

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
April 17, 2024
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, April 17, 2024 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 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 Verdigre Eagle 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 Sokol, Jr. approved the minutes of the April 3, 2024 meeting as read.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 9:43 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 9:59 a.m. with all members present.

Public comment session was held from 9:59 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. There was no public comment given.

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 \$553,759.62 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) A request was received from the Center Village Board of Trustees for the County to take up the asphalt on the street between the bank and post office running east for a block and one-half. Discussion was held on referral to an asphalt company, usually do not take on these projects for other entities and costs. The Board said since the Oil Crew will be working north of Center in the near future they can take up the asphalt so the street can become a gravel street and the time used will be tracked for reimbursement; 2.) Discussed repairing three 10-foot sections of concrete on the Ponca Agency Road; 3.) Update on the Verdigre North Federal Bridge project; 4.) Oil Crew update; 5.) Bridge Crew update; 6.) The Board agreed to purchase a used power screed from Motacek Construction of Niobrara; 7.) Chris Adelman with Husker Steel and Hwy. Supt. Barta discussed with the Board steel products for three smaller bridge projects located in Dolphin, Central and Walnut Grove townships. Quotes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting; 8.) Properties owned by the County were reviewed and possible sale of several parcels was discussed.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of April 1 – 12, 2024 was placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to adopt **Resolution #2024 – 04** for approval of the execution of an agreement between Nebraska Department of Transportation and Knox County for permission from the State to install, operate and maintain part or all of the County's automatic license plate reader system. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2024 – 04

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR AGREEMENT NO. ZL2406, PROJECT NAME: KNOX COUNTY – HIGHWAY 12 LOCAL DETOUR

Be it resolved by Knox County, Nebraska, that:

1. The County shall enter into an Agency Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Agreement No. ZL2406, for the purpose of highway improvements on Highway 12 & 14 within the corporate limits of Knox County.
2. The Chairperson of the Knox County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the Knox County.
3. This resolution will be marked Exhibit "C" and a copy attached to the Original Agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17TH DAY OF APRIL 2024.

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA
By: James Sokol, Jr. /s/
Chairman

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the February and March, 2024 Zoning Permits Reports. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nay none. Motion carried; 2.) Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the Planning Commission March 12, 2024 meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3.) Discussion was held on the recent Planning Commission meeting and wind towers.

County Clerk Fischer gave legislative update.

Officials' updates were discussion on upcoming NACO workshops as well as how other counties are handling the use of opioid funds.

Heidi Borg with Congressman Adrian Smith's Office gave updates on Federal legislation. Ms. Borg was in the Driver's License Room for an hour to address public concerns.

Committee update was given by Chairman Sokol, Jr. about the new storage/garage building that is being constructed.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 98,430.57; Antelope County Sheriff, board prisoner, 520.00; Applied Connective Technologies LLC, it/phones, 5,051.73; Cassie Stark, car decals, 375.00; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 148.00; CMart, gas, 33.34; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,222.86; Comfort Inn, lodging, 239.90; Cornhusker State Industries, supplies, 78.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing/subscription, 541.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 472.00; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 70.85; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 50.55; Dollar General, jail supplies, 123.40; Doug DeShazer, meeting/mileage, 64.30; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies/janitor supplies, 2,741.24; Election Systems & Software Inc., Primary Election, 2,153.30; Fire Protection Services LLC, fire alarm inspection, 600.00; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co., supplies, 702.89; Gragert's Grocery, jail food, 1,185.90; Great Plains Communications, tower internet, 676.32; Greg D Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 56.44; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., contact, 3,420.00; Hefner Hardware, supplies, 40.98; Holiday Inn-Kearney, lodging, 269.90; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, supplies, 4.99; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 45.96; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 42.69; Knox County Sheriff, paper service fees, 37.60; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 143,951.92; Kristine Tramp, mileage, 13.40; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; NACO, registrations, 250.00; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 61.68; North Central Public Power District, tower power, 28.63; NENEDD, dues, 920.00; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 388.24; O'Neill Shopper, publishing, 50.00; One Office Solution, office supplies, 3.55; Physicians Laboratory P.C., autopsy, 6,130.00; Pitney Bowes, postage meter ink, 365.16; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 652.98; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,354.62; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filters, 88.44; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 6,745.28; Ganz, meeting/mileage, 39.41; Schumacher Elevator, inspection, 2,797.67; Tauber Plumbing, conference room sink, 2,885.12; The Scarlet Hotel, lodging, 214.00; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, salary, 14,532.59; US Cellular, cell phones, 359.92; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 216.51; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 496.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 39,871.61; Art's Garbage, garbage, 18.00; B's Enterprises, Inc., signs, 1,563.50; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 102.61; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 56.05; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs/filters/oil, 93.24; Bohemian One Stop LLC, gas, 578.56; CHS, diesel/gas, 1,299.00; CMart, gas, 440.85; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,917.93; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 1,014.14; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 459.42; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 22.40; Crofton Lumber, repairs, 129.37; Farmer's Pride, diesel/propane, 1,121.53; Freeman Oil Co., diesel, 1,505.75; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 102.56; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,897.19; Herbst Construction Inc., shaw bridge, 107,855.10; J&J Sanitation, garbage, 49.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 132.38; Kaiser Appliance & Refrigeration, blades, 67.98; Kathleen Fritz, reimburse title fee, 20.00; Kayton International Inc., repairs, 458.34; KV Electric, lights, 1,616.46; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 1,438.98; LTL Holdings Inc., gas, 101.02; Mid-American Research Chemical, grease, 590.00; N&B Gas Company, propane, 1,316.61; Northeast Nebraska News, publishing, 25.46; Overhead Door CO. of Norfolk, repairs, 1,119.75; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 15.39; Platte Valley Communications, radio, 713.50; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/oil, 1,859.44; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,635.65; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Santee Utility Commission, garbage, 65.00; State of Nebraska Motor Fuels Division, diesel tax, 935.00; Steffen's Service Station, gas, 863.38; Sucha Repair, repairs/oil/filters, 90.52; Verdigre Farm Service, gas/diesel/shop supplies/grass seed, 4,427.09; Vic's Service, gas, 276.75; Village of Center, water/sewer, 34.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 77.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 22,574.10.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Postmaster, postage, 806.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,463.74; Beth Rudloff, reimbursement for preparing meal, 95.00; Bloomfield Community Club Bucks, Bloomfield bucks, 260.00; CMart, meal, 110.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 260.95; Creative Revolution, website renewal, 27.71; Creighton Area Chamber of Commerce, Creighton bucks, 150.00; Crofton Community Club Bucks, Crofton bucks, 370.00; CTM Media Group Inc., visitor programs, 2,880.00; Northeast Nebraska News, publishing, 207.24; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 1,069.20; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 221.99; Wausa Community Club, Viking bucks, 220.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Bloomfield Public Library, cost share, 5,000.00; Creighton Public Library, cost share, 5,000.00; Eastern Township Library, cost share, 5,000.00; Lincoln Township Library, cost share, 5,000.00; Niobrara Public Library, cost share, 5,000.00; Verdigre Public Library, cost share, 5,000.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. City of Norfolk, telephone services, 44.74; OPTK Networks, networking, 228.44.

911 WIRELESS SERVICES FUND. City of Norfolk, telephone services, 104.38; OPYK Networks, networking, 533.04.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$307,985.33
Road Fund	204,640.86
Child Support Fund	887.00
C & C Development Fund	9,335.83
Inheritance Fund	30,000.00
911 Emergency Fund	273.18
911 Wireless Service Fund	637.42
Total	\$553,759.62

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:21 a.m. on April 17, 2024 until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 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
