

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
January 9, 2020  
9:30 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 January 9, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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. Liska 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 Niobrara Journal 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.

The minutes of the December 26, 2019 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the December 26, 2019 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Memorandum from the Nebraska Dept. of Economic Development; 2. Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition letter and Lewis and Clark Lake Sediment Management Plan.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann 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 \$429,720.11 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Knox County Board of Supervisors recess at 9:45 a.m. on January 9, 2020.

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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The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 9:46 a.m., as provided by Sec. 23-272, 23-274 Revised Statutes of Nebraska 1943 (Reissue of 2012).

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

Temporary Chairman/Co. Clk. Fischer called for nominations three times from the floor for the 2020 Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Chairman Sokol, Jr. nominated Supervisor Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr. seconded by Supr. Schlote that nominations cease, rules be suspended and to cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Mackeprang for Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #5. Motion carried. Supervisor Mackeprang assumed the duties of the Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2020.

Chairman Mackeprang called for nominations three times from the floor for the 2020 Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Supr. Sokol, Jr. nominated Supr. Miller.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann that nominations cease, rules be suspended and to cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Miller for Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #3. Motion carried. Supr. Miller assumed the duties of the Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2020.

Chairman Mackeprang announced the 2020 Committees as follows: **FINANCING, BANKING & INSURANCE** – Supervisors Virgil Miller, Martin O'Connor and Jim Borgmann; **CLAIMS** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, Danny Schlote and Jim Sokol, Jr.; **COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE** - Supervisors in Respective Districts; **COUNTY MACHINERY CARE** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, Jim Sokol, Jr., Patrick Liska and Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta; **COURTHOUSE & GROUNDS** – Supervisors Kevin Mackeprang, Virgil Miller, Jim Sokol, Jr., Co. Clerk Joann M. Fischer, Deputy Co. Clerk Rhonda Surface and Custodian Brandon Peters; **COURTHOUSE SECURITY** – Sheriff Don Henery, County Attorney John Thomas and Emergency Manager Laura Hintz; **COURTHOUSE SUPPLY APPROVAL OFFICER** – County Clerk Joann Fischer; **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK & PERSONNEL SYSTEM REVIEW COMMITTEE (Created 6/27/2019)** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang, County Clerk Joann M. Fischer, Sheriff Don Henery, Deputy County Clerk Rhonda Surface and Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz; **PRINTING** – Supervisors Jim Sokol, Jr., Jim Borgmann and Patrick Liska; **PURCHASING** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, Jim Borgmann and Kevin Mackeprang; **ROAD & BRIDGE** – Supervisors Virgil Miller, Jim Sokol, Jr., Patrick Liska and Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta.; **SAFETY COORDINATORS** – Emergency Manager

Laura Hintz and County Clerk Joann M. Fischer; **KNOX COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE** - Supervisors Danny Schlote and Patrick Liska, Emergency Manager Laura Hintz, Co. Clerk Joann Fischer, Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta, Sheriff Don Henery, Custodian Brandon Peters, Road employees Mike Beckmann, Mike Jelinek, Mike Kucera, and Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz as secretary; **AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE** - Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang, Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta and Co. Clerk Joann Fischer; **BLOOMFIELD AIRPORT JOINT ZONING BOARD** - Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang; **CREIGHTON AIRPORT JOINT ZONING BOARD** - Supervisor Jim Borgmann; **GOLDENROD HILLS (HOUSING)** - Supervisor Jim Sokol, Jr.; **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) COORDINATOR** - Co. Clerk Joann Fischer; **KNOX COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** - Supervisors Danny Schlote and Jim Borgmann; **KNOX COUNTY VISITORS' COMMITTEE** - Supervisor Martin O'Connor; **MISSOURI SEDIMENTATION ACTION COALITION BOARD** - Mark Simpson; **NEBRASKA REGIONAL INTEROPERABILITY NETWORK** - Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang; **911 EMERGENCY SERVICE BOARD** - Supervisors Virgil Miller, Jim Sokol, Jr. and Jim Borgmann; **NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD** - Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang; **NORTHEAST NEBRASKA AREA AGENCY ON AGING** - Supervisor Virgil Miller; **NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (NENEDD) BOARD** - Supervisor Jim Borgmann; **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.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to authorize Co. Treasurer Stark to invest all funds of the County for the calendar year 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to set the current salary for Veterans' Service Officer Gary Jones at \$21.27 per hour effective January 1, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to designate the publishing and posting requirements of 2020 Notices of Meeting as follows: All 2020 Notices of Meeting to be posted on the Knox County Website being [www.co.knox.ne.us](http://www.co.knox.ne.us); the Notice of Meeting for the first regular meeting of each month be published in the Niobrara Tribune, the Notice of Meeting for the second regular meeting of each month be published in the Wausa Gazette; and special meeting/quorum meeting notices be published in both the Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:15 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:38 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussed Bloomfield North overlay project. The asphalt bid letting will be held on February 13, 2020 at 11:15 a.m. Bids for concrete will be obtained later. Discussed transverse cracks, layout, the project will be 7.5 miles and projected costs; 2. At 10:47 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised bid opening for the Bloomfield Southwest Bridge Replacement Project (Abbenhaus bridge), C0054006110. The Knox County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to waive informalities and irregularities and to make awards on bids that furnish the material and construction that will, in their opinion, serve the best interest of Knox County, Nebraska, and further, the Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids were opened in the order received: **Norfolk Contracting, Inc., Norfolk NE** - \$337,710, if additional Abutment/Pier Piling (HP 12x53) is required, it will be furnished and driven for \$34/Lin-Ft., if less abutment/pier piling (HP 12x53) is required, deduct \$23.50/Lin-Ft., tentative start date June 22, 2020; **Theisen Construction, Inc., Norfolk NE** - \$327,876, if additional abutment/pier piling (HP 12x53) is required, it will be furnished and driven for \$52/Lin-Ft, if less abutment/pier piling (HP 12x53) is required, deduct \$22.61/Lin-Ft., tentative start date March 9, 2020. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to accept the bid for the Bloomfield Southwest Bridge Replacement Project (Abbenhaus bridge), C0054006110 from **Theisen Construction, Inc., Norfolk NE** in the amount of \$327,876, if additional abutment/pier piling (HP 12x53) is required, it will be furnished and driven for \$52/Lin-Ft and if less abutment/pier piling (HP 12x53) is required, deduct \$22.61/Lin-Ft., with a tentative start date of March 9, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. County Shop inspections were held on January 6. The Board reviewed a list of improvements to be made. Also discussed was purchasing a hot water power washer for the Crofton Shed. Supr. O'Connor researched costs and found a used Hotsy power washer for \$3,500 with a one-year warranty; 4. Work continues on the chain link fence at the Niobrara Yard. Also new sheet rock was being installed in the Niobrara Shed; 5. NIRMA will conduct a Road and Bridge Sign Workshop in Hartington on February 4 and in Norfolk on February 5; 6. A bridge inspector refresher class will be held in Lincoln February 4 - 6; 7. KEA Construction is working on the "Ray Stark" bridge; 8. Road employee job evaluations will be held on February 13, 2020 starting at 1:00 p.m.; 9. Funds were received from FEMA for Category B expenses (barricades and overtime); 10. Discussed the Prishman bridge and the Walton bridge.

Weed Supt. Banks met with the Board to discuss a clothing allowance as he works with sprays and chemicals during his seasonal time. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve a \$35 per month taxable clothing allowance for Weed Supt. Banks during his seasonal work the months of May through October. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Extension Educator Hanefeldt updated the Board on the Extension Board. Derek Cunningham has served two terms on the Extension Board and will need to be replaced. Chad Vanness has agreed to serve. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded Supr. Miller to appoint Chad Vanness of Wausa to the Knox County Extension Board for a three-year term. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report of Collections, Disbursements and Balances for Six Months ending December 3, 2019 and that there were no unpaid claims against Knox County as of December 15, 2019. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the Clerk of the District Court December 2019 Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Fee Report of fees collected between October 1 and December 31, 2019. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set a public hearing for January 30, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. for consideration of continuing with an elected County Surveyor or to have an appointed County Surveyor. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to cancel Check #19120169 in the amount of 37.00 payable to the Knox County Sheriff. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set the 2020 mileage rate as per IRS rates of 57.5 cents per mile and the Sheriff paper rate of 60.5 cents per mile. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2020 - 01** designating depository banks in which to invest County funds by the County Treasurer. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2020 - 01**

**WHEREAS**, the following banks have made application for the privilege of being designated as depositories of the monies of Knox County:

Brunswick State Bank	Brunswick, Nebraska
Commercial State Bank	Wausa, Nebraska
Farmers and Merchants State Bank	Bloomfield, Nebraska
Midwest Bank	Creighton, Nebraska
Madison County Bank	Madison, Nebraska
NPAIT	Lincoln, Nebraska
Union Bank and Trust - NFIT	Lincoln, Nebraska

**WHEREAS**, all of the above banks will deposit, pledge or grant a security interest in their assets or provide a deposit guaranty bond for the security and payment for all of Knox County's deposits and accretions as required by law, and

**WHEREAS**, said securities will be deposited in escrow as provided by law for the safety of any and all public monies deposited and invested in said banks by Knox County's duly elected and acting County Treasurer, and

**WHEREAS**, these banks have agreed to abide by all provisions of the law with respect to the deposit and investment of public monies, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the above banks be designated and named the depositories of the public monies and that the Treasurer of Knox County, Nebraska, be, and hereby is authorized and empowered to deposit and invest the public monies now in hand or hereinafter to be acquired as such Treasurer, in the above banks in the manner and within the limits provided and prescribed by law.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

#### **KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5, Chairman

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

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

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

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve and place on file the Knox County Credit Card Accounts Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney Holecek informed the Board that an appeal was filed in the Harts vs Knox County court case.

Emergency Manager Hintz, NRIN representative Sue Krogman and Platte Valley Communications representative Mike Eppley met with the Board to discuss the NRIN tower. Discussed height of the microwave tower if located at the Center County Yard, alternate locations, type of communication, environmental study requirement, amending the grant application, type of communication from the tower, and, need for equipment shed and generator near the tower. The Board will research sites and will contact Ms. Krogman.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the December 2019 Monthly Permit Report, Permits – Yearly Summary and Yearly Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Discussed upcoming Planning Commission meeting on February 11, 2020.

Shannon Jepsen with AFLAC updated the Board on the Section 125 plan that Mrs. Jepsen's office administers for Knox County, the IRS rules governing the Section 125 plan and tax savings, an Enrollment Overview Report of employees enrolled in AFLAC, claims report, and, option for guaranteed life insurance.

