

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
July 24, 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, July 24, 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. 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 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 July 10, 2024 meeting as read.

Correspondence reviewed was a DEE letter regarding M.G. Waldbaum Company Poultry Farm Operations' renewal of a NPDES Individual Permit.

Public comment session was held from 9:43 a.m. to 9:58 a.m. Marilyn Sharp and Supr. Mackeprang gave public comments.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce 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 are \$551,771.10 listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of July 5-19, 2024. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to acknowledge, accept and place on file the retirement letter of Knox County Assessor Monica J. McManigal effective August 1, 2024, and to thank Mrs. McManigal for her many years of service to Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to appoint current Knox County Deputy Assessor Christa Beckmann to the position of Knox County Assessor effective August 1, 2024. 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 10:18 a.m. with all members.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file a letter from the Frankfort Twp. Board requesting the vacation/abandonment of a .24-mile portion of Platted Road #732 and a request to change of classification to minimum maintenance of a .56-mile portion of Platted Road #732 in the NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 19, T33N, R2W. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2024 - 11** directing Hwy. Supt. Barta to conduct a study for the vacation/abandonment of a .24-mile portion of Platted Road #732 in the NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 19, T33N, R2W. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2024 - 11

WHEREAS the Frankfort Township Board has requested to vacate and abandon a portion of Platted Road #732 as follows:

A .24-mile portion of Platted Road #732 located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW1/4NE1/4) beginning at Station Table 2853 and extending approximately 1,250 feet eastward in Section 19, Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

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 .24-mile portion (1,250 feet) of Platted Road #732 as described above.

Passed this 24th day of July 2024.

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

David L. Pierce /s/
David L. Pierce, District #3

Kevin 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

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 3.) Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to hold

a public hearing for 10:45 a.m. on September 4, 2024 for the change of classification to minimum maintenance of a .56-mile portion in the NW1/4NE1/4 of Platted Road #732 in Section 9, T33N, R2W. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4.) Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Chairman Sokol, Jr. to place on file a letter from the Raymond Twp. Board requesting the vacation/abandonment of a 1.86-mile portion of Platted Roads #432 and #289 in Sections 3 and 4, T32N, R7W and Sections 33 and 34, T33N, R7W. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5.) Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Chairman Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2024 – 12** directing Hwy. Supt. Barta to conduct a study for the vacation/abandonment of a 1.86-mile portion of Platted Roads #432 and #289 located between the SE1/4 and SW1/4 of Section 3; between the SW1/4 and the NW1/4 of Section 3; and, between the NW1/4 of Section 3 and the NE1/4 of Section 4, all in T32N, R7W of the 6th P.M.; AND, between the NE1/4 of Section 4, T32N, R7W of the 6th P.M., and the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 34 and the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, in T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., all in Knox County Nebraska. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2024 - 12

WHEREAS the Raymond Township Board has requested to vacate and abandon a portion of Platted Road #432 and a portion of Platted Road #289 as follows:

A 1.86-mile portion of Platted Roads #432 and #289 located between the SE1/4 and SW1/4 of Section 3; between the SW1/4 and the NW1/4 of Section 3; and, between the NW1/4 of Section 3 and the NE1/4 of Section 4, all in T32N, R7W of the 6th P.M.; AND, between the NE1/4 of Section 4, T32N, R7W of the 6th P.M., and the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 34 and the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 33, in T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., all in Knox County Nebraska.

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 1.86-mile portion of Platted Roads #432 and #289 as described above.

Passed this 24th day of July 2024.

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

David L. Pierce /s/
David L. Pierce, District #3

Kevin 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

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 6.) Update on Shaw Bridge and Verdigre North Bridge projects; 7.) Bridge Crew update.

Concerned citizens of Lazy River Acres met with the Board. Discussion was held on recent damage due to the flooding of the Ponca Creek, the continued flooding, Corps responsibilities, wetlands created in that area, funding dredging, lost river banks, sustaining agriculture and commercial businesses in the Lazy River Acres area, promoting tourism, more people becoming year-round tenants, revenue, loss of crop land and crops, safety issues when emergency responders or equipment cannot get in during flooding and accounting of money spent.

Gordon Fulton met with the Board regarding the flooding of his property at Lazy River Acres and costs incurred, concerns of the steepness of the "Goat Road," wetlands, number of houses and campers in the area, and lack of commitment from the Corps. Supr. Sokol, Jr. updated the group on a recent meeting with the Lower Niobrara NRD, NCRS and the Corps.

The Board and Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz reviewed a list of Knox County vehicles and designated that three Road pickups and the green and blue vans should be changed from full insurance coverage to only liability coverage.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve and place on file the updated Section 504-Rehabilitation Act of 1973 – Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote, as pursuant to Revised Statute Section 23-122, employee salaries as of July 15, 2024, be published in the legal papers of the Verdigre Eagle and Bloomfield Monitor by August 15, 2024. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Pursuant to Section 23-122, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, salaries and job descriptions of County officials and employees are required to be published between July 15 and August 15. Benefits include a single dental/vision policy, a \$15,000 life insurance policy, and eligible employees receive a single health insurance policy. In addition, eligible employees can enroll their spouses, child(ren), or family in the County health insurance with Knox County paying the premium for the spouse/child(ren)/family health insurance coverage. In lieu of health insurance, eligible employees receive a taxable \$175/pay period stipend for opting out of County health insurance coverage. Those not receiving insurance will be marked "no insurance." Non-exempt employees' salaries are based on an eight-hour workday with exception of law enforcement and non-exempt employees are eligible for overtime pay for hours worked over 40 hours a week at one & one-half times hourly rate. There are twenty-six pay periods in a year as Knox County employees are paid bi-weekly. The following are salaries of Knox County officials and employees as of July 15, 2024: **ELECTED OFFICIALS. Supervisors:** 1 Supervisor/Chairman - \$1,143.08/pay period + \$175 opt out stipend/pay period; 6 Supervisors - \$1,096.92/pay period; **County Assessor Office:** County Assessor - \$2,742.31/pay period; Deputy Assessor - \$28.14/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/pay period; 1 Clerk/Appraiser – \$20.44/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/pay period; 1 Clerk/Appraiser - \$20.44/hour

+ \$20 clothing allowance/pay period + \$175 opt out stipend/pay period; 1 Clerk/Appraiser - \$19.19/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/pay period + \$175 opt out stipend/pay period; 2 Clerks/Appraisers - \$17.50/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/pay period; **County Attorney Office:** County Attorney- \$2,742.31/pay period; Deputy County Attorney - \$1096.92/pay period; 1 Administrative Assistant - \$19.75/hour + \$175 opt out stipend/pay period; **County Clerk Office:** County Clerk, Election Commissioner & Ex-Officio Register of Deeds - \$2,742.31/pay period; Deputy County Clerk/SLFRF Administrator – \$28.14/hour; Senior Office Clerk - \$26.89/hour; 1 Recording Clerk - \$20.44/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$20.44/hour; **Clerk of District Court Office:** Clerk of District Court - \$2,742.31/pay period; Deputy Clerk of District Court - \$28.14/hour + \$175 opt out stipend/pay period; **County Sheriff's Office:** County Sheriff - \$3,526.92/pay period + \$60 uniform allowance/pay period & \$23.08 phone/internet/pay period; 911 Coordinator - \$25.83/hour + \$30 uniform allowance/pay period; 1 Chief Deputy Sheriff - \$2,580.79/pay period + \$32.51/other hours + \$60 uniform allowance/pay period; 2 Deputy Sheriffs - \$2,528.75/pay period + \$31.85/other hours + \$60 uniform allowance/pay period; 1 Deputy Sheriff - \$2,385.12/pay period + \$30.05/other hours + \$60 uniform allowance/pay period; 8 Part-time Deputy Sheriff - \$30.48/hour (no insurance); 1 Administrative Assistant - \$23.44/hour + \$30 uniform allowance/pay period; 1 Head Jailer - \$30.37/hour + \$30 uniform allowance/pay period; 2 Jailors – \$25.16/hour + \$30 uniform allowance/pay period; 1 Jailer - \$23.67/hour + \$30 uniform allowance/pay period + \$175 opt out stipend/pay period; 1 Jailer - \$23.65/hour + \$30 uniform allowance/pay period; 1 Part-time Jailer - \$21.52/hour; **County Surveyor Office:** County Surveyor - \$57.69/pay period; **County Treasurer Office:** County Treasurer - \$2,742.31/pay period; Deputy County Treasurer - \$28.14/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$20.44/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$19.75/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$19.19/hour + \$175 opt out stipend/pay period; **Custodian:** 1 Custodian - \$21.38/hour; **Extension Office (Interlocal agreement):** 1 Office Manager - \$24.75/hour. **APPOINTED OFFICIALS. Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Office:** Emergency Manager - \$1,974.46/pay period + Zoning Administrator - \$493.62/pay period; **Highway Superintendent Office:** Highway Superintendent - \$3,250.40/pay period + vehicle benefit; 1 Office Manager - \$28.14/hour; 1 Office Clerk- \$19.19/hour; 1 Bridge Crew Foreman/Crane Operator - \$26.96/hour + \$25 clothing allowance/pay period; 1 Oil Foreman - \$26.31/hour + \$25 clothing allowance/pay period; 1 Substitute Oil Foreman - \$26.31/hour + \$25 clothing allowance/pay period; 1 Mechanic - \$32.14/hour + \$25 clothing allowance/pay period; 4 Motorgrader Operators – \$23.56/hour + \$25 clothing allowance/pay period; 1 Motorgrader Operator - \$23.56/hour + \$25 clothing allowance/pay period + \$175 opt out stipend/pay period; 2 Motorgrader Operators - \$21.50/hour + \$25 clothing allowance/pay period; 2 Motorgrader Operators - \$20.18/hour + \$25 clothing allowance/pay period; 4 Truck Drivers – \$23.56/hour + \$25 clothing allowance/pay period; 1 Truck Driver - \$23.56/hour + \$25 clothing allowance/pay period + \$175 opt out stipend/pay period; 2 Truck Drivers - \$20.18/hour + \$25 clothing allowance/pay period; 1 Part-time Truck Driver - \$21.00/hour (no insurance); **Veteran Service Officer Office:** Veterans Service Officer - \$25.36/hour + \$175 opt out stipend/pay period; **Weed Superintendent Office:** Weed Superintendent - \$24.84/hour summer months + \$25 uniform allowance/pay period/summer months (no insurance). **OTHER OFFICES. Development Agency Director Office (Interlocal agreement):** Development Agency Director – \$1,751.14/pay period + \$175 opt out stipend/pay period; Visit Knox County Director - \$20.87/hour.

The Board designated the afternoon of August 7, 2024 for the preliminary review of the 2024/2025 budget with officials.

Sheriff Henery, who is also on the Spade Twp. Board, discussed with the Board a Spade Twp. resolution requesting assistance to fix and preserve 532 Street in Spade Twp. before Bazile Creek washes out the road.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 8.) Oil Crew update; 9.) The used motorgrader that was committed for purchase will be delivered soon to District #3; 10.) August 7, 2024 will be the bid opening date for steel products for the Antelope/Knox County line bridge project.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the June 2024 Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Information was received about the Bloomfield Airport.

Supr. Mackeprang left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to go into closed session at 11:32 a.m. to discuss pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated the closed session will be held on pending litigation. The Board came out of closed session at 11:57 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to close at 11:57 a.m. the closed session held on pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moved the Board recess for lunch at 11:58 a.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors moved to The Barn at God's Country at 53174 Hwy. 84, Center NE and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all members present except Supr. Mackeprang District #5.

The purpose of moving to The Barn was to accommodate the estimated large turnout by the public at the hearing on recommendations from the Planning Commission to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Wind Energy Conversion System. The public hearing was opened at 1:01 p.m. with Chairman Sokol, Jr. giving the rules of the public hearing. The first one-half hour session was designated to comments in favor of the recommendations to change the current set-back regulations regarding wind systems with eight people speaking on a number of concerns including safety issues, size of proposed towers in the National Grid Renewables proposed project, noise levels, information and issues of other wind projects in Nebraska, problems farming the fields where towers are located and more. The second one-half hour session was designated to comments in favor of no change to the current set-back regulations with eleven people speaking on economic improvement with the proposed project, nameplate capacity tax, the need for clean energy, no problems with the current two wind projects in Knox County, support from an ag board, job creation, and more. The process was repeated with a third session having eight people speaking on accepting the recommendations and a fourth session where ten people spoke on leaving the current setbacks in place.

At 2:50 p.m., the Board members present each gave testimony on their reasons and beliefs of the proposed recommendations by the Planning Commission. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce to approve the recommendations of the Planning Commission on Amendments #1, #4, #6, #7 and #11 with the addition to Amendment #11 that Knox County be listed as an additional insured of the liability insurance. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #6 and #7. Nays District #4. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the hearing at 3:27 p.m.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 105,494.44; Bomgaars Supply Inc., gloves, 7.99; Center Garage, jail supplies, 38.00; Classic Carpet Care, mop rental, 55.00; C-Mart, gas, 42.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,932.98; Creston Fertilizer Co. Inc., weed chemicals, 757.60; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions

Group Inc., insurance County pays, 24,950.84; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 633.00; David A. Arens, meet/mileage, 70.85; Dean Wilken, meet/mileage, 50.55; First National Bank Omaha, supplies/gas/postage/meals, 3,484.41; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co., supplies, 473.24; Grager's Grocery, jail food, 1,228.21; Great Plains Communications, phone/cable, 401.63; Hanna Jensen, mileage, 261.64; Hefner Hardware, keys, 18.36; Jim Kotrous, meet/mileage, 45.96; Jonathan Lucas, witness fees/mileage, 34.74; Keith Nielsen, meet/mileage, 42.69; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road fund, 143,951.92; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 147.95; Loffler, copier agreement, 1,329.86; Madison County Sheriff, paper fees, 29.90; Megan Ketelsen Lucas; witness fees/mileage, 64.89; Monica McManigal, reimburse meals, 181.03; Neil Clausen, meet/mileage, 61.68; Powertech LLC, generator service agreement, 700.00; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 1,120.50; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 186.75; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 7,290.17; Robert Larsen, meet/mileage, 36.79; Robert Ganz, meet/mileage, 39.41; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 120.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 254.52; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 168.15; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 348.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 40,092.54; Art's Garbage, garbage, 18.00; Bauer Built Tire & Service, tires, 192.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 123.93; Black Hills energy, heating fuel, 96.60; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs, 328.26; Bohemian One Stop LLC, gas/propane, 563.43; Cedar Knox Public Power District, electricity, 116.51; CHS, diesel, 1,623.96; CMart, gas, 523.68; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 3,020.90; County of Kox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 10,497.64; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 359.05; Dendinger Ag LLC, equipment rental, 523.68; First National Bank Omaha, repairs, 16.88; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 25.56; Herbert Feed & Grain CO., diesel, 3,539.39; Hrbek Construction LLC, equipment rental, 7,590.00; J&J Sanitation, garbage, 49.00; Jebro Inc., windrow oil, 53,109.43; JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fees, 5,871.25; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 269.28; Laflan Medical Clinic, drug test, 85.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 56.62; LTL Holdings Inc., gas, 337.77; Medical Enterprises Inc., DOT alcohol forms, 25.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 149.38; Northern Materials LLC, equipment rental, 12,407.50; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 17.37; PowerPlan, repairs, 910.04; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 403.38; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,650.58; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Santee Utility Commission, garbage, 65.00; Verdigre Farm Service, shop supplies/gas/diesel/tordon/grass seed, 3,385.31; Vic's Service, gas/filters/shop supplies, 1,147.73; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 30,998.12; Yankton Fire & Safety Co. Inc., fire extinguisher inspection, 495.50.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 168.91.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Niobrara State Park, promo grant, 995.74; Verdigre Improvement Club, promo grant, 1,000.00.

COVID ARPA FUND. EAG West Omaha Inc., van, 34,210.74; Schreier's Lumber Company, rock, 577.50; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel, 432.97.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,535.41; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 266.43; Creative Revolution, website updates, 250.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance CO., insurance County pays, 2.98; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 22.41; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 226.83.

KENO FUND. EAG West Omaha Inc., van, 9,574.26.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. Police Legal Sciences, training, 216.00.

911 WIRELESS SERVICES FUND. Knox County Treasurer, transfer to 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund, 16,000.00

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. Police Legal Sciences, training, 504.00.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$302,055.65
Road Fund	181,731.27
Child Support Fund	168.91
Visitor's Promo Fund	1,995.74
Covid ARPA Fund	35,221.21
C & C Development Fund	4,304.06
Keno Fund	9,574.26
911 Emergency Fund	216.00
911 Wireless Service Fund	16,000.00
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	504.00
Total	\$551,771.10

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 3:27 p.m. on July 24, 2024 until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Center, Nebraska
July 24, 2024
9:58 a.m.

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Chairman Schlote approved the July 10, 2024 meeting minutes as read with the correction that Assessor's Office Appraiser Kylee Kracht was also present at the July 15, 2024 meeting.

Protest #2024 - 29 submitted by Mark Golden, 2112 W 50th ST, Kearney NE 68845 was received on July 17, 2024 which is past the 2024 filing deadline which was Monday, July 1, 2024. Also, the Real Property Description portion of the form was not completed, which is a requirement for consideration. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to deny **Protest #2024 - 29** as the protest was received on July 17, 2024 which was past the statutory deadline of July 1, 2024 and the required information of the Real Property Description was not completed. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the printing of the Joint Public Hearing "pink" postcards. MIPS and NACO will be partnering this year with CSG, an international corporation specializing in mass printing and mailing for public and private sectors. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce designate CSG as the printing service for the Joint Public Hearing postcards for 2024. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Tax List Correction #8012 Alewelt, Inc., Clive IA, acceleration of 2024 real estate taxes using the 2023 levy as moving the mobile home to South Dakota. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

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By _____
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman