction of two 2-unit condominiums on Lots 2 and 3, Hideaway Estates Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2017 - 33**

**WHEREAS**, David P. Hoffman & Scott Hoffman have applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0029 to construct two 2-unit condominiums on Lot #2 and Lot #3 Hideaway Estates, Knox County, Nebraska and

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on October 10, 2017, and

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Planning Commission has found that the application complies with the Knox County Zoning Regulations, and hereby makes a recommendation to approve the permit with the following conditions:

1. Updated covenants showing that multi-family dwellings are allowed on Lots 2 & 3 of Hideaway Estates shall be recorded.
2. Applicants shall comply with any and all state regulations including NDEQ septic system requirements.
3. The permit shall expire in two years if the applicants have not begun construction.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THAT THE DAVID P. HOFFMAN AND SCOTT HOFFMAN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #CU0029 BE APPROVED.**

Dated this 9th day of November, 2017.

#### KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST: (Seal)

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Zoning Administrator Doerr continued with the following: 5. An agreement had been made in 2006 between the County of Knox and Helen M. Killeas whereby the County acknowledged that certain improvements of Helen Killeas extended upon a portion of the public use land in Walker's Valley View and that the County agreed to allow such improvements to remain on the public use land until such improvements were removed or lost due to casualty. The current land owners are descendants of Helen Killeas and now wish to remove the current improvements and rebuild on their own property. The new constructed home would not extend onto the public use area. With the improvements being removed from the public use land, the agreement will now be satisfied, completed and over. Discussion was held on the proposed construction, a drive way that would be across the public use area, parking of vehicles and boats on the public use land in front of the Killeas property, and that County Attorney Thomas has reviewed the agreement and proposal and has approved it. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve an agreement between the County of Knox and Andrea M. Peters, Mary J. Breitbarth and Kristine L. Killeas, successors to Helen M. Killeas, where the prior 2006 agreement between the County of Knox and Helen M. Killeas is satisfied, completed and over as the Killeas improvements located on the public use land in Walker's Valley View will be removed, that new construction of a home on the E1/2 of Lot 13, Block 2, Walker's Valley View will not extend onto the public use land, and that such owners may rebuild such improvements in accordance with the plans described under the terms of the current agreement. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 6. Discussion was held on a chicken house and a garage listed on the October Zoning Permits report.

The public hearing that was opened on October 26, 2017 for the vacation and abandonment of portions of Walnut Grove township roads resumed at 11:30 a.m. Present were Walnut Grove Township Board members Kevin Cook and Charles Cook and Great Plains Communications representative Doug Ptacnik. Discussion was held on possibly rerouting the fiber optic line that is located in the N1/2 of 514 Avenue and obtaining an easement.

At 11:45 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing for the vacation/abandonment of portions of 873 RD and 514 Avenue in Walnut Grove Township.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska that the publisher's affidavit of publishing the hearing notice for the vacation and abandonment of portions of 873 RD and 514 Avenue in Walnut Grove Township be filed with these minutes and as part of this record. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2017 - 34** stating that a hearing was held and it would be in the public's best interest for the vacation and abandonment of a one-mile portion of 873 RD (Platted Road #93) located between the S1/2 of Section 15 and the N1/2 of Section 22, all in T29N, R8W and the N1/2 of 514 Avenue (Platted Road #74) located between the NW1/4 of Section 26 and the NE1/4 of Section 27, all in T30N, R8W, and that Great Plains Communications should have an easement for its existing telecommunications line buried under the N1/2 of 514 Avenue (Platted Road #74) as a condition of the vacation and abandonment. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.



**RESOLUTION #2017 - 34**

**WHEREAS**, upon the public hearing duly held, after proper notice given, it appears that it would be in the public interest to require the vacation and abandonment of the following portions of 873 RD (Platted Road #93) and 514 Avenue (Platted Road #74) located in Walnut Grove Township, Knox County, Nebraska described as follows:

1. A one-mile portion of 873 RD (Platted Road #93) located between the S1/2 of Section 15 and the N1/2 of Section 22, all in T29N, R8W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska
2. The North 1/2 of 514 Avenue (Platted Road #74) located between the NW1/4 of Section 26 and the NE1/4 of Section 27, all in T30N, R8W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that these portions be vacated and abandoned, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Great Plains Communications, Inc., a telecommunications company with the right to construct, operate, and maintain telecommunication lines along, upon, across and under public roads (86-704(1)), should have an easement for its existing telecommunications line buried along, upon, across and under that portion of the N1/2 of 514 Avenue (Platted Road #74) located between the NW1/4 of Section 26 and the NE1/4 of Section 27, T30N, R8W as a condition of this vacation and abandonment, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk mail a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Walnut Grove Township in Knox County, by certified mail, filing her receipts therefore as part of this record.