Sheriff Henery informed the Board that a Bloomfield High School senior requested participating in job-shadowing on Fridays in the Sheriff's Office for the semester. Paperwork is in the process.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Sheriff Henery on negotiating medical expenses on a prisoner and a medical update on another prisoner. Also discussed the recent sightings of drones in Nebraska.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that the receipts be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$147,674.69.

#20338 – Knox County Clerk, transfer to road, 94,682.45; #20339 – Knox County Zoning, building permit/setback adjustment, 400.00; #20340 – State of Nebraska, January 2020 rent, 2,205.00; #20341 – State of Nebraska, motor vehicle prorate, 5,209.96; #20342 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,545.75; #20343 – Knox County Sheriff, 911 surcharges, 29.99; #20344 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 3,078.72; #20345 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 2,539.37; #20346 – Farmers & Merchants State Bank, interest, 13,861.60; #20347 – VIN inspections and handgun permits, 280.00; #20348 – Estate of Lawrence O. Kumm, inheritance tax, 9,437.63; #20349 – Knox County Clerk, plats, misc. fees, c.c. marriage licenses & copies, 103.70; #20350 – Cedar Knox Rural Water, refund overpayment to SID #1, 212.50; #20351 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 175.00; #20352 – Knox County Sheriff, finger printing fees, 50.00; #20353 – Clerk of District Court, filing fees, court costs, copies, passport fees & bail bond, 2,327.20; #20354 – Clerk of District Court, judgement – transcript costs to Knox County, 744.50; #20355 – Camp Missouri LLC dba CJ's at the Lake, tobacco license, 10.00; #20356 – Hrbek Construction, grader bits, 960.00; #20357 – Castia RX, rebate, 323.82; #20358 – Knox County Sheriff, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter fees, 1,707.50; #20359 – Knox County Economic Development, 2020 contributions – Commercial State Bank, 2,000.00; #20360 – Gary Jessen, culvert, 680.00; #20361 – Knox County Court, fines & lab test fees, 5,110.00.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 166,990.02; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, ekg, 210.00; Bloomfield Pharmacy, test strips/lancets, 108.99; Burns Lumber Co LLC, supplies, 13.78; CenturyLink, long distance, 80.03; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 12,749.75; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; DAS State Accounting, teletype, 448.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies, 492.07; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 258.00; Folkers Bros. Garage, repair/parts, 711.31; Gragert's, supplies, 2.32; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 800.98; Heartland Energy Management, quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Hefner Hardware, janitorial supplies, 9.18; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 4,272.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; John Thomas, reimburse continuing ed, 300.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 108.00; Knox County Sheriff, serve warrants/transport, 772.56; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 264.33; Liz Doerr, mileage, 42.92; Madison County Sheriff, house prisoners, 2,250.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 214.60; Micro Distributing II Ltd., test kits, 406.25; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; Midwest Radar & Equipment, radar recertification, 80.00; MIPS, computer program, 795.19; MOCIC, dues, 100.00; Moody Motor Co. Inc., tires, 1,669.20; N&B Gas Company, propane, 1,071.00; NACO, registration, 375.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, registration, 120.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,304.81; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 26.50; Northeast RC&D, dues, 4,000.00; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 203.67; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 236.97; Precision IT, service printer, 180.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,939.50; Quality Printing, personal property postcards, 235.94; Quill Corp., office supplies, 955.25; R.S. Technologies Inc., mysql server, 500.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,275.77; Samantha Holecek, reimburse attorney service, 98.00; Tauber Plumbing LLC, jail toilet & plumbing, 5,624.00; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 154.50; US Cellular, cell phones, 234.81.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 62,367.57; B's Enterprises Inc., signs, 264.00; Bomgaars, shop supplies/shop tools/fuel meter/snow fence/post/repairs, 1,754.82; CHS Wausa, diesel, 950.44; City of Bloomfield, water, 21.75; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 160.16; C-Mart, gas, 490.30; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,706.56; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 11,900.00; Great Plains Communications, phone, 589.20; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filter/repair, 292.88; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/oil, 4,357.67; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental/gravel/haul, 4,587.50; Husker Steel, guardrail posts, 376.00; Jeremy Crosley, mileage, 29.00; Kayton International, repairs, 15.80; Kayton International, repairs, 146.31; Key Sanitation, garbage, 120.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Mainelli Wagner & Associates, engineer fees, 189.12; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel/furnace, 5,658.05; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 79.26; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 496.36; K & S Door Co. Inc. dba

Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk, window, 903.00; Pease General Store, shop supplies/washer fluid, 42.32; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 732.70; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,017.21; State of Nebraska Motor Fuels Division, diesel tax, 1,093.00; Sucha Repair, repairs, 353.28; UPS, return postage, 16.55; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 415.08; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 17,497.44; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/repairs/shop supplies/tire, 3,963.76; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.81; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 73.78; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies, 63.57; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 4,855.50.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 12,335.33.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Postmaster, postage, 606.00.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Salaries, 774.90.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 263.70.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, 2019 wellness, 5,909.76.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Nebraska Development Network, annual dues, 50.00; NENEDD, admin fees, 222.30.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,041.67; CenturyLink, long distance, 5.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 224.63; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 850.00; First National Bank Omaha, training/travel/leadership, 257.61; Key Sanitation, deer dumpsters, 450.00; Lincoln National Life ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 205.31; Susan Norris, reimburse leadership meals, 80.00; US Cellular, cell phone, 143.68.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Mainelli Wagner & Associates, engineer fees, 8,346.26; Marvin Planning Consultants, comprehensive plan, 1,280.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.37.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 5.72; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 175.35; NESCA, membership, 28.50; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 2,323.96; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 495.71; NESCA, membership, 121.50; Three River Telco, phone, 179.34.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	255,064.05
Road Fund	133,747.03
Flowage Easement Road Fund	12,335.33
Child Support Fund	692.00
Visitor's Promo Fund	774.90
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	318.70
County Insurance Fund	5,909.76
Economic Development Fund	272.30
C&C Development Fund	5,306.96
Inheritance Fund	11,709.63
911 Emergency Fund	251.64
911 Wireless Service Fund	3,120.51
Total	<u>\$429,720.11</u>

