

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
January 9, 2025
9:00 a.m.

A reorganizational 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 Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Kevin G. Mlady 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. Pierce 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 Creighton News 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.

A swearing-in ceremony was held where County Clerk Magistrate Betty Boggs conducted the swearing-in of newly elected Supervisor District #2 Kevin Mlady, re-elected County Supervisors District #4 James Sokol, Jr. and District #6 Danny R. Schlote, appointed Veterans Service Officer Kelly Harvey and Emergency Manager Austin Taylor, and Deputy County Attorney John Thomas and Deputy County Clerk Denise Burman. Appointed County Attorney Hanna Knox Jensen had been sworn in on January 2, 2025 by Judge Donna Taylor. Attending were County Officials and employees, and friends and family members of those sworn in. Coffee and cake were served in the Boardroom.

The meeting resumed. County Clerk Fischer read the December 23, 2024 meeting minutes. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the minutes of the December 23, 2024 meeting.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) Public notice by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District soliciting comments from the public regarding Project Nebraska Highway 12 Niobrara East and West.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that all claims except Claim #25010109 payable to Elder Law and Estate Planning, 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. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce that Claim #25010109 payable to Elder Law and Estate Planning, 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. Abstain District #5. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$336,860.86 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Knox County Board of Supervisors recess at 9:55 a.m. on January 9, 2025.

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

ATTEST:

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



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By *James Sokol, Jr.*
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 9:55 a.m., as provided by Sec. 23-156, Sec. 23-272, 23-274 Revised Statutes of Nebraska 1943.

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

Temporary Chairperson/County Clerk Fischer called for nominations three times from the floor for the 2025 Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Supr. Pierce nominated Supr. Sokol, Jr.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Schlote that nominations cease, rules be suspended and to cast a unanimous ballot for Supr. Sokol, Jr. for Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2025. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Motion carried. Supr. Sokol, Jr. assumed the duties of the 2025 Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. called for nominations three times from the floor for the 2025 Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Supr. Borgmann nominated Supr. O'Connor.

Motion by Supr. Mlady, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that nominations cease, rules be suspended and to cast a unanimous ballot for Supr. O'Connor for Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2025. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #1. Motion carried. Supr. O'Connor assumed the duties of the Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2025.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced the 2025 Committees as follows: **CATASTROPHIC LEAVE COMMITTEE** – the recipient employee's department head, Chairman James Sokol, Jr., Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang, County Clerk Joann Fischer, Sheriff Don Henery, Highway Superintendent Kevin Barta and an Outside Employee - Road Department; **CLAIMS COMMITTEE** – Supervisors Danny Schlote, James Sokol, Jr. and David Pierce; **COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE** – Supervisors in Respective Districts; **COUNTY MACHINERY CARE COMMITTEE** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, Kevin Mlady, David Pierce, and Highway Superintendent Kevin Barta; **COURTHOUSE & GROUNDS COMMITTEE** – Supervisors Kevin Mackeprang, David Pierce, and James Sokol, Jr., County Clerk Joann Fischer, Senior Office Clerk Rhonda Surface, and Custodian Beth Rudloff; **COURTHOUSE SECURITY COMMITTEE** – Sheriff Don Henery, County Attorney Hanna Knox Jensen, Deputy County Attorney John Thomas and Emergency Manager Austin Taylor; **COURTHOUSE SUPPLY APPROVAL OFFICER** – County Clerk Joann Fischer; **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK & PERSONNEL SYSTEM REVIEW COMMITTEE** – Chairman James Sokol, Jr., Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang, County Clerk Joann Fischer, Senior Office Clerk Rhonda Surface, Deputy County Attorney Hanna Knox Jensen, Sheriff Don Henery, Mechanic Jeremy Crosley, Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz, County Assessor Christa Beckmann and County Treasurer Lori Ebel; **FINANCING, BANKING & INSURANCE COMMITTEE** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, James Borgmann and David Pierce, and County Treasurer Lori Ebel; **PRINTING COMMITTEE** – Supervisors James Sokol, Jr., James Borgmann and Kevin Mlady; **PURCHASING COMMITTEE** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, James Borgmann and Kevin Mackeprang; **ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE**

