

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
October 18, 2023
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 Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce 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 Mackeprang presiding.

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

Chairman Mackeprang 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.

Chairman Mackeprang approved the minutes of the October 4, 2023 meeting as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) Letter from Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy on Mason Grove Land & Cattle Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation.

Mike Wiederin with Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning met with the Board on a service contract for monitoring and maintenance of the heating/cooling units in the Courthouse and the two Annex buildings. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve a service contract between the County of Knox and Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning of Norfolk from October 1, 2023 through October 1, 2024 for the monitoring and maintenance of a total of nineteen HVAC units on the Courthouse Square at a cost of \$3,420 quarterly plus if service is needed after Heartland's regular business hours, Heartland will bill the County at a rate of \$120 per hour. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the October 3 – 16, 2023 Receipts Revenue List. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to cancel Check #23100031 in the amount of \$71.84 payable to Burns Lumber Company in Creighton due to duplicate payment. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:59 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:11 a.m.

County Clerk Fischer presented updated CDC Covid-19 isolation and precaution guidelines.

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 \$616,980.76 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the County Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected between July 1 and September 30, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Discussion was held on deer dumpsters. Sheriff Henery researched companies and costs to provide dumpsters, hauling and disposal of deer carcasses. J&J Sanitation of O'Neill would provide the dumpster/service to Creighton while Waste Connections, Inc. of Norfolk would provide the dumpsters and service to Niobrara and Bloomfield. After further discussion, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the quotes for deer dumpster service from J&J Sanitation of O'Neill for the Creighton location with a delivery charge of \$191, haul rate of \$372 charged each time the dumpster is hauled, a disposal rate of \$65/ton and \$50 for liners at each replacement, and to accept the deer dumpster service of Waste Connections of NE, Inc. of Norfolk for a 6-yard dumpster delivered to Niobrara County Yard at \$143 per month and a 6-yard dumpster delivered to Bloomfield at \$92 per month with the time period for all three locations from the last week of October through the first week of December. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3.) The Courthouse Security Committee has been working with Applied Connective Technologies on upgrading the security cameras and service on the Courthouse Square. Deputy County Attorney Jensen was not present but had submitted a quote to the Board from Applied Connective Technologies for upgrading the security cameras and service in the amount of \$75,099.77. Sheriff Henery and the Board discussed the upgrades. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the quote from Applied Connective Technologies in the amount of \$75,099.77 for upgrading the security cameras and service on the Courthouse Square with the cost to be paid from the ARPA funds. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4.) Sheriff Henery informed the Board that the Crofton City Council approved a law enforcement contract between Knox County and the City of Crofton where law enforcement service would be provided by the County when called and Sheriff Henery would bill the Crofton City accordingly; 5.) Recruitment of a full-time deputy is taking place with the aid of Economic Development Office staff.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the September Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Mrs. Jelinek informed the Board that she has completed her required courses and is now a certified Emergency Manager; 3.) Maps for the fire departments and the Sheriff's Office will be distributed soon.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. Pierce on replacing a sanding machine. The cost would be \$12,500 and it would be 120 days before it could be delivered. More research will be done.

Officials' update was given by County Clerk Fischer who informed the Board that ballots will be delivered to the Crofton Post Office on Monday, October 23, 2023 for the upcoming Crofton City recall election.

GENERAL FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 93,446.34; Applied Connective Technologies, IT/Phone, 5,166.43; CenTec Cast Metal Products, grave markers, 1,062.22; CAN Surety, notary bonds, 80.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,320.78; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 32.67; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 472.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies, 941.52; Ecowater, bottled water, 305.50; Elections Systems & Software,

ballots/layout, 1,382.01; Fire Protection Services LLC, fire alarm inspection, 600.00; Gragert's, jail food/supplies, 983.84; Great Plains Communications, internet at Lindy tower, 672.75; Hefner Hardware, bug spray, 3.50; Knox County Clerk, minimum balance fee, 10.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 322.96; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 143,951.92; Lois Kumm, jail food, 58.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; Moody Motor Company, repairs, 47.30; NACO, registration/postcards, 5,058.58; North Central Public Power District, Lindy tower electricity, 52.23; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 86.52; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Quill Corporation, supplies, 84.20; R&K Motor Parts, headlight, 19.99; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 6,807.60; US Cellular, cell phones, 183.53; US Cellular, cell phones, 459.42; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 227.07; Verizon, hot spot, 40.01; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 812.00.

ROAD FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 37,864.93; Art's Garbage, garbage, 18.00; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 50.00; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 356.04; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 48.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 73.19; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 54.38; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 162.61; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 642.33; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., repairs, 31.05; CHS Wausa, diesel/gas/propane, 5,832.99; C-Mart, gas, 428.96; C-Mart LLC, gas, 70.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,907.20; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 4,864.55; Country Market, shop supplies, 19.06; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 355.61; Crofton Lumber, shop supplies, 147.85; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 4,486.05; Herbert Feed & Grain, diesel/oil, 4,091.23; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 3,400.00; J&J Sanitation, garbage, 49.00; Jebro Inc., mc3000/demurrage, 47,009.88; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 136.87; JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 1,938.75; Kevin Barta, gas/meals, 86.81; Laflan Medical Clinic, drug test, 75.00; LTL Holdings Inc., gas, 308.69; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 70.00; Pump Hook & Placement Co., equipment rental, 1,091.40; R&K Motor Parts, repairs, 256.63; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,621.68; Rohrer Welding, shop materials, 171.95; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schreier Lumber, concrete/concrete rake, 15,427.49; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 883.00; Straight-Line Striping Inc., centerline striping, 36,907.30; Sucha Repair, repairs, 255.99; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 3,955.08; US Cellular, cell phones, 615.75; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 31,537.06; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/supplies, 4,976.23; Vic's Service LLC, gas/ shop supplies, 337.37; Village of Center, water/sewer, 34.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 87.39; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 7,236.00.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Dixon Construction Co., bridge project, 54,030.52.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Maximus US Services Inc., cost allocation, 1,250.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 1,625.30.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. Niobrara State Park, improvement grant, 10,000.00.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Moody Motor Co. Inc., pickup, 47,464.00; Scott Ober Construction, storage building/garage steel, 6,050.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,786.77; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 138.85; Creative Revolution, website hosting, 312.49; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, subscription, 45.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 25.46; Niobrara Promoters, Niobrara bucks, 40.00; Northeast Nebraska RC&D, cemetery tour, 130.00; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 113.41; US Cellular, cell phones, 122.02.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. Kendra Holtz, meals/mileage, 63.40; OPTK Networks, networking, 228.44.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. OPTK Networks, networking, 533.04.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$270,890.96
Road Fund	222,062.60
Flowage Easement Road Fund	54,030.52
Child Support Fund	1,331.00
Visitor's Promo Fund	1,612.80
Visitor's Improvement Fund	10,000.00
Covid ARPA Fund	53,514.00
C & C Development Fund	2,714.00
911 Emergency Fund	291.84
911 Wireless Service Fund	533.04
Total	\$616,980.76

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 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 _____
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman