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:39 p.m. on January 9, 2020 until Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 9:30 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:

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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Deputy County Attorney Holecek discussed with the Board the upcoming hearing on whether to continue with the current election process for the County Surveyor or to put it to the vote of the people.

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There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

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The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:38 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussed NIRMA information that employers will be required to conduct a full query of a driver's electronic record of employees holding a CDL or CLP starting on January 6, 2020; 2. A Regional Road/Bridge Sign and Flood Workshop will be held in Hartington; 3. A bridge refresher course will be held in Lincoln next week; 4. Hwy. Supt. Barta will be meeting with USDA regarding six flood projects; 5. The One and Six Year Road hearing will be held on February 13, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.; 6. Update on the Bloomfield North Overlay Bid Letting. The asphalt bid opening will be held on February 13, 2020 and advertising for the concrete bids will take place soon; 7. Road/Bridge/Oil employee evaluations will be held on February 13, 2020 starting at 1:00 p.m.; 8. Oil crew update; 9. Work on flood repair at the Niobrara Shed/Yard is nearly done.

At 10:59 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing for County Surveyor elections. Present were Knox County Surveyor Mike Skroch, Hwy. Supt. Barta and County Sheriff Henery. As per Nebraska Revised Statute §32-525 (2)(a), *"in each county having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, the question of electing a county surveyor in the county shall be submitted to the registered voters of the county at the statewide general election in 2020."* Also Statute §32-525 (3) says *"If a county having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants has an elected county surveyor in office on January 1, 2020, the county board may, prior to February 1, 2020, following a public hearing, adopt a resolution to continue to elect the county surveyor for the county and not to submit the question pursuant to subsection (2) of this section."* The public hearing was being held to comply with subsection (3) of Statute §32-525. Discussion was held on surveyor fees, wages, and benefits. County Surveyor Skroch expressed his satisfaction with the current arrangement. Chairman Mackeprang closed the open public hearing at 11:05 a.m. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2020 - 02** where the office of the Knox County Surveyor shall remain as an elected office to be chosen by the majority of votes cast by the registered voters of Knox County, Nebraska at each general election of the county and the question of electing a County Surveyor shall not be submitted to the registered voters of the county at the statewide general election in 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTION TO ELECT COUNTY SURVEYOR RESOLUTION #2020 - 02

A RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LAWFUL CONSTITUTIONAL  
RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC FOR THE ELECTION OF A COUNTY SURVEYOR BY THE  
REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE COUNTY IN KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute § 32-525 states that If a county having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants has an elected county surveyor in office on January 1, 2020, the county board may, prior to February 1, 2020, following a public hearing, adopt a resolution to continue to elect the county surveyor for the county; and

WHEREAS, the population of Knox County is less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants according to the most recent official United State Census; and

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2020 the office of County Surveyor of Knox County is currently held by a duly elected official; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the Board of Supervisors of Knox County, held a public hearing at its regular meeting upon publication of notice of the same in the legal newspapers in the county to hear public comment and discuss the issue; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 4 of the Nebraska Constitution provides for the election of necessary county officers to be chosen by the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the election of county officers is a right of the public and shall be protected in accordance with the Nebraska Constitution and the office of County Surveyor shall remain as an elected office to be chosen by the majority of votes cast by the registered voters of Knox County, Nebraska at each general election of the county and the question of electing a County Surveyor shall not be submitted to the registered voters of the county at the statewide general election in 2020.

Resolution moved by Supervisor Schlote.

Seconded by Supervisor Sokol, Jr.

Vote:

Supervisor 1	For <u>X</u> : Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor 2	For <u>X</u> : Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor 3	For <u>X</u> : Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor 4	For <u>X</u> : Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor 5	For <u>X</u> : Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor 6	For <u>X</u> : Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.
Supervisor 7	For <u>X</u> : Against ____; Abstained ____; Not Present ____.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2020.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to accept the resignation of Morton Township Chairman Loren Lauck and the appointment of Curtis Mackeprang as the Morton Township Chairman. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Knox County Weed Control Authority Annual Reports. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the purchase of a presentation desk for the Supervisors' Boardroom from Cornhusker State Industries in the amount of \$402.00 with the cost to be paid from the Knox County KENO account. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Lowell Schroeder with NENEDD and Economic Development Director Kelly Hanvey met with the Board regarding repurposing of the reuse loan fund. HUD is pressing for repurposing of loan funds if a project loan is not made yearly. Discussion was held on the repurpose process, job creation, funds must benefit low to moderate income persons, projects that would qualify towards the low to moderate issue, promoting use of the loan funds, and being proactive. No action was taken.

Mr. Schroeder and Ms. Hanvey also discussed the transit survey. The survey had been completed in the Crofton area but other communities in the County will participate in the transit survey to learn of the public's comments and need for public transportation. Currently Avera and the Ponca Express (Ponca Tribe) provide public transportation for Knox County residents.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that the receipts totaling \$490,792.68 be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#20362 – State of Nebraska – NEMA, reimbursement for disaster 4420DR-NE flags/barricades, 2,709.44; #20363 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 296.10; #20364 – State of Nebraska, highway allocation, 206,358.21; #20365 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 20.20; #20366 – Register of Deeds, recording, documentary stamp tax and copies, 9,220.97; #20367 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 1,199.53; #20368 – Midwest Bank, interest, 3,125.48; #20369 – Cedar County Treasurer, tax collections – Wausa Fire Gen & Crofton Fire Gen & Sink, 24,163.62; #20370 – Three River, 911 surcharges, 287.00; #20371 – Knox County Sheriff, VIN inspections, 290.00; #20372 – NIRMA, workman's comp, 485.71; #20373 – Village of Center, interlocal agreement contribution, 270.00; #20374 – NENEDD, January 2020



business loan payments, 3,259.58; #20375 – Dale Neumann, PR, inheritance tax – Carol Schmidt Estate, 6,427.33; #20376 – NIRMA, window repair on garage door, 903.00; #20377 – State of Nebraska, fines collected by State of Nebraska, 610.00; #20378 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 650.03; #20379 – Z's Lindy Country Club, tobacco license, 10.00; #20380 – Eastern Township, motor grader bits, 236.32; #20381 – State of Nebraska, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter name plate tax for Crofton Bluffs, 36,939.00; #20382 – North Central Public Power District, in lieu 5% Gross and 1957 Levy, 102,774.31; #20383 – State of Nebraska, 3,274.18; #20384 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 292.75; #20385 – Knox County Sheriff, VIN inspections & hand gun permits, 205.00; #20386 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 375.00; #20387 – Knox County Attorney, STOP funds, 80.00; #20388 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 2,997.67; #20389 – Midwest Bank, interest, 625.10; #20390 – Knox County Sheriff, 911 surcharges, 107.00; #20391 – Knox County Sheriff, 911 surcharges, 13.99; #20392 – Santee Sioux Nation, reimbursement – 80% costs for "Ray Stark" bridge, 72,264.51; #20393 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 945.21; #20394 – Midwest Bank, interest, 9,376.44.

U.S. Senator candidate Larry Wewel of O'Neill met with the Board to introduce himself and to give information on his election platform.

The Board visited the Courtroom where Clerk of District Court Fischer gave a demonstration of the upgraded sound system.

The Board visited the County jail as per Nebraska Revised Statute §47-109.

**GENERAL FUND.** Advanced Correctional Healthcare, meds, 17.02; Blue360 Media, law books, 150.28; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 15.20; Bomgaars, office supplies, 7.98; Cathy Stark, mileage/program, 218.48; CenturyLink, long distance, 86.18; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 87.50; Clerk of District Court, filing fees, 216.00; Cornhusker State Industries, signs, 37.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., ACA fee, 1,000.00; Creighton FCCLA, home show fee, 40.00; Creighton 59 Express, gas, 116.02; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 126.93; CVSOAN, training, 60.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; DataSpec Inc., subscription, 499.00; Dell Marketing L.P., computer update supplies, 1,063.34; Dollar General, supplies, 410.35; Eakes Office Solutions, office supplies/copier agreement, 151.44; Farmers & Merchants Company, notary bond, 120.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage/meals, 2,345.68; Hagge Glass, repair door closer, 165.00; Jeannoutot Plumbing, replace toilet, 541.41; Joann M. Fischer, reimburse title and inspection fees, 20.00; Kevin D. Mackeprang, mileage, 230.00; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees/summons/transport, 461.26; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road fund, 94,682.45; Loffler, printer contract, 222.00; Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition, renewal fee, 1,000.00; NACO Planning & Zoning, dues, 40.00; Nebraska Secretary of State-Notary, notary, 150.00; Ohiya Casino & Resort, tribal tax, 4.32; Pitney Bowes, postage meter supplies, 373.94; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 176.87; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 397.08; R&K Motor Parts, van oil & filter, 61.13; Rader Feed and Supply LLC, ice melt, 499.50; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 70.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/subscription, 76.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 353.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Alder Carpentry & Construction, building repair, 2,603.50; B's Enterprises Inc., inserts/blade, 5,500.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, chain saw, 441.30; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 187.61; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 91.05; Bloomfield Auto Parts, filters/repairs/supplies, 149.44; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, drug test, 70.00; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 376.16; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 182.28; CMart LLC, gas, 149.94; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 754.16; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 150.73; Doering Trenching & Plumbing LLC, equipment rental/well repair, 4,063.68; Farmer's Pride, diesel/heating fuel, 4,150.20; First National Bank Omaha, meals/ups fee/pesticide recertification, 394.47; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 2,715.50; Hefner Hardware, repairs, 15.54; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,726.01; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 115.51; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 439.79; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop supplies, 5.00; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 110.00; Moody Motor Company, filters/oil, 151.56; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 255.45; NMC Exchange LLC, repairs, 1,543.25; K&S Door Co. Inc., dba Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk, repair door, 128.15; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 66.16; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filters/repairs/shop supplies, 2,013.97; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 621.00; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schreier Lumber Co., shop supplies, 69.24; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 80.34; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 1,218.00; Vic's Service LLC, gas, 263.40; Village of Center, water/sewer, 25.50; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 140.85.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Pahl Construction, equipment rental, 1,840.00; ZimMetal & Welding LLC, gates, 1,727.20.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Burns Lumber Co. LLC, supplies, 27.85; CenturyLink, long distance, 5.39; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93; Midwest Music Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> half of courtroom sound, 2,733.90; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 347.85.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 120.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.39; First National Bank Omaha, training/travel/office supplies, 92.19.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 256.89; KEA Constructors LLC, contractor payment, 79,603.20; Law Office of Jeffrey L. Hrouda, court appointed attorney, 9,132.41.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 80.54; Emergency Callworks Inc., system maintenance, 891.33; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 343.33; Emergency Callworks Inc., system maintenance, 3,799.86; Three River Telco, phone, 179.34.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bomgaars, commissary, 94.61; First National Bank Omaha, commissary, 280.80.