– Supervisors James Sokol, Jr., Kevin Mlady and David Pierce, and Highway Superintendent Kevin Barta; **SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Supervisors David Pierce and Kevin Mlady; Emergency Manager Austin Taylor and County Clerk Joann Fischer – Co-Coordinator; Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta; Road employees Mike Beckman, Mike Jelinek and Chris Rohrer; Custodian Beth Rudloff, Sheriff Don Henery; and Katie Fritz-Secretary; **SAFETY COORDINATORS** – Emergency Manager Austin Taylor and County Clerk Joann Fischer; **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE (ADA)** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang, Highway Superintendent Kevin Barta; and County Clerk Joann M. Fischer – Coordinator; **BLOOMFIELD AIRPORT JOINT ZONING BOARD** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang; **CREIGHTON AIRPORT JOINT ZONING BOARD** – Supervisor James Borgmann; **GOLDENROD REGIONAL HOUSING AGENCY** – Supervisor Kevin Mlady; **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) COORDINATOR** – County Clerk Joann M. Fischer and County Treasurer Lori Ebel; **KNOX COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** – Supervisors James Borgmann and Kevin Mackeprang; **KNOX COUNTY VISITORS' COMMITTEE** – Supervisor Martin O'Connor; **MISSOURI SEDIMENTATION ACTION COALITION BOARD** – Mark Simpson; **911 EMERGENCY SERVICE BOARD** – Supervisors James Borgmann, James Sokol, Jr. and David Pierce, and Emergency Manager Austin Taylor; **NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang and Spirited Citizen Jean Henes (reappointed annually); **NORTHEAST NEBRASKA AREA AGENCY ON AGING** – Supervisor David Pierce; **NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (NENEDD) BOARD** – Supervisor James Borgmann and Mike Crosley; **NORTHEAST NEBRASKA RC&D** – Supervisors James Sokol, Jr. and Kevin Mackeprang; **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; and, **REGION IV MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang;

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to authorize County Treasurer Ebel to invest all funds of the County for the calendar year 2025. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Mlady that the current salary of Veterans' Service Officer Kelly Hanvey was set at \$20.00 per hour when she was appointed on September 23, 2024 noting that VSO Hanvey did complete the certification requirement and the introductory period will end March 23, 2025 at which time the salary will increase to \$22.00 per hour. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce to designate all 2025 Notices of Meeting be posted on the Knox County Website being www.co.knox.ne.us; the Notice of Meeting for the first regular meeting of each month be published in the Creighton News newspaper and posted on their website; the Notice of Meeting for the second regular meeting of each month be published in the Crofton Journal newspaper and their website; the Notice of Meeting for the third regular meeting that will be held in April and October 2025 and special meeting/quorum meeting notices will be published in both the Creighton News and Crofton Journal newspapers and their websites; and all Notices of Meeting will be posted on the statewide public notice website of <https://www.nepublicnotices.com>. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:15 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:33 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) NIRMA conducted a sign audit recently and recommendations were given; 2.) Stop sign grant update; 3.) The sander at the Center Yard was broke down; 4.) A NIRMA ASSIST grant was awarded in the amount of \$500 for air jacks for Mechanic's Shed; 5.) The One and Six Year Road Hearing will be held on January 22, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.; 6.) There is 54% left in the 2024/2025 Road Budget; 7.) Bridge inspection training will be held in Lincoln next week; 8.) Discussed new regulations for bridge inspections; 9.) Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve **Resolution #2025 - 01**, due to the failure of Raymond Township to petition against vacating and abandoning 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, contingent on an easement given and recorded to adjoining landowner Wade Lukken for his access to his northeast corner of property in Section 2, T32N, R7W, and the Knox County Board of Supervisors directs the Knox County Highway Superintendent to enter the Resolution in the County Road Plat Records and the same be recorded in the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025 - 01

A RESOLUTION TO VACATE AND ABANDON:

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, contingent on an easement given and recorded to adjoining landowner Wade Lukken for his access to his northeast corner of property in Section 2, T32N, R7W, AND

TO PROVIDE FOR VESTING OF THE TITLE THEREOF, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KNOX, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. VACATION AND 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, contingent on an easement given and recorded to adjoining landowner Wade Lukken for his access to his northeast corner of property in Section 2, T32N, R7W, and that no damage will be sustained by the citizens of said County or the owners of property, therein, which matter has been ascertained by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 2. VESTING OF TITLE: That all title to said vacation and abandonment shall revert to the owners of the abutting real estate, one-half on each side thereof, and become part of such property, as provided by law.

Section 3. WHEN OPERATIVE: The Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Knox, Nebraska this 9th of January 2025.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

By: James Sokol, Jr. /s/
Chairman

10.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mlady to approve **Resolution #2025 - 02**, due to the failure of Frankfort Township to petition against vacating and abandoning 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, and the Knox County Board of Supervisors directs the Knox County Highway Superintendent to enter the Resolution in the County Road Plat Records and the same be recorded in the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025 - 02

A RESOLUTION TO VACATE AND ABANDON:

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

TO PROVIDE FOR VESTING OF THE TITLE THEREOF, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KNOX, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF: 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, and that no damage will be sustained by the citizens of said County or the owners of property, therein, which matter has been ascertained by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 2. VESTING OF TITLE: That all title to said vacation and abandonment shall revert to the owners of the abutting real estate, one-half on each side thereof, and become part of such property, as provided by law.