Passed and approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

By: James Sokol, Jr.  
Chairman

Jeff Christensen with NENEDD was present to discuss an amendment to the Knox County Revolving Loan Fund Program Guidelines. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the Amendment to CDBG RLF Guidelines for the Knox County Revolving Loan Fund Program where Section 2.1 and 2.2 were changed. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Hanefeldt informed the Board that the part-time position in her office was filled by Stacy Miller.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller that the receipts totaling \$95,062.00 be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#18791 – Midwest Bank, interest, 332.71; #18792 – Estate of Dolores J Schock, inheritance tax, 7,251.99; #18793 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 360.00; #18794 – Three River, 911 surcharges, 327.00; #18795 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 567.12; #18796 – Estate of Philip L. Schreier, inheritance tax, 2,935.58; #18797 – Midwest Bank, interest, 5,898.08; #18798 – Estate of Betty Parks, inheritance tax, 1,031.40; #18799 – Z's Lindy Country Club, liquor license, occupational tax and publishing reimbursement, 339.28; #18800 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 227.20; #18801 – Knox County Zoning, conditional use permit, 200.00; #18802 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 250.00; #18803 – Great Plains Communications Inc., 911 surcharges, 7,659.97; #18804 – State of Nebraska, funding for 911 service, 4,772.55; #18805 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 848.76; #18806 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 143.52; #18807 – State of Nebraska, State Aid, 45,105.00; #18808 – State of Nebraska, rent, 2,205.00; #18809 – Clerk of District Court, filing fees, copies, court costs & passport fees, 534.00; #18810 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 1,512.32; #18811 – Knox County Clerk, plats, misc. fees, c.c. marriage licenses & copies, 628.12; #18812 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18813 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 579.72; #18814 – Knox County Zoning, flood permit, 50.00; #18815 – James Hames, culvert/band, 1,400.00; #18816 – Walnut Grove Township, signs, 170.00; #18817 – Pitzer Digital, loan closing fee, 250.00; #18818 – Knox County Court, fines, overload fines, court costs & lab test fees, 1,672.00; #18819 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 231.00; #18820 – Knox County Zoning, variance application, 750.00; #18821 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 167.95; #18822 – Encartel Inc., reimburse jail phone usage, 184.89; #18823 – Knox County Sheriff, October 2017 collections, 655.00; #18824 – Register of Deeds, recording fees & stamp tax, 5,796.84.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 154,012.52; Amy Johnson, travel expense, 60.99; Antelope County Sheriff Department, house inmate, 240.00; Applied Connective Technologies, quarterly IT/printer, 3,948.00; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 138.41; Bomgaars, grass seed, 38.24; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rental, 51.50; Clerk of District Court, filing fee, 72.00; Clerk of the Supreme Court, appeal, 126.00; CMart LLC, van gas, 87.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 11,815.55; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 27,200.00; Creighton News, publishing/subscription, 136.00; Creston Fertilizer Co., weed chemicals, 393.75; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dept. of Correctional Services, tool boxes, 60.00; Donald Jiracek, prior service, 25.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreements, 192.36; Ecowater Systems, bottled water/softener maintenance, 770.95; Elaine's Tavern & Café, prisoner board, 7,245.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,244.65; Health Plan Services Inc., insurance County pays, 1,883.12; Hefner Hardware, furnace filters, 32.99; J&K Auto, vehicle repairs, 20.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 104.00; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees, 20.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 79.88; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 163.94; Madison County Sheriff, house inmate, 700.00; Mary Ketelsen, travel expense, 72.18; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 698.31; Monroe Systems, ribbon/toner, 329.86; NACO, registration, 2,000.00; Nebraska.gov, swipe machine, 227.20; Niobrara Trading Post, gas, 8.01; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,885.29; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 168.74; NEREC, supplies, 60.00; Postmaster, postage, 177.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 650.97; RR Donnelley, gun permit form, 102.42; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 10,364.81; Ruth Vonderohe, travel expense, 374.50; Steve Banks, registration, 15.00; Telebeep, pager, 51.33; The Farner Company Inc., utensils, 149.38; Tom Kotrous, elevation grant funds, 2,411.44; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 121.52; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 339.72; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 176.35; Viewu, body cameras, 125.00; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., janitor supplies, 284.60.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 55,709.03; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 25,645.56; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 84.65; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas/diesel, 190.38; Bomgaars, shop supplies/repairs, 261.09; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, building repair, 32.25; Carhart Lumber Co., shop supplies, 4.19; CHS Wausa, diesel, 550.00; City of Bloomfield, water, 24.20; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 151.50; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,212.67; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 3,609.89; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,000.00; Don McElhose Trucking & Construction, clay rock/haul/equipment rental, 6,815.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 930.33; Frevert Excavating LLC, equipment rental, 650.00; Great Plains

Communications, phone, 484.84; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filters, 418.65; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 754.12; J&K Auto, gas, 79.00; Jebro Inc., road oil, 2,788.30; Kevin Barta, meal reimbursement, 54.52; Key Sanitation, garbage, 116.00; Larry Cross, prior service, 18.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 32.30; Mainelli Wagner & Associates, engineer fees, 3,183.20; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 98.00; Mitteis Gravel, gravel/haul, 14,837.01; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 39.50; Niobrara Trading Post, gas, 67.50; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 263.90; Overhead Door of Norfolk, door repair, 139.70; Peitz GMC Service Inc., repairs, 371.36; PHP Company, equipment rental, 690.50; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, ret. Co. pays, 3,650.97; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 464.23; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.50; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 74.15; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies, 3.89; Willow Creek Sand and Gravel, gravel/haul, 11,771.78.

**HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND.** Mainelli Wagner & Associates, engineer fees, 5,017.80.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 46.00.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Salaries, 690.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** Great Plains Communications Inc., kiosk internet, 108.65.

**ROAD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 244.34.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,125.83; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 231.52; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 800.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.29; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 44.36; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1.83; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 117.70; Northeast Community College Foundation, dues, 500.00; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 12.70; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 210.99; Stacy Miller, travel expense, 194.10; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 35.43.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Mainelli Wagner & Associates, engineer fees, 3,867.50; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; The Law Offices of Jeffrey M. Doerr, court appointed attorney, 763.23.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 5.12; Donna Hays, mileage, 177.62; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 172.31; Heather Kienow, mileage, 190.46; NESCA, training, 9.50; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 2,670.49; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 495.71; NESCA, training, 40.50; Three river Telco, phone, 179.34.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bob's Candy Service, inmate commissary, 281.75.

**TOTALS**

General Fund	233,163.98
Road Fund	151,331.66
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	5,017.80
Child Support Fund	98.29
Visitor's Promo Fund	690.00
Visitor's Improvement Fund	108.65
ROAD Pres./Mod. Fund	299.34
County Insurance Fund	250.00
C&C Development Fund	5,326.75
Inheritance Fund	6,714.06
911 Emergency Fund	597.08
911 Wireless Service Fund	3,386.04
Sheriff Commissary Fund	<u>281.75</u>
Total	\$407,265.40

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:07 p.m., November 9, 2017 until Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

November 9, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
10:04 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of November 9, 2017 at 10:04 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the October 26, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment was given by Supr. Sokol, Jr. who asked if deer stands are valuated. Some of the stands now cost \$2,500 and up plus some now have electricity. Deputy Assessor Beckmann was present and said that they are not valued at this time.

As County Assessor McManigal was out of the office, Deputy Assessor Beckmann updated the Board on issues balancing the taxes due to computer program issues with TerraScan on the ag land credit.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:10 a.m. on November 9, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
November 30, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of November 30, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the November 9, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims except Claim #17110225 payable to Schreier's Lumber Company, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor that Claim #17110225 payable to Schreier's Lumber Company in the amount of \$2,379.88, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #3. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$208,158.99 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 9:59 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:12 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Mechanic Keith Nelson met with the Board regarding needed repairs to a spare John Deere motorgrader. Consensus of the Board was to repair the machine; 2. Repairs are needed on the used oil burner at the Wausa Shed; 3. The Fracture Critical Bridge inspection is now completed. Discussion was held on the results of the inspections, repairs needed and fences that are attached to bridges and guardrails; 4. County Bridge Match Program update; 5. Creighton North bridge project update; 6. Culverts replaced north of Verdigre and south of Bloomfield. Engineer hydraulic studies may need to be done in the future when replacing culverts; 7. Slides north of Center. A culvert was plugged and may need to be replaced due to a possible hole in it; 8. The small skid loader ordered was to be built November 20 but now won't be built until December 10; 9. Road shoulders near the Miller Feedlot north of Bloomfield were repaired with the help of Miller employees; 10. Interrogatories completed for lawsuit; 11. An introductory period employee is attending motor grader schooling; 12. Discussed tracks made by buggies on the edge of hilly gravel roads that is allowing water to run down them.

Jeff Christensen with NENEDD met with the Board regarding Loans #6872420 and #6872422. A request was made by Pinnacle Bank to have Knox County subordinate Loan #6872420. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the Subordination Agreement with Pinnacle Bank for Loan #6872420 as recommended by NENEDD staff and the Northeast Loan Committee. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

A buyer is interested in purchasing the duct cleaning equipment and a trailer from Loan #6872422 in the amount of \$4,500. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve the sale of the duct cleaning equipment used as collateral for Loan #6872422 in the amount of \$4,500 with proceeds being paid directly to Knox County and applied to Loan #6872422 as recommended by NENEDD staff. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Update on the last Planning Commission meeting; 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to reappoint Dean Wilken and Robert Ganz to another three-year term on the Planning Commission. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to reappoint John Broders and Tom Pavlik to another three-year term on the Board of Adjustments. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the October 10, 2017 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the October 16, 2017 Board of Adjustments meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 6. Several requests have been made for variances in the river area; 7. Discussion was held on the hearing held at the last Planning Commission meeting for the H & H Cattle application and impact easements filed; 8. The Board congratulated Zoning Administrator Doerr on being named the 2017 AG-ceptional Woman of the Year.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. Presented statutory information that permits school bus drivers to use cell phones while driving a school bus when necessary to communicate with law enforcement officials; 2. 911 system was being updated and the costs should be covered by grants; 3. Chairman Sokol, Jr. signed the Prisoner Feed Agreement with Barbara Boggs dba Elaine's Tavern & Café in Winnetoon for the period of November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2018 at \$21 per prisoner per day with a minimum per day guarantee of four prisoners for the allotted period of the agreement.

Jordan Burmeister with Geronimo Energy of Edina, Minnesota and project manager of the proposed North Fork Wind Farm presented information that will encompass an area in parts of Eastern, Peoria, Morton and Columbia Townships and all of Dolphin, Dowling and Lincoln Townships and extending into Cedar County. The project will have a total of 70,000 to 80,000 acres and presently 38,000 acres have already been signed up by landowners. The type of turbines will determine the number erected and it is proposed to have 120-200 turbines in the project. The target time to have the project begin construction is 2020 but could begin in 2019. Discussion was held on studies, the implementation of a North Fork Community Fund for the purpose of contributing money to exclusively charitable activities and opportunities within the communities connected with the wind project, economic development, jobs created, ownership of the project would be Geronimo Energy, and transmission lines. No zoning permits have been issued at this time.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller that the receipts totaling \$343,226.60 be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#18825 – State of Nebraska, fines collected by State of Nebraska, 1,680.96; #18826 – Cedar County Treasurer, tax collections – Crofton Fire Gen & Sink & Wausa Fire Gen, 1,486.79; #18827 – State of Nebraska, highway allocation, 150,763.63; #18828 – Knox County Zoning, flood permit, 50.00; #18829 – South Frankfort Township, reimbursement for sign, 45.00; #18830 – Avera, grant reimbursement for LKC, 1,226.34; #18831 – Liska Construction, coats, 145.97; #18832 – Dan Wamberg dba 3-D Recycling, scrap iron from bridges, 1,347.89; #18833 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 884.00; #18834 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 1,449.32; #18835 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 378.08; #18836 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 140.07; #18837 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 11.92; #18838 – Nebraska Community Foundation, leadership program reimbursement, 200.00; #18839 – Knox County Sheriff, refund for prisoner medication, 4.22; #18840 – Knox County Sheriff-BIA, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates in October 2017, 19,720.00; #18841 – Brian Zimmerer, crushed concrete, 348.00; #18842 – Northeast Nebraska Economic Development, November 2017 business loan payments, 5,991.38; #18843 – Estate of Ziola Herzog, inheritance tax, 51,142.56; #18844 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18845 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 938.36; #18846 – State of Nebraska, reimbursement of emergency management budget, 7,632.08; #18847 – Knox County Sheriff-BIA, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates in September 2017, 12,482.00; #18848 – George H. Real Estate, inheritance tax, 3.94; #18849 – Frontier Communications, 911 surcharges, 3.96; #18850 – Village of Verdigre, law enforcement service, 450.00; #18851 – NIRMA, recommitment dividend, 7,261.00; #18852 – Knox County Sheriff, work release, 200.00; #18853 – Vonage, 911 surcharges, 6.00; #18854 – Knox County Attorney, check collection fee and STOP funds, 50.00; #18855 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,474.52; #18856 – SID #1, Cedar Knox Rural Waster, 532.06; #18857 – Estate of Leona H. Hansen, inheritance tax, 20,732.05; #18858 – Estate of Lucille O. Arens, inheritance tax, 22,224.67; #18859 – Estate of Alan R. Schroeder, inheritance tax, 14,535.60; #18860 – State of Nebraska, funding for 911 service, 4,772.55; #18861 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 3,113.31; #18862 – Knox County Sheriff, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter mileage, 3,274.11; #18863 – Knox County Sheriff, work release, 75.00; #18864 – Midwest Bank, interest, 649.04; #18865 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 680.54; #18866 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 54.85; #18867 – Estate of Emil Marshall, inheritance tax, 3,129.42; #18868 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,890.41; #18869 – Oliver Horton, culvert & sales tax, 20.00.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 12:01 p.m. for lunch

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:35 p.m. with all members present.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve an agreement to provide professional consulting services with MAXIMUS Consulting Services, Inc. for reimbursement of costs associated with child support for a period of January 2, 2018 through January 1, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Liska to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign the Certification of County Highway Superintendent for Determining Incentive Payment. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Elected officials and the Board discussed the NACO Officials' Salary Recommendations for 2019-2022. As per Nebraska Revised Statute 23-1114, the Board is required to determine and set the salaries of various elected officials of the County for the years of 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 prior to January 15, 2018. Discussion ensued on duties of the offices, budgets, office staff, number of parcels, multiple offices held by several officials, recommendations from the NACO study, and neighboring counties' information. The elected officials received a 2.5% cost of living increase in 2016 and 2017 and will receive the same increase in 2018 as per Resolution #2013 - 62. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2017 – 35** setting the 2019 through 2022 salaries for Knox County elected officials with the cost of living increase to remain at 2.5% for 2019 through 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2017- 35**  
**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR THE**  
**ELECTED OFFICIALS OF KNOX COUNTY NEBRASKA**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 23-1114 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Nebraska, the Knox County Board of Supervisors are required to determine and set the salaries of the various elected officials of the County prior to January 15<sup>th</sup> of the year in which a General Election will be held for the respective offices,

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Board of Supervisors, have met in order to establish the salaries for the elected officials of Knox County, Nebraska, for the term commencing January 2019, pursuant to Nebraska law. After conferring with county officials and citizens, and after reviewing the financial situation of county government, the Board finds it is necessary and proper to establish new salaries for the elected officials of Knox County, Nebraska.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska, that:

**County Assessor.** The annual salary for the office of County Assessor shall be established at \$60,709.72 for the calendar year 2019. For each year thereafter 2.5% cost of living increase shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2020 shall be \$62,227.47, for the calendar year 2021 shall be \$63,783.16, and for the calendar year 2022 shall be \$65,377.74.