TOTALS	
General Fund	106,862.24
Road Fund	33,014.74
Flowage Easement Road Fund	3,567.20
Child Support Fund	3,240.92
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
Economic Development Fund	120.00
C & C Development Fund	97.58
Inheritance Fund	88,992.50
911 Emergency Fund	1,013.94
911 Wireless Service Fund	4,322.53
Sheriff Commissary Fund	<u>375.41</u>
Total	\$241,824.36

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:20 p.m. on January 30, 2020 until Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 9:30 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
February 13, 2020  
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 February 13, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Schlote led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Niobrara Tribune 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.

The minutes of the January 30, 2020 meeting were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Email from County Attorney Thomas to the Nebraska Transportation and the Army Corps of Engineers regarding flooding of the Ponca Creek in Knox County.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. 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 \$505,542.12 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

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

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve payment from the KENO Account to the Nebraska Department of Revenue in the amount of \$100 for the renewal of Knox County's lottery KENO license. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the January Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that the receipts totaling \$490,792.68 be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#20395 – BIA, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates, 8,050.00; #20396 – State of Nebraska, 911 service funding, 4,820.27; #20397 – State of Nebraska, rent, 2,205.00; #20398 – Knox County Clerk, transfer to road, 94,682.45; #20399 – NIRMA, reimbursement of Alder Carpentry, 2,603.50; #20400 – State of Nebraska, 1<sup>st</sup> payment of property tax credit, 1,253,452.73; #20401 – Knox County Sheriff, VIN inspections/handgun permits/fingerprinting, 245.00; #20402 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 4,242.50; #20403 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 2,667.68; #20404 – State of Nebraska, 1<sup>st</sup> of six homestead payments, 49,963.69; #20405 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 2,513.32; #20406 – Clerk of District Court, filing fees, court costs, copies & passport fees, 408.25; #20407 – Knox County Clerk, misc. fees, c.c. marriage licenses & copies, 98.61; #20408 – State of Nebraska, reimbursement of EM budget, 7,391.54; #20409 – Great Plains Communications, 911 surcharges, 9,022.37; #20410 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 1,299.42; #20411 – Register of Deeds, recording fees, documentary stamp tax & copies, 7,712.91; #20412 – Knox County Economic Development, 2020 contributions, 5,762.00; #20413 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 12.11; #20414 – Knox County Court, fines, bond forfeitures, court costs & lab test fees, 2,418.00; #20415 – State of Nebraska, highway allocation, 164,000.21; #20416 – Estate of Shirley M. Olson, inheritance tax, 3,112.46; #20417 – Estate of Arlene M. Farley, inheritance tax, 96.08; #20418 – Pierce County Treasurer, tax collections for Sch. 13 Gen & Capi, 1,850.71; #20419 – Galen Hoferer, inheritance tax- Lorinda Hoferer Estate, 629.44; #20420 – Jerry Hanefeldt, filing fee – Republican for District 4 Supervisor, 242.84; #20421 – Knox County Sheriff, VIN inspections, 130.00; #20422 – AFLAC, premium refund, 382.72; #20423 – Santee Sioux Nation, reimbursement – 80% for Ray Stark Bridge, 32,388.77; #20424 – Knox County Treasurer, inmate commissary, 107.30; #20425 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 693.15; #20426 – Cedar County Treasurer, tax collections – Crofton Fire Gen & Sink & Wausa Fire Gen, 9,508.07.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:00 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:21 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. A road safety course will be held on March 13 in the basement conference room and all road employees will attend; 2. Update on Ray Stark bridge project; 3. Federal Funds Buyback bridge projects' update; 4. The "Goat Road" into the Lazy River Acres area was to be graveled with red rock however due to road conditions, gravel from the Vakoc Pit was put on in place of the red rock. Discussion ensued on culvert options for the concrete road; 5. Road weight limit signs were put up for the spring; 6. Equipment repairs; 7. Niobrara County Shed repairs nearing completion; 8. Two vehicles received damage when meeting a County sander truck south of Bloomfield.

Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised One and Six Year Road hearing at 10:34 a.m. Hwy. Supt. Barta presented information on the Road budget, highway allocation, county/township allocation, equipment purchased, oil projects, bridge projects, road projects, engineering, and flood repairs.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the One & Six Year Road public hearing at 11:08 a.m.

County Attorney Thomas updated the Board on the Harts vs Knox County appeal, impact easements, setbacks, livestock friendly designation, and that the Planning Commission and the Board may want to consider dollar value of impact easements and/or implementing alternative of shortening setbacks and eliminating impact easements. No action was taken.

