

ROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
September 10, 2025
9:00 a.m.

An emergency 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, September 10, 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, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supervisor James Sokol, Jr. District #4/Chairman and Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5. Vice-Chairman O'Connor presiding.

Vice-Chairman O'Connor led the Board in the Please of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman O'Connor announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Reading of the September 3, 2025 meeting minutes was dispensed with and will those meeting minutes will be read at the September 17, 2025 meeting.

Notice of the emergency meeting held was posted in the Knox County Courthouse, Center Post Office, on the Knox County Facebook page and on the Knox County website. Notice of the emergency meeting was emailed to the Creighton News newspaper/Carrie Pitzer, Crofton Journal newspaper/Brook Curtiss and Mark Mahoney with the Yankton P & D newspaper as soon as the emergency meeting was called for on September 9, 2025. As per statute, the local newspaper editors sent the emergency meeting notice to the Nebraska public notice website and further will publish the meeting notice in this week's issues and will send a notarized affidavit for proof of publication.

An Emergency Meeting Attendance sheet was signed by those members present. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The emergency meeting was held to consider appointing Attorney Joseph M. Smith as a Knox County Special County Attorney for the limited scope of signing cremation permits until an acting county attorney for Knox County is appointed. Vice-Chairman O'Connor informed the Board that Attorney Smith said he would step up to assist Knox County with the cremation permits. Sheriff Henery said that he had contacted a NIRMA attorney, the Attorney General's Office, Lancaster County Attorney's Office, and a private attorney regarding county coroner duties and signing cremation permits and couldn't find where he was allowed to sign the cremation permits. Chairman Sokol, Jr. issued Sheriff Henery a letter giving him permission to sign the cremation permits but Sheriff Henery said that a County Attorney needs to sign the cremation permits.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded Supr. Schlote to appoint Attorney Joseph M. Smith to serve as Special County Attorney for Knox County in the limited scope of signing cremation permits until an acting county attorney for Knox County is appointed. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #4 and #5. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman O'Connor adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 9:04 a.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 until Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. 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 _____
Martin J. O'Connor, Vice-Chairman