**County Attorney.** The annual salary for the office of County Attorney shall be established at \$60,709.72 for the

calendar year 2019. For each year thereafter 2.5% cost of living increase shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2020 shall be \$62,227.47, for the calendar year 2021 shall be \$63,783.16, and for the calendar year 2022 shall be \$65,377.74.

**County Clerk.** The annual salary for the office of County Clerk shall be established at \$60,709.72 for the calendar year 2019. For each year thereafter 2.5% cost of living increase shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2020 shall be \$62,227.47, for the calendar year 2021 shall be \$63,783.16, and for the calendar year 2022 shall be \$65,377.74.

**Clerk of District Court.** The annual salary for the office of Clerk of District Court shall be established at \$60,709.72 for the calendar year 2019. For each year thereafter 2.5% cost of living increase shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2020 shall be \$62,227.47, for the calendar year 2021 shall be \$63,783.16, and for the calendar year 2022 shall be \$65,377.74.

**County Sheriff.** The annual salary for the office of County Sheriff, including his or her services in managing the county jail, shall be established at \$69,109.72 for the calendar year 2019. For each year thereafter a 2.5% cost of living increase shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2020 shall be \$70,837.46, for the calendar year 2021 shall be \$72,608.40, for the calendar year 2022 shall be \$74,423.61. In the event the County enters into a contract with a city or village to provide contract law enforcement, the Sheriff will receive as additional salary \$500 per month for each contracted city or village during the period of any such contract.

**County Surveyor.** The annual salary for the office of County Surveyor shall be established at \$1000.00 for the calendar year 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

**County Treasurer.** The annual salary for the office of County Treasurer shall be established at \$60,709.72 for the calendar year 2019. For each year thereafter 2.5% cost of living increase shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2020 shall be \$62,227.47, for the calendar year 2021 shall be \$63,783.16, and for the calendar year 2022 shall be \$65,377.74.

**County Supervisor.** The annual salary for the office of County Supervisor shall be established at 40% of the annual salary of the offices of County Assessor, County Attorney, County Clerk, County Clerk of District Court, County Sheriff and County Treasurer, that is, at \$24,283.89 for the calendar year 2019. For each year thereafter a 2.5% cost of living increase shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2020 shall be \$24,890.99, for the calendar year 2021 shall be \$25,513.27, and for the calendar year 2020 shall be \$26,151.11.

**Chairman of the Board of County Supervisors.** The annual salary for the Chairman of the Board of County Supervisors shall be \$25,602.35 for the calendar year 2019. For each year thereafter a 2.5% cost of living increase shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2020 shall be \$26,242.41, for the calendar year 2021 shall be \$26,898.47, and for the calendar year 2020 shall be \$27,570.93.

**Deputies.** The salaries of the Deputies of the County Assessor, the County Clerk, the County Clerk of the District Court and the County Treasurer shall be 75% of the respective elected officials.

**Benefits.** In addition to the above salary each Elected Official shall receive during his or her term of office a single health insurance coverage policy, a single dental/vision insurance coverage policy and a \$5,000 life insurance policy. Elected officials shall be enrolled in and shall receive the benefits of the County Employee's Retirement System, to participate in such programs on the effective date of such programs as approved by the County Board.

**Cash in Lieu of Health Insurance.** In addition to the above stated salary, a County Supervisor shall receive during his term of office at county expense an opt-out provision (aka "cash in lieu of" provisions) if a Supervisor opts out of the health and medical plan. This option will be available as permitted by Federal and State statutes and rules and regulations of agencies, including US Department of Treasury, US Internal Revenue Service, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Pursuant to the "cash in lieu of" program, a Supervisor shall receive "cash in lieu" of health insurance.

Resolution approved passed and adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST: (Seal)

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Antelope County News, publishing, 63.00; Avera Creighton Hospital, emergency room, 297.00; Bloomfield Auto Parts, filter/oil, 33.39; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 92.42; Bomgaars, snow shovels/supplies, 324.38; Center Garage, repairs, 90.00; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 44.50; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 36.00; Creighton News, publishing, 162.35; Creighton Plumbing, repair, 200.00; Creighton 59 Express, gas, 85.25; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 255.42; D&L tire LLC, tires, 828.00; Dale P. Riesberg, meeting/mileage, 25.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; DAS State Accounting Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 63.00; Derrick Barr, meeting/mileage, 25.00; Dollar General, supplies, 415.05; Don Henery, mileage, 89.27; Eakes Office Solutions, office supplies/copier agreements, 983.13; First National Bank Omaha,

gas/supplies/hot spot /lodging, 2,152.60; Fred Steffen, meeting/mileage, 64.59; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 50.68; Jeannoutot Plumbing, water heater part, 154.49; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 42.12; John Broders, meeting/mileage, 25.00; John Thomas, computer/mileage, 543.97; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 39.45; Kelly Kumm, meeting/mileage, 35.70; Ken Foner, meeting/mileage, 37.84; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees, 42.82; K/V Electric, repairs, 186.32; Loren Hintz, trailer repair supplies, 25.76; National Patent Analytical Systems Inc., data master repair, 179.41; National Sheriffs Association, dues, 60.00; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 56.03; Office Depot, office supplies, 79.30; Office Systems Company, maintenance, 326.56; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 188.75; Ramada Inn Kearney, lodging, 146.00; Repco Marketing Inc., pbt solution, 44.25; Reserve Account, meter postage, 4,000.00; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 73.54; Scott Fuchtman dba S&D Masonry, sidewalk, 560.00; Secretary of State, voter id cards, 65.00; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 52.50; Steven Banks, meal, 8.85; Sue Wiebelhaus, reimbursement of envelopes, 117.42; Tom Pavlik, meeting/mileage, 74.22; Tri County Abstract & Title Co., tax foreclosure, 125.00; Verdigre Farm Service LLC, gas, 73.45; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 304.50.

**ROAD FUND.** A & D Service, repairs, 40.00; Ag & Industrial Equipment, repairs, 204.65; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 75.00; B's Enterprises Inc., signs/culverts/lights, 21,089.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 9,128.27; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 70.10; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs/shop supplies, 735.39; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas/diesel, 362.57; Bomgaars, shop supplies/repairs/fuel barrel/ice melt, 2,084.68; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., tire repairs, 97.95; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 85.53; C Mart, gas, 143.08; C-Mart LLC, gas, 126.36; Creighton Plumbing, repairs, 44.24; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 95.25; Don McElhose Trucking & Construction, clay rock/haul, 442.50; First National Bank Omaha, lodging, 186.00; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,347.30; Hank's Front End Service, repairs, 395.36; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 19.96; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,013.76; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 55.43; Kimball Midwest, gloves, 73.34; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 204.23; NMC Exchange LLC, repair, 102.31; Productivity Plus Account, repairs, 91.15; R & K Motor Parts, filters/shop supplies, 237.89; R.F. Machine Works, repairs, 63.72; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schreier Lumber Company, concrete, 2,379.88; Theisen Construction Co., bridge steel, 126,520.83; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas, 3,480.98; Vic's Service LLC, gas/shop supplies, 165.98; Village of Center, water/sewer, 36.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 4,047.03.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** Village of Wausa, building improvement, 5,000.00.

**ECOMONIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 345.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 11.29; First National Bank Omaha, travel/training/ leadership/supplies, 613.92; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 46.33; NECC, leadership, 1,320.00; Westside Publishing, marketing, 425.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Guarantee Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc., complete roofing, 7,301.00; Knox County Register of Deeds, filing, 68.00.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 79.21; Creighton 59 Express LLC, gas, 44.27; First National Bank Omaha, lodging, 259.42; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

**911 WIRELESS FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 337.68; First National Bank Omaha, lodging, 176.58; Three River Telco, phone, 179.34.

TOTALS	
General Fund	14,618.16
Road Fund	177,291.72
Visitor's Improvement Fund	5,000.00
Economic Development Fund	345.00
C&C Development Fund	2,416.54
Inheritance Fund	7,369.00
911 Emergency Fund	424.97
911 Wireless Fund	693.60
Total	208,158.99

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:47 p.m., November 30, 2017 until Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

November 30, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
9:59 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of November 30, 2017 at 9:59 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the November 9, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the November 9, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

County Assessor McManigal updated the Board on the following: 1. Recent Blazer rural review. Area 2 being the Bloomfield and Wausa areas will be done next; 2. Staff is completing pick-up work.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the Certificate authorizing and commanding the County Treasurer to collect the 2017 real and personal property taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:12 a.m. on November 30, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
December 12, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of December 12, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

County Clerk Fischer led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supr. Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the November 30, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the November 30, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$357,116.57 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to reappoint Supervisor Virgil Miller to another three-year term on the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the Clerk of the District Court November Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to appoint Kari Nilson of Creighton and Holly Wortmann of Crofton to three-year terms on the Knox County Extension Board. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 9:58 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:13 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign the agreement between Knox County and the Nebraska Department of Roads to tie out section corner land monuments prior to construction and tie and re-establish monuments after construction for Project #STP-84-5(110) Verdigre-Center, CN 31923. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Update on Creighton North bridge project. The project is nearly completed; 3. Inspection of culverts; 4. Working on Fracture Critical bridge list; 5. Discussed leased skid loaders; 6. Ordering snow tires through State Bid.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the November Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. At 10:28 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened an advertised public hearing for Conditional Use Permit #CU0032 Jim Herzog dba H & H Cattle Company for expansion of a cattle feedlot. Several Planning Commission members and sixteen people from the public were present. Andy Scholting with Nutrient Advisors of West Point presented information of a proposed three-phase expansion of the H & H Cattle Company feedlot where the permitted animal units would be permitted to 20,000 head. Discussion was held on County Attorney Thomas' letter stating that a certain impact easement that had been signed in 2003 is valid and binding. Also discussed was existing facility, waste containments, new holding ponds, DEQ would permit them in phases, studies to be done, the area would be close to 500 acres, and impact easements. Impact easements that were signed and recorded nearly 14 years ago to H & H Cattle Company are valid as the impact easements are perpetual where it states the easements are granted to the grantee and their assigns so are transferrable, and will not affect this project as the recorded impact easements do not state a limit of animal units. Concerns of the public were addressed as to cattle grazing near an abandoned portion of the feed lot, six pivots that will be included in the project to distribute waste water, time limit to file an appeal to District Court, that the original permit is for up to 10,000 and would not need a Conditional Use Permit but one is needed now as moving to the next class which is from 10,000 to 20,000 animal units, conditions approved by the Planning Commission, the number of pens to be constructed in each phase and DEQ permit requirements. Discussion ensued on the economic impact to the County by the Mark Miller Feedlot operation who will be purchasing the H & H Feedlot with the economic impact being employment, purchasing of local materials, crops, hay and housing, and enrollment of employees' children in County schools.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing at 11:03 a.m. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2017 – 36** approving Conditional Use Permit #CU0031 Jim Herzog dba H & H Cattle Company as per the Knox County Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the permit subject to conditions for the expansion of a beef feedlot from 7,500 animal units to 20,000 animal units, in the W1/2 of Section 6 and the NW1/4 of Section 7 in Dolphin Township and the SE1/4 of Section 1 and the E1/2NE1/4 of Section 12 in Addison Peoria (corrected 12/28/2017) Township, contingent upon Nebraska DEQ's approval of the expansion. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2017 – 36**

**WHEREAS**, Jim Herzog dba H & H Cattle Co. has applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0031 to expand his beef feedlot, from 7500 head (7500 animal units) up to 20,000 head (20,000 animal units), in the W1/2 6-31N-2W, SE1/4 1-31N-3W, NW1/4 7-31N-2W, and E1/2NE1/4 of 12-31N-3W, Knox County, Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on November 14, 2017, and

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Planning Commission has found that the application complies with the Knox County Zoning Regulations, and hereby makes a recommendation to approve the permit with the following condition:

1. The operation shall comply with Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality regulations.
2. Shelterbelts are encouraged to be planted to help with the dust and odor as per NRD recommendations.
3. The operation shall work with the township board regarding road maintenance.
4. The operation shall begin work on Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality permitting for the first phase within 12 months of approval or the permit shall become null and void.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THAT THE JIM HERZOG dba H&H CATTLE CO. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #CU0031 BE APPROVED.**

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

#### KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Dist. #4, Chairman

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, Dist. #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick Liska, Dist. #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, Dist. #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin Mackeprang, Dist. #3

Danny R Schlote /s/  
Danny R Schlote, Dist. #6

ATTEST: (Seal)

James J. Borgmann /s/  
Jim Borgmann, Dist. #7

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

At 11:03 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing on the Final Plat of Sorrell Place, a subdivision in the SE1/4 of Section 14, T33N, R3W. Discussion was held on the changing of lot lines, adding two lots, and that there has been two administrative plats done on the property already and as per zoning regulations, the Final Plat is needed due to the limit of administrative plats. Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing at 11:17 a.m. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the Final Plat of Sorrell Place, a subdivision of a part of the SE1/4 of Section 14, T33N, R3W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr, Supr. O'Connor, Planning Commission member Dale Riesberg and Consultant Keith Marvin will be touring the lake area. Zoning regulations need to be addressed for that area and the tour of the area will assist in making recommendations.

Rick Metzler met with the Board with concerns of disposing of animal carcasses. Mr. Metzler presented photos of deer carcasses disposed of under a bridge near his property and turkey carcasses in the Bingham Creek that runs through his property in Sparta Township. Mr. Metzler said the problem becomes worse each year and is a problem across the State of Nebraska. Nebraska Game Warden Johnson has assisted in removing carcasses from Mr. Metzler's property but there is nowhere to go with the carcasses after that. The State of Nebraska has cut the budget removing funds to pick up animals killed on the State highways. Discussion ensued on carcasses found that were killed in and out of hunting seasons, water pollution, and that possibly placing dumpsters for disposal of wild game carcasses across the county. Mr. Metzler asked the Board to write a letter to Governor Ricketts asking for the DEQ, a state agency or someone to do something about the ever-increasing problem of disposing of animal carcasses. Sheriff Henery will talk to Economic Development Director Hanefeldt after she returns from maternity leave about possible grants.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the 2018 Printing Report where the 2018 legal papers will be the Bloomfield Monitor and the Verdigre Eagle, papers to print the Delinquent Tax List will be the Creighton News and the Crofton Journal, the County Treasurer's Report will be printed by the Niobrara Tribune and the Wausa Gazette, and notices for road and bridge work and improvements will be published in the newspaper nearest to the project or improvement. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that the receipts totaling \$204,280.27 be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#18870 – State of Nebraska, December 2017 rent, 2,205.00; #18871 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 289.86; #18872 – Brent Zerbe PR, inheritance tax-Gary Zerbe Estate, 2,675.36; #18873 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 729.03; #18874 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 139.62; #18875 – Marty O'Connor, candidate filing fee, 236.92; #18876 – Kevin Mackeprang, candidate filing fee, 236.92; #18877 – Joann M. Fischer, candidate filing fee, 577.84; #18878 – James J. Borgmann, candidate filing fee, 236.92; #18879 – Cathy Stark, candidate filing fee, 577.84; #18880 – Monica J. McManigal, candidate filing fee, 577.84; #18881 – Estate of Eva M. Nickels, inheritance tax, 20,926.58; #18882 – Clerk of District Court, filing fees, copies, court costs, bail bond & passport fees, 716.43; #18883 – Knox County Clerk, plats, misc. fees, c.c. marriage licenses & copies, 137.25; #18884 – Don Henery, candidate filing fee, 649.84; #18885 – Knox County Sheriff, work release, 125.00; #18886 – Matt R. Fischer, candidate filing fee, 577.84; #18887 – Midwest



Bank, interest, 686.85; #18888 – Virgil Miller, candidate filing fee, 236.92; #18889 – Knox County Sheriff, auto inspections & handgun permits, 595.00; #18890 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 175.00; #18891 – Encartel Inc., 911 surcharges, 146.59; #18892 – State of Nebraska, elevation grant, 865.82; #18893 – Richard Kleinschmit, sale of equipment going to loan balance, 4,500.00; #18894 – Knox County Court, November 2017 collections, 4,337.84; #18895 – Creighton Community Country Club, liquor license & occupational tax, 275.00; #18896 – Register of Deeds, recording fees & documentary stamp tax, 9,321.48; #18897 – Michael Beckmann, I-beam, 75.00; #18898 – Knox County Attorney, STOP funds, 160.00; #18899 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 8.30; #18900 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 253.00; #18901 – Country Jim's LLC, tobacco license, 10.00; #18902 – Blue Moon Resort, tobacco license, 10.00; #18903 – Knox County Sheriff, work release, 125.00; #18904 – State of Nebraska, highway allocation, 147,326.04; #18905 – Cedar County Treasurer, tax collections – Crofton Fire Gen & Sink & Wausa Fire Gen, 1,368.43; #18906 – Cedar Knox Rural Water refund of overpayment, 170.93; #18907 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 2,006.98; #18908 – Bohemian One Stop, tobacco license, 10.00.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Sheriff Henery informed the Board that Platte Valley Communications may have a cellphone repeater that would work in Center and the immediate area. The cost would be \$2,900. The Board requested that a representative from Platte Valley Communications come to a meeting to give information on the repeater and the cost.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 152,861.30; Applied Connective Technologies, annual antivirus program, 1,050.00; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 22.40; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 87.67; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rental, 41.00; Clerk of District Court, filing fee, 33.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 11,687.04; Connie J. Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 27,200.00; Creighton News, publishing, 248.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 149.25; CVSOAN, dues, 60.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Donald Jiracek, prior service, 25.00; Eakes Office Solutions, office supplies, 100.72; Echo Group Inc., bulbs, 153.46; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 480.50; Elaine's Tavern & Café, prisoner board, 4,977.00; Gary D. Marshall, prior service, 12.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,383.63; Health Plan Services Inc., insurance County pays, 1,883.12; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; Jo Ann Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Julie K. Rayer, prior service, 12.00; Knox County Register of Deeds, recording, 16.00; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees, 2.00; K/V Electric LLC, repair lights, 103.31; Landmark Surveying, surveying fee, 600.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 79.88; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage/ink, 120.00; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Madison County Sheriff, mental health, 27.61; Mark D. Albin, mental health, 186.75; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 40.50; Midwest Radar & Equipment, radar recertification, 80.00; MIPS, computer program, 698.31; MIPS Inc., scanning, 293.93; Moody Motor Co. Inc., vehicle repairs, 513.16; My Local County News, publishing, 162.75; N & B Gas Company, propane, 1,063.20; NACO, dues, 1,997.96; NetCom Inc., repair antenna, 160.00; Norbert Guenther, prior service, 12.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,412.44; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 279.10; Platte Valley Communications, repair tower at Lindy, 543.50; Quill, office supplies, 588.47; R.S. Technologies Inc., program hosting, 500.00; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly bill, 5,895.75; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 10,307.60; Roland R. Beran, prior service, 24.00; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Ruth Vonderohe, travel expense, 893.70; Telebeep, pager, 51.33; The Farner Company Inc., utensils, 227.93; Tom Kotrous, elevation grant funds, 865.82; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 121.52; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 339.72; Valorie R. Olson, transcript, 35.75; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/envelopes, 671.00; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 49.61; Viewu, body cameras, 125.00; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete, concrete, 673.13; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., janitor supplies, 301.15.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 55,603.02; A & D Service, repairs, 30.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 312.18; Bauer Built Tire, tires, 1,405.94; Block Tree Cutting, equipment rental, 50.00; CHS Wausa, diesel, 802.50; City of Bloomfield, water, 21.75; Clark's Rental, equipment rental, 55.00; C-Mart, gas/diesel, 156.04; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,204.57; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 1,488.77; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,000.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 37.50; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 932.50; Great Plains Communications, phone, 482.31; Greg's Motor & Marine, gas, 55.00; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filters, 2,046.92; Hagge Glass, repairs, 172.00; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 754.12; Hefner Hardware, shop tools, 26.99; J&K Auto, gas, 169.90; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies/repairs, 112.74; Kayton International, equipment rental, 2,100.00; Larry Cross, prior service, 18.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 32.30; N & B Gas Co., heating fuel, 1,289.13; Niobrara Trading Post, gas, 63.87; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 357.11; Powerplan, repairs/bits, 5,543.59; Productivity Plus Account, repairs, 154.59; R & K Motor Parts, filters/repairs, 554.15; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 3,643.84; Ronald Bourn, gravel/haul, 3,820.00; Rose equipment Inc., repairs, 215.33; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 2,829.68; Steffen's Inc., repairs, 15.00; Steffens Service, gas, 25.28; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 465.23; Verdigre Farm Service, gas/supplies, 3,185.31; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.75; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 60.75; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., supplies, 4.89.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.48; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.41; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 46.00.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Salaries, 429.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** Great Plains Communications Inc., kiosk internet, 108.65.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 244.34.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,125.83; CenturyLink, long distance, 5.48; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 231.52; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 800.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.41; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 44.36; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1.83; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 210.99; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 35.43.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 1,079.83; Monson Holloway, court appointed attorney, 2,349.60; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 5.33; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 172.31.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 2,394.28; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 495.71.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bob's Candy Service, inmate commissary, 319.55.

TOTALS	
General Fund	237,410.35
Road Fund	105,357.55
Child Support Fund	103.89
Visitor's Promo Fund	429.00
Visitor's Improvement Fund	108.65
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	299.34
C&C Development Fund	4,507.85
Inheritance Fund	5,512.76
911 Emergency Fund	177.64
911 Wireless Service Fund	2,889.99
Sheriff Commissary Fund	<u>319.55</u>
Total	\$357,116.57

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:02 p.m., December 12, 2017 until Thursday, December 28, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

December 12, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
9:58 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of December 12, 2017 at 9:58 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the November 30, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the November 30, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

County Assessor McManigal informed the Board that her staff is entering the rural reviews into the computer system. Also discussed was an issue in one area where there is a discrepancy in acres in a section.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:13 a.m. on December 12, 2017 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 28, 2017 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Center, Nebraska  
December 28, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of December 28, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Liska led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the December 12, 2017 meeting minutes as read with the correction that the motion and second for Conditional Use Permit #CU0031 Jim Herzog dba H & H Cattle Company was for the W1/2 of Section 6 and the NW1/4 of Section 7 in Dolphin Township and the SE1/4 of Section 1 and the E1/2NE1/4 of Section 12 in Peoria Township and not in Addison Township that was shown in the December 12, 2017 minutes and that Resolution #2017 – 36 did in fact have the correct legal description.

Correspondence was: 1. Notification that Emergency Manager Hintz was among nineteen county officials from fourteen counties who received Certificates of Achievement for their participation in the Nebraska Association of County Officials Institute of Excellence.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$300,154.71 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 9:59 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:13 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. NIRMA awarded a grant to pay for one-half of the costs of the safety coats and hats that were purchased for employees; 2. The Board members signed their respective County Shed/Yard inventories; 3. Discussed County and Township reporting to the State; 4. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2017 – 37** Certifying Proper Completion of Project for Knox County Bridge Match Reimbursement Project: STWD-CBMP (1) C005425605 (Creighton North). By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING PROPER COMPLETION OF PROJECT**  
**RESOLUTION #2017-37**

**Knox County**  
**Resolution No. 2017-37**

**WHEREAS**, Knox County and State entered into an agreement entitled “County Bridge Matching Program Agreement” for the structure number C005425605 (the Project), Program Agreement number BL1719 signed by State on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Knox County has now completed the construction of the Project that was identified in the Program Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution is to formally notify State of the proper completion of the Project according to the terms of the Program Agreement.

**Be it Resolved:** by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County:

- (1) The Project, for Structure No. C005425605, has been properly constructed by County and its contractor, in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.
- (2) The bridge was constructed in strict compliance with
  - (a) the plans and specifications including any State-approved change orders,
  - (b) all applicable design standards, and
  - (c) the conditions and requirements of the Program Agreement.
- (3) County understands that it is the owner of the bridge, and that it is solely responsible for the design, inspection, construction, reconstruction, repair, and operation of the bridge and roadway and is responsible for meeting any environmental or other post-construction permit or legal commitments applicable to the project
- (4) The project costs were fair, reasonable and necessary for the proper construction of the project.

NDOT Project Number: STWD-CBMP(1)  
NDOT Control Number: 00974  
NDOT LPA Control Number: 00974R  
NDOT Project Name: County Bridge Match Program

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017 at Center, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Knox County

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
Virgil H. Miller /s/

Martin J. O’Connor /s/  
Danny Schlote /s/  
James J. Borgmann /s/

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Patrick J. Liska /s/

Board Member Supr. Borgmann  
Moved the adopt of said resolution  
Member Supr. Schlote Seconded the Motion  
Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent  
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Signature County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 5. Motion by Supr. O’Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the quote from Husker Steel Company of Columbus NE in the amount of \$63,759 for steel products to erect a 24 ft. 6 in. x 40 ft. steel beam bridge with concrete deck located between Sections 2 and 3 in Harrison Township. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 6. Discussed bridge projects; 7. Discussed lot adjacent to the Knox County Yard in Center. The Board requested the owner submit something in writing as to the amount the owner would accept for the sale of the lot to Knox County; 8. Fifteen Fracture Critical Bridges were re-rated and new signage is needed. Four of those Fracture Critical Bridges also needs repairs or re-posting; 9. The One & Six Year Road and Bridge Hearing is set for

February 8, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.; 10. Discussed complaint received of possible damage to a windshield. The matter will be researched further.

Jim Coburn met with the Board to inform them of his proposed development plans for the Devils Nest Subdivision. Plans include building a new marina and townhouses, selling timeshares, and developers/entrepreneurs to build shops in the marina area. Mr. Coburn asked the Board if it is possible to freeze the taxes for 10 years in the Marina area to entice investors. Also he asked if all new taxes created in the residential district could be returned to Coburn Construction LLC to be used for the infrastructure such as roads, tree removals and general development. Discussion ensued on rezoning the marina area, TIF, a "developer's break" in the lake area; structuring of taxes, GPS mapping of the area and fire protection. The Board advised Mr. Coburn to ask his attorney to draft tax proposals.

County Attorney Thomas introduced his intern, Kristen Thompson of Bloomfield, to the Board.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on filling a position on the Planning Commission. No action was taken.

A telephone conference was held with Randy Spellbrink of Platte Valley Communications. Sheriff Henery has been inquiring about getting cellphone service in the Center area. Mr. Spellbrink discussed a booster that would only provide service within the Courthouse with the installation of the booster and domes that would have to be placed on each floor. Discussion was held on the cost that is a one-time set-up fee of \$2,900 for the booster and two domes, use of the system for thirty days to see if it will work and if not, the company removes the equipment and there would be no cost, and the booster system would be a back-up for 911. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve a cellphone booster and domes for cellphone service within the Courthouse by Platte Valley Communications of Grand Island in the amount of \$2,900 for the basic service of the booster and two domes, that additional domes will be needed to cover each floor of the Courthouse, that if the service does not work within thirty days of installation, Platte Valley Communications will remove the equipment and there will be no cost to the County, and that Sheriff Henery will oversee the project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to go into executive session at 11:46 a.m. to discuss possible litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held on possible litigation. The Board came out of executive session at 11:57 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to close the executive session at 11:57 a.m. that was held on possible litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the County Treasurer's Certificate of Pledged Securities. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to set the 2018 holidays as follows noting that the Knox County Courthouse will be open on April 27, 2018 which is Arbor Day and that the floating holiday in place of Arbor Day will be December 24, 2018: January 1 – New Year's Day; January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; February 19 – Presidents' Day; May 28 – Memorial Day; July 4 – Independence Day; September 3 – Labor Day; October 8 – Columbus Day; November 12 – Veterans' Day; November 22 and 23 – Thanksgiving Holiday; December 24 – Floating Holiday; and December 25 – Christmas. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to accept the resignation of Eastern Township Chairman Loren Kube and the appointment of David Wortmann as the Eastern Township Chairman. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file Renewal Affidavits of Other Coverage #1-2018 through #13-2018 for the opt out the Knox County health insurance benefit. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the Resolutions by Board of Directors of Depository Banks/Resolutions Approving Depositories and Securities. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that the receipts totaling \$160,438.54 be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#18909 – Village of Center, street maintenance, 1,040.00; #18910 – Herrick Township, signs & posts, 170.00; #18911 – Knox County Court, restitution/repairs, 110.00; #18912 – Steven D. Wieseler, candidate filing fee, 236.92; #18913 – Knox County Sheriff - BIA, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates in November, 10,404.00; #18914 – Byron Vanness PR, inheritance tax - Verlyn Vanness, 42,240.59; #18915 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 101.00; #18916 – Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, December 2017 reuse loan payments, 6,237.47; #18917 – National Pharmaceutical Services, manufacturer formulary rebate, 39.48; #18918 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 107.76; #18919 – Michael D. Skroch, candidate filing fee, 10.00; #18920 – Village of Winnetoon, street maintenance, 1,040.00; #18921 – Frontier Communications, 911 surcharges, 3.96; #18922 – Christy L. Wagner, inheritance tax – Linda L. Moles estate, 52,913.56; #18923 – Patricia Geiger, inheritance tax – Marceline F. Witt estate, 674.50; #18924 – Vonage, 911 surcharges, 6.00; #18925 – Estate of Lois J. Cox, inheritance tax – Lois J. Cox Estate, 8,327.79; #18926 – Patrick Liska, cold mix, 61.61; #18927 – Knox County Sheriff, work release for Jonathan Starr, 125.00; #18928 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18929 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 3,883.44; #18930 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #18931 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 286.71; #18932 – Wholesale Supply Co., tobacco license, 100.00; #18933 – State of Nebraska, IV-D quarterly CSE reimbursement, 7,268.75; #18934 – Santee Sioux Nation, dispatching services, 25,000.00.

Supr. Liska left at 12:15 p.m.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** AmericInn, lodging, 3,247.40; Big John Manufacturing Inc., repair sprayer, 787.00; Blue360 Media, law books, 132.37; Cathy Stark, mileage, 214.00; City of Norfolk, snare dues, 1,500.00; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 30.50; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 98.00; CMart LLC, gas, 38.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 278.34; DAS State Accounting Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Des Moines Stamp Manufacturing Co., stamp and pad, 49.55; Dollar General, supplies, 321.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 62.90; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot, 2,363.14; Heartland Energy Management, quarterly bill, 1,428.00; Nebraska Department of Labor, elevator inspection, 120.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 341.32; Rohrer Welding, metal plate, 105.80; Schmitz Electric Inc., emergency lights, 2,155.94; Stanton County Treasurer, lodging, 109.95; Thomas Reuters west, law books, 412.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 293.50.

**ROAD FUND.** Ag & Industrial Equipment, oil burner, 3,775.00; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 50.00; B's Enterprises Inc., signs/hats/coats, 8,406.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 49.39; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 102.71; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs/shop supplies/grease/filters, 435.68; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 112.22; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 387.70; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., carbon monoxide detector, 72.95; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 137.11; C-Mart LLC, gas, 53.97; D & L Tire LLC, tire repair, 1,412.94; Dan Kotrous, clay, 440.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 1,285.00; Jebro Inc., mc3000, 25.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 457.85; Mainelli Wagner & Associates, engineer fees, 13,939.25; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 98.00; Nebraska Public Power District,

electricity, 164.32; NMC Exchange LLC, repair/filter, 1,623.44; Rohrer Welding, repair culvert, 350.00; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Theisen Construction Co., payment #2, 190,910.49; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul/equipment rental, 55,187.95; Vic's Service LLC, gas/shop supplies/tire repair, 291.90; Village of Center, water/sewer, 32.50; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., culvert, 1,957.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 160.26.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, office supplies/copier lease, 295.38; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93; MIP Inc., jury list, 339.90.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 1,030.62.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, computer rep., 75.00; Stacy Miller, mlge., 79.29.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 725.74.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 79.51; First National Bank Omaha, lodging/ECW refresh, 79.95; NESCA, dues, 37.80.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 338.98; First Nat'l. Bk. Omaha, lodging, 89.08; NESCA, dues, 97.20.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bomgaars, inmate commissary, 8.99.

TOTALS	
General Fund	14,536.71
Road Fund	281,964.63
Child Support Fund	761.21
County Insurance Fund	250.00
Economic Development Fund	1,030.62
C&C Development Fund	154.29
Inheritance Fund	725.74
911 Emergency Fund	197.26
911 Wireless Service Fund	525.26
Sheriff Commissary Fund	8.99
Total	\$300,154.71

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:19 p.m., December 28, 2017 until Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. for a reorganization meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

December 28, 2017  
Center, Nebraska  
9:59 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of December 28, 2017 at 9:59 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

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Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the December 12, 2017 minutes as read.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

County Assessor McManigal met with the Board on the following: 1. County Assessor McManigal is researching the services of Joe Wilson with Tax Valuation, Inc. for ~~commercial~~ appraisal of ~~elevators~~ the larger commercial businesses (corrected 1-11-2018) in the County; 2. A pie chart was presented to the Board showing the comparison of taxes budgeted for 2017 compared to 2016. The chart shows that the total tax request for all entities was \$24,999,564.66 for 2017 which is \$725,832.06 more than 2016, and noting that the totals of each entity group increased except for the County which decreased.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:13 a.m. on December 28, 2017 until 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2018 for a reorganization meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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