The Board and County Treasurer Stark discussed with County Attorney Thomas a submitted Form 457 in Equalization for tax exemption on a vehicle owned by Fellowship Adventures Opportunities. County Attorney Thomas instructed County Treasurer Stark to request more information from the filer or owner.

At 11:21 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang held the advertised asphaltic bid opening for the Bloomfield North Overlay, C-54(953) project. The Knox County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any irregularities in bids received. Award of the Contract will be in accordance with the County Purchasing Act's competitive bidding considerations as set forth in Nebr. Revised Statute §23-3110 to §23-3114. Bids were opened in the order received: **Constructors Inc., Lincoln NE** – Total project \$2,883,443.12, start date on or before August 5, 2020, end date October 31, 2020; **Knife River Midwest, LLC, Sioux City IA** – Total project \$2,421,606.89, start date May 1, 2020, end date October 31, 2020; **Western Engineering Co., Inc., Harlan IA** – Total project \$2,370,198.40, start date June 1, 2020, end date July 3, 2020; **Werner Construction, Inc., Hastings NE** – Total project \$2,651,178.71, start date to be determined, end date October 31, 2020. Bid Bonds were included with each submitted project bid. Bids were taken to the Highway Superintendent's Office for review of accuracy and will be brought back to the Board for their consideration.

Sheriff Henery updated the Board on the damage done to the County patrol pickup he drives. The damage was done when a truck pulling a loaded belly trailer malfunctioned and the entire load of dirt, large frozen chunks and rock was dumped on Hwy. 12 east of Niobrara, and as it was barely light, Sheriff Henery could not see the dark spot on the road was actually a huge amount of material on the road and he drove into it. Sheriff Henery was able to stop the pickup before it went through the guardrail and he was also able to stop the traffic following him before they drove into the large pile. The truck driver located later said he was unaware that the load had been dumped. Damage to the pickup was over \$1,100, the damage was repaired by Moody Motor in Niobrara and the trucking company paid the bill.

Also discussed was where the driver's license equipment and the State van will be kept after hours.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Comment on non-agenda items was given by Marilyn Sharp who was present during the meeting. She asked who was in control of stopping violators who do not stop at the stop light west of Niobrara at the temporary bridge. Sheriff Henery was present and said that his office and the State Patrol have monitored the area, have stopped violators, and will continue to monitor it.

At 11:35 a.m., the Board took a fifteen-minute break returning at 11:50 a.m.

Hwy. Supt. Barta and Ramsey Robertson with Mainelli Wagner and Associates returned with the asphaltic bids. Discussion was held with several landowners along the Bloomfield North oil road, the process and the time period of the project, the area that will be concreted, and how long the concrete or asphalt will need to cure. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to accept the low asphaltic bid of **Western Engineering Co., Inc., Harlan IA** with a total project cost of \$2,370,198.40, the start date to be June 1, 2020 and the project to be completed by July 3, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess for lunch at 12:04 p.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 1:00 p.m. in the Annex #1 Conference Room for Road employee job evaluations.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 1:00 p.m. to protect the reputation of individuals when discussing personnel while conducting job evaluations. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of individuals when discussing personnel while conducting job evaluations. The Board came out of executive session at 4:20 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to close at 4:20 p.m. the executive session held on personnel while conducting job evaluations. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 173,160.10; Antelope County Sheriff, house inmate, 160.00; Applied Connective Technologies, quarterly IT, 4,405.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 24.01; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, medical treatment, 135.00; Bob Barker Company Inc., supplies, 68.33; Chad Vanness, board travel, 8.63; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 45.50; Clerk of District Court, filing fee, 65.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,179.44; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., print ID cards, 38.25; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 35.81; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, subscriptions, 72.00; Derek Cunningham, board expense, 387.60; Don Henery, mileage, 222.64; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies, 165.17; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 348.00; First National Bank Omaha, van gas, 34.00; Flower Basket, spelling bee trophies, 162.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,549.92; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 4,000.00; Holly Wortmann, board travel, 24.15; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, washer fluid, 8.97; Jen Bollich, board travel, 15.53; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Kari Nilson, board travel, 23.58; Kasey Wagner, board travel, 43.70; Kevin R. Barta, reimburse AFLAC premium, 382.72; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fees, 862.50; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 264.33; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 188.60; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program/checks, 1,356.49; Monica J. McManigal, meals/mileage, 360.13; N&B Gas Company, propane, 1,518.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,512.24; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 255.01;