Section 3. WHEN OPERATIVE: The Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Knox, Nebraska this 9th of January, 2025.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

By: James Sokol, Jr. /s/
Chairman

Emergency Manager Taylor met with the Board on the following: 1.) Update on scheduled training and meetings; 2.) Discussed job status to determine if the position can be salaried or to remain hourly. County Attorney Knox Jensen will research the matter and more discussion will be held at the January 22, 2025 meeting.

Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce to adopt **Resolution #2025 - 03** approving amendments to Section 8.04 Recreational Vehicle Parks of the Knox County Zoning Regulations. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025 - 03

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED:

KNOX COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS

Section 8.04 Recreational Vehicle Parks

No Recreational Vehicle Park shall be constructed within the zoning jurisdiction of Knox County unless a Conditional Use Permit is approved and issued by the County and is constructed in conformance with the following requirements:

1. The tract to be used as a recreational vehicle park or campground shall not be less than two acres in area. Under no circumstances shall a manufactured home be parked in a recreational vehicle park or campground. **(Amended May 29, 2024)**

4. The minimum dimensions of a recreational vehicle, trailer or camp site shall be 30 feet wide.

(Amended May 29, 2024)

Add the following as 8 and renumber the following accordingly:

8. All items will be considered by design for approval constructed on, relocated to, and placed on a recreational vehicle site or camping site shall require the following: **(Amended May 29, 2024)**

A. A zoning permit from the Knox County Zoning Administrator. Said applicant shall provide proof that the Park owner is aware and approves of said modifications.

B. Be considered permanent and said items shall be taxed as improvements to the land. This information shall be provided within the zoning permit and may be verified by any authorized county official.

C. An amenity, as described in #11 above, may be located on an individual pad site provided it is designed only to protect occupants from the elements and does not have a permanent water supply or sewage system facilities.

D. All electrical connections shall meet the Nebraska State Electrical Code including waterproofing, ground fault, and other life safety requirements.

E. All non-reported improvements shall be subject to all zoning penalties as well as all penalties allowed by the County Assessor's office by law.

Dated this 9th day of January 2025.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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

Kevin G. Mlady /s/
Kevin G. Mlady, District #2

David L. Pierce /s/
David L. Pierce, 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

2.) Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mlady to adopt **Resolution #2025 – 04** approving amendments to Section 8.08.03 Definitions, Section 8.08.06 Setbacks, and Section 8.08.07 Special Safety and Design Standards and Additional Requirements of the Knox County Zoning Regulations regarding the Wind Energy Conversion System. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #5. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025 – 04

WHEREAS, the duly appointed Planning Commission of Knox County, Nebraska, with the assistance of its consultant Marvin Planning consultants, has prepared amendments to the Zoning Regulations, for Knox County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Planning commission has given public notice as required by the Nebraska State Statutes, of a hearing held on the 14th day of May, 2024, at the Center Town Hall on the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing has been held pursuant to said notice and all statements received at the hearing have been duly considered by the Planning Commission;

AND WHEREAS the Knox County Planning Commission has reviewed the amendments and make recommendation to the Knox County Board of Supervisors for approval:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED:

KNOX COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS

8.08.03 Definitions

The following are defined for the specific use of this section.

Shadow Flicker shall mean the shadow cast by the rotating blade of a wind turbine which moves with the blades. (Amended July 24, 2024)

8.08.06 Setbacks

All towers shall adhere to the setbacks as measured from the hub established in the following table:

	WECS Wind Turbine – Commercial/Utility WECS	Meteorological Towers
Property Lines	Diameter plus applicable building setback; however, setback may be less when two adjoining property owners are within the aggregate project.	One times the total height
Dwelling units owned by non-participating landowners. *	125 miles*** (Amendment July 24, 2024)	One times the total height
Road Rights-of-Way**	1.1 times the total height	One times the total height
Other Rights-of-Way	1.1 times the total height	One times the total height
Public Conservation Lands including Wildlife Management Areas and State Recreation Areas	1.1 times the total height	600 ft. or a distance established by any state or Federal agency.
Wetlands, USFW Types II, IV, and V	1.1 times the total height	600 ft. or a distance established by any state or Federal agency.
Other structures not on the applicant's site	One times the total height	One times the total height
River Bluffs of over 15 feet	One times the total height	One times the total height

*The setback for dwelling units shall be reciprocal in that no dwelling unit shall be constructed within the same distance required for a commercial/utility Wind Energy Conversion System.

**The setback shall be measured from any future Rights-of-Way if a planned change or expanded right-of-way is known.

***Unless an Impact Easement has been granted by the non-participating landowner

8.08.07 Special Safety and Design Standards and Additional Requirements

Special safety and design standards for all towers and additional listed requirements are stated below, which shall be adhered to and are specifically written for this Section:

1. All WECS, Commercial Scale Wind Systems or Turbines shall use Aircraft Detection Lighting Systems.
(Amended July 24, 2024)

10. Discontinuation and Decommissioning (Amended July 24, 2024)

A WECS shall be considered a discontinued use after one year without energy production unless a plan is developed and submitted to the Zoning Administrator outlining the steps and schedule for returning the WECS to service. All WECS and accessory facilities shall be removed to four feet below ground level within 180 days of the discontinuation of use. This period may be extended by the Zoning Administrator following a written request by an agent of the owner of the WECS.

Each WECS project under this section shall have a Decommissioning Plan outlining the anticipated means and cost of removing WECS at the end of their serviceable life or upon being discontinued use. The cost estimates shall be made by a competent party, such as a Professional Engineer, a contractor capable of decommissioning or a person with suitable resources that will be available to pay for the decommissioning and removal of the WECS and accessory facilities.

A surety bond in the amount of 100% of the decommissioning cost estimate. The decommissioning plan must be updated every five years, and the bond must be updated to account for any new decommissioning cost. All decommissioned sites, including access roads, shall be restored to conditions consistent with surrounding land unless the landowners want the road to remain. The restoration shall be maintained for 5 years after the initial restoration is complete

16. Site Insurance (Amended July 24, 2024)

Each WECS, Commercial Wind System, or Turbine must maintain liability insurance at an appropriate amount established by the Board of Supervisors per tower while it is in construction and operation. As part of the policy, Knox County shall be named an additionally insured party. Annual proof of such insurance shall be provided to the County Board of Supervisors.

Dated this 9th day of January 2025.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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

Kevin G. Mlady /s/
Kevin G. Mlady, District #2

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

Abstain - 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

3.) Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the December 2024 Permits Report and the 2024 Yearly Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4.) Zoning Administrator Jelinek informed the Board that a NIRMA ASSIST grant was approved in the amount of \$500 which is part of the costs of an AED for Annex #1; 5.) A corrected Administrative Plat that showed the correct spelling of survey requester and name associated with Administrative Plat Application #P2414 was reviewed and signed by Chairman Sokol, Jr. The Administrative Plat had been approved at the November 27, 2024 minutes but had the wrong spelling of "Huttmann" Administrative Plat.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of December 20, 2024 through January 3, 2025. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the Report by the Knox County Treasurer of Collections, Disbursements and Balances for six months ending December 31, 2024 and that there were no unpaid claims against Knox County as of December 31, 2024. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Clerk of District Court December 2024 Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected between October 1 and December 31, 2024. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the Knox County Credit Card Accounts Report as of January 1, 2025. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set the 2025 mileage rate as the same as the 2025 IRS mileage rates being 70 cents per mile and County Sheriff paper serving mileage rate at 73 cents per mile. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The State Legislature has convened and bills are being introduced.

Committee updates was given by Supr. Schlote who asked County Attorney Knox Jensen if Board Committees need to follow the Open Meeting Act or if they are only advisory committees. County Attorney Knox Jensen will research the matter.

Officials' updates were as following: 1.) County Clerk Fischer said that there will not be a Knox County scrap tire collection as the DEE did not approve the grant for 2025 because Knox County had received funds the previous two years. There is limited funding and preference was given to projects that had not received funding from the previous year, 2.) Sheriff Henery informed the

Board that NIRMA did not approve his NIRMA ASSIST grant application for two mobile radar units because there was such a large number of grant applications and NIRMA could not fund each request. Also, he now has three new dispatchers/jailors and is still looking for two more.

Public comment session was held at 11:40 a.m. There were no comments given.

