

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
May 29, 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, May 29, 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.

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 Bloomfield Monitor and Verdigre Eagle newspapers, as shown by the Affidavits 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 May 15, 2024 meeting as read.

Public comment session was held from 9:42 a.m. to 9:59 a.m. Public comments were given by Mike Kumm, Brad Young, Dolphin Township Chairman Van Heek, Chase Wilken and Kelvin Kumm. Also present for public comment was Terry Heimes. The Board asked that Mr. Heimes give his comment when Hwy Supt. Barta was present as the public comment was in reference to Platted Road #732.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims except Claim #24050346, 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.

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

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Update on the Shaw Bridge and Verdigre North Bridge projects; 2.) Public comment was given by Terry Heimes regarding Platted Road #732 in Frankfort Township. The Frankfort Township Board will be invited to a future Board of Supervisors' meeting.

Clem Wagner of rural Center met with the Board to discuss the leafy spurge problem in neighboring pastures to his property, spray drift that causes crop damage, and the need to spray regularly. Weed Supt. Banks was present and said that he had talked to one adjoining landowner to Mr. Wagner's property and a drone was going to spray in the next several days. Use of the drone should not cause the spray drift as the drone will spot spray. Driving a tractor or utility vehicle to spray in the adjoining pasture to be sprayed is very treacherous so use of aerial spraying or drone spraying is the only resort in most of that pasture. Other landowners will be contacted about the requirements to control leafy spurge.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened at 11:12 a.m. an advertised public hearing on a reuse loan application for the purchase of the Verdigre Bakery. Jeff Christensen with NENEDD and Marty and Dana Konopasek were present and gave information of the purchase of the Verdigre Bakery and loan requirements. Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the public hearing at 11:16 a.m. Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve a \$50,000 reuse loan to Dana and Marty Konopasek dba Verdigre Bakery with a term of 20 years at 4.5% interest along with other guarantees, to sub-grant the \$50,000 County CDBG funds to NED, Inc. and to waive the 1% loan processing fee. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that Claim #24050346 payable to NED, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000, 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 \$462,452.44 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 3.) Update on the Center West Bridge project. Costs will be entirely paid with federal, state and soft match funds; 4.) Creighton Cemetery Bridge project update; 5.) Discussed was a request for the Road, Bridge and Oil Crew employees to work four ten-hour days per week during the summer. The Board took no action on the matter so the current work schedule will continue.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Pierce to approve Administrative Plat Application #P2404 Adam Pavelka for a 5.7-acre tract split in the N1/2SE1/4 of Section 27, T31N, R6W 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. Pierce, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve Administrative Plat Application #P2405 Justin and Stephanie Kruse for a 5.04-acre tract split in the E1/2NW1/4 of Section 10, T29N, R5W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3.) The Planning Commission recommended the Board correct Section 8.04 Recreational Vehicle Parks zoning regulations. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to correct Section 8.04 of the Knox County zoning regulations as per the recommendations from the Planning Commission on the following: Section 8.04(1) where the tract to be used as a recreational vehicle park or campground shall not be less than two acres in area (was three acres); Section 8:04(4) the minimum dimensions of a recreational vehicle, trailer or camp site shall be 30 feet wide, however the length could be up to the RV campground owner (was 25 feet wide by 40 feet long), and Section 8:04(8) the external amenities with conditions to match Resolution #2021 – 45 adopted on November 9, 2021 by adding "All items will be considered by design for approval" (was "All external amenities (porches, screened patios, decks, built-in grills/pizza ovens, and similar) constructed on, relocated to, and placed on a recreational vehicle site or camping site shall require..."). By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of May 13 – 24, 2024. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to cast a vote for Jeff McGill, a candidate for the Northeast Region for election to the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the Knox County Sheriff's Office/Cedar County Sheriff's Office Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement for a period of one year beginning May 15, 2024 with an automatic renewal for successive one year terms unless either Agency gives written notice to the other at least thirty days prior to any yearly termination date that the agreement will not be renewed. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Clarification of the Category 3 wages that go into effect July 1, 2024.