Supr. Mackeprang left the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into closed session at 11:43 a.m. on pending litigation namely the North Fork Wind, LLC, etal v Knox County, etal lawsuit. 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 namely the North Fork Wind, LLC, etal v Knox County, etal lawsuit. The Board came out of closed session at 12:15 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 12:15 p.m. the closed session held on pending litigation namely the North Fork Wind, LLC, etal v Knox County, etal lawsuit. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 101,643.89; Applied Connective Technologies, IT, 4,968.15; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,758.85; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 34,370.00; Crofton Journal/ Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 4,087.20; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios, 161.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 537.60; Des Moines Stamp Mfg. Co., stampers, 192.40; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 1,331.04; Ecowater, bottled water, 292.50; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage, 3,164.63; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co., supplies, 563.34; Gragert's Grocery, jail food, 650.34; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet/fax, 2,387.50; Heartland Fire Protection, recertification, 216.00; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., quarterly bill, 3,420.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, paint, 151.96; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to C&C Development, 6,250.00; Kristine Tramp, mileage, 34.84; KV Electric, repairs, 100.00; Landmark Surveying, surveyor fees, 1,625.60; Legendary Graphics, plaques, 91.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 144.98; Loffler, copier agreement, 387.53; Lois Kumm, jail food, 20.00; MIPS Inc., computer program, 878.86; Monroe Systems for Business, toners, 278.46; N&B Gas Company, propane, 1,185.80; Nebraska County Assessors Association, dues, 100.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,359.45; One Office Solution, postcards, 305.26; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 171.30; Plainview News, publishing, 96.00; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 1,096.51; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 495.29; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly bill, 6,407.75; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 7,209.25; Sanford Health, autopsy, 2,492.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 185.75; US Cellular, cell phones, 360.20; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 82.57; Willie's Service, oil change, 43.83.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 38,161.57; Art's Garbage, garbage, 20.00; B's Enterprises Inc., signs, 5,680.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 133.22; Bohemian One Stop, gas/propane, 775.11; Bomgaars, repairs/oil/shop tools/snow fence, 4,549.23; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer, 133.88; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,866.43; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 1,131.90; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,290.00; Crofton Lumber, door, 520.94; Farmers Pride, diesel, 2,323.70; First National Bank Omaha, repairs/meal, 112.66; Great Plains Communications, phone, 201.40; Grossenburg Implement, repairs/filters/shop supplies/equipment rental, 10,381.00; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,147.25; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies/ice melt, 886.75; JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fees, 1,595.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 56.62; LTL Holdings, gas, 426.70; N&B Gas Company, propane, 2,602.75; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 68.11; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 453.02; Powerplan, repairs, 350.09; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 419.94; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,519.13; Rohrer Welding, oxygen/shop supplies, 183.24; Schreier's Lumber Company, shop supplies, 31.35; State of Nebraska Motor Fuels Division, diesel tax, 1,101.00; Steffen's Service Station, gas, 551.51; Sucha Repair, repairs/oil/tires/oxygen, 1,154.67; US Cellular, cell phones, 543.24; Verdigre Farm Service, shop supplies/diesel, 1,483.84; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 77.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 5,247.04.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 24.26; Great Plains Communication, phone/internet/fax, 168.43; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 168.91; Knox County Treasurer, envelopes, 332.76; Nebraska Clerks of District Court Association, dues, 50.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 502.42.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Bloomfield Community Club, grant, 1,000.00; Growing Small Town Nebraska Podcast, advertising, 1,000.00.

ROD PRES/MOD FUND. MIPS Inc., computer program, 389.88.

COUNTY WELLNESS FUND. Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00; Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,751.20; First National Bank Omaha, gas/leadership meal/registration, 320.12; Great Plains Communication, phone/internet/fax, 62.20; US Cellular, cell phone, 61.65.

INHERITANCE FUND. Cedar County Transit, public transit, 2,500.00; Elder Law and Estate Planning, special county attorney, 21,105.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. City of Norfolk, networking, 44.74; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 234.56; OPTK Networks, networking, 228.44; Three River Telco, phone, 66.42.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. City of Norfolk, networking, 104.38; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 406.46; OPTK Networks, networking, 533.04 Three River Telco, phone, 154.99.

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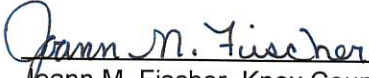
General Fund	\$200,820.13
Road Fund	102,247.54
Child Support Fund	1,246.78
Visitor's Promo Fund	2,000.00
ROD Pres/Mod Fund	389.88
County Wellness Fund	500.00
C & C Development Fund	2,195.17
Inheritance Fund	25,688.33

911 Emergency Fund	574.16
911 Wireless Service Fund	1,198.87
Total	\$336,860.86

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2025 until Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

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

ATTEST:

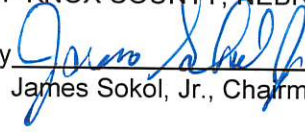


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By



James Sokol, Jr., Chairman