The scheduled June 26, 2024 Board meeting will be changed to Friday, June 21, 2024 due to scheduling of the TERC hearings that will be held June 26, 2024 in Norfolk.

Legislative updates were given by County Clerk Fischer who presented a spreadsheet of adopted legislative bills that may affect Knox County.

Committee update was given by Chairman Sokol, Jr. who informed the Board that the new building is completed except for an inspection of the newly installed electrical wiring.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1.) County Clerk Fischer presented a report of the 2024 Primary Election Voter Turnout noting that Knox County was 9<sup>th</sup> out of the 93 counties for voter turnout; 2.) Deputy County Attorney Jensen said that packets are being sent to two attorneys asking for their proposals to represent Knox County to see if the Army Corps of Engineers is in violation of their agreement in the Ponca Creek flooding.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 101,095.74; Amber Jansen, mileage, 36.18; Applied Connective Technologies LLC, computers, 3,771.00; Armscor Cartridge Inc., ammunition, 1,291.00; Bomgaars, round up/paint/supplies, 139.38; Chad Vanness, mileage, 34.84; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,735.47; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios, 161.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 537.60; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 70.85; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 50.55; Dollar General, jail supplies, 41.00; Doug DeShazer, meeting/mileage, 64.30; First National Bank Omaha, gas/postage, office supplies/meals, 5,980.21; GiGi Larsen, election help/mileage, 274.32; Greg D Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 56.44; Hanna LK Jensen, mileage, 259.63; Jane Wilmes, election help/mileage, 288.02; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 45.96; Julie Dather, mileage, 24.12; Justice Data Solutions Inc., Jamin software, 3,000.00; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 42.69; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 143,951.92; Megan Dufek, mileage, 16.08; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; Monroe Systems, calculator ribbon, 97.97; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 61.68; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 9.27; Physicians Laboratory P.C., autopsy, 600.00; Pitney Bowes, ink pad, 19.08; Pitzer Digital, publishing/subscription, 74.65; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 482.89; Rebekah Poppe, mileage, 17.42; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 6,973.00; Robert D Larsen, meeting/mileage, 36.79; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 120.00; Sharla Hanzlik, mileage, 29.48; Tri State Turf & Irrigation, sprinkler repair, 104.62; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 1,990.65.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 33,287.30; Bauer Built Inc., tires/repairs, 292.18; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 114.73; Bohemian One Stop LLC, gas/propane, 860.85; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 466.73; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 176.10; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; Clark's Rentals LLC, jack hammer rental, 660.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,546.47; Freeman Oil Co., diesel, 1,156.20; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,661.36; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 6,075.00; James Carlson, sand, 1,500.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 92.95; Kristel Mackeprang, clay, 360.00; Lance Rudloff, reimburse DOT physical, 150.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 125.58; Overhead Door Co. of Sioux City, repairs, 788.00; Quill, office supplies, 48.98; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,192.89; Rohrer Welding, repairs, 982.34; Steffen's Service Station, gas, 590.15; Yankton Fire & Safety Co. Inc., fire extinguisher inspection, 35.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Nebraska Clerks of District Court Association, registration, 75.00.

**COVID ARPA.** Applied Connective Technologies LLC, security cameras, 64,346.21.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NED Inc., loan, 50,000.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,467.97; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 265.30; Creative Revolution, website updates, 62.50; First National Bank Omaha, gas/postage/meals/lodging, 1,153.56; Five Rule LLC, quarterly payment, 8,000.00; Kelly Hanvey, reimburse meal, 24.00; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 222.27.

**KENO FUND.** First National Bank of Omaha, postage, 21.52.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$279,626.30
Road Fund	55,187.81
Child Support Fund	75.00
Covid ARPA Fund	64,346.21
Economic Development Fund	50,000.00
C & C Development Fund	13,195.60
Keno Fund	21.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$462,452.44</b>

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:10 p.m. on May 29, 2024 until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday June 11, 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

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

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