Postmaster, postage, 4.27; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,939.50; Quill Corp., office supplies, 469.26; R&K Auto Parts, repairs, 259.39; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,703.49; Steven Banks, reimburse registration, 15.00; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 154.07; US Cellular, cell phones, 234.07; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 24.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 325.00; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 563.70.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 66,764.21; B's Enterprises Inc., asphalt patch, 1,467.20; Bauer Built Tire, tires, 3,143.40; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 132.60; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 51.48; Bloomfield Auto parts, repairs/filters/supplies, 577.52; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC, drug test, 35.00; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 305.42; Bomgaars, shop supplies/shop tools/snow fence/fluids, 697.85; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., tires/tire repair, 1,886.70; CHS Wausa, diesel/oil, 1,221.40; City of Bloomfield, water, 21.75; C-Mart, gas, 339.76; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,042.90; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs/filters, 1,878.19; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 11,900.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 220.41; Dollar General, shop supplies, 10.00; Emedco, signs for shops, 174.30; Farmer's Pride, diesel/heating fuel/oil, 5,450.52; Flenniken Electric, building repair, 3,555.84; Great Plains Communications, phone, 603.64; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filter/repair, 1,435.89; Hefner Hardware, heater, 2,614.97; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 913.17; J&K Auto, gas, 56.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies/water heater, 782.56; Kayton International, oil filter/shop supplies, 159.40; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Mark's Machinery Inc., repairs, 1,233.77; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel, 1,696.25; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 98.75; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 537.90; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 7.06; Pahl Construction, equipment rental, 1,755.00; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 55.27; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 8.16; Principal Life Insurance Co., Ins. Co. Pays, 732.70; R&K Motor Parts, shop tools/repairs/shop supplies/oil/filters, 2,193.51; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,374.96; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 1,795.95; Schreier Lumber, building material, 1,058.48; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 1,548.43; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 413.39; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 28,673.52; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 13.18; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/repairs/tire, 3,564.29; Vic's Service LLC, gas, 222.58; Viking Lumber, shop supplies, 36.48; Village of Center, water/sewer, 29.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.13; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 81.53; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies, 34.04; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 10,175.23.

**HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND.** MRJ Engineering, Bid documents/study, 18,340.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.77; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; MIPS Inc., jury list, 340.50; Nebraska District Court Clerk Association, dues, 50.00.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 263.70.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 4,157.66; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 310.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 850.00; Gayle Krohn, cake, 50.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.77; Hanna Keelan, housing study, 8,000.00; Kelly Hanvey, mileage/leadership, 69.37; Lincoln National Life ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 49.77; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 100.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 205.31; Stacy Miller, kolaches, 48.00; US Cellular, cell phone, 143.47.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 213.75; Galyen Boettcher Baier PC LLO, court appointed attorney, 2,251.80; KEA Constructors LLC, contractor payment, 40,485.96; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 97.07; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.92; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 222.85.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 2,543.98; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 698.21.

TOTALS	
General Fund	\$251,724.95
Road Fund	171,948.92
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	18,340.00
Child Support Fund	522.27
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	318.70
C&C Development Fund	14,083.41
Inheritance Fund	45,131.91
911 Emergency Fund	229.77
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>3,242.19</u>
Total	\$505,542.12

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 4:21 p.m. on February 13, 2020 until Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 9:30 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
February 27, 2020  
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 February 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Borgmann led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Wausa Gazette 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.

The minutes of the February 13, 2020 meeting were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. NACO email regarding Attorney General's opinion that counties are responsible for maintenance, and other duties, of all of a County road, even the portion located on State highway property (county roads intersecting with a state highway), regardless of which entity owns the underlying property rights.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann 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 \$468,128.58 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:04 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

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

The Board reviewed a Lease Agreement Addendum received from the Department of Administrative Services to extend the lease for the Health and Human Services office area. More research will be made.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 03** for the submission of documents to the State of Nebraska on the One and Six Year Road Hearing that was held on February 13, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION #2020 – 03**

In pursuant with Section 10 of LB 1302, Knox County did hold its Public Road Hearing on February 13, 2020. Enclosed under separate cover is a One Year Map and Six Year Map with current project listings and future listings, also proof of publication. The Knox County Board of Supervisors wishes to adopt these construction plans as compiled by Knox County Highway Superintendent, Kevin R. Barta, at this time.

## KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil Miller, District #3

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

Kevin Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin Mackeprang, District #5

Danny Schlote /s/  
Danny Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
Jim Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

2. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 04** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the LPA Program Agreement – Federal-Aid Funding for Bridge Project #BRO-7054(22), Control #32313, Center West. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION SIGNING OF THE LPA PROGRAM AGREEMENT – FEDERAL-AID FUNDING**

KNOX COUNTY  
Resolution No. 2020 – 04

**Whereas:** Knox County (County) is proposing to develop and construct a transportation project for which it would like to obtain Federal funds;

**Whereas:** County understands that it must strictly follow all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project;

**Whereas:** County and State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation (State) wish to enter into LPA Program Agreement – Federal-Aid Funds which will set out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project; and

**Whereas:** County wishes to designate its representative for this project.

**Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the Knox County that:**

The Chair, Kevin D. Mackeprang, is hereby authorized to sign and the attached LPA Program Agreement – Federal-Aid Funds between the County and the State.

County hereby designates Kevin Barta to serve as County's representative and Project Liaison (PL) with State for this project.

Knox County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the LPA Program Agreement – Federal-Aid Funds.

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7054(22)

NDOT Control Number: 32313

NDOT Project Name: Center West

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020 at Center, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Knox County

Kevin Mackeprang /s/

Danny R. Schlote /s/

James Sokol, Jr. /s/

Martin J. O'Connor /s/

Patrick J. Liska /s/

James Borgmann /s/

Virgil H. Miller /s/

Board/Council Member – Supr. Sokol, Jr.

Moved the adoption of said resolution.

Member Supr. Schlote Seconded the Motion

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/

Signature County Clerk

3. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 05** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign a Preliminary Engineering Agreement – BK1942 for Bridge Project #BRO-7054(22), Control #32313, Center West. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTION

### SIGNING OF PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AGREEMENT – BK1942

Knox County  
Resolution No. 2020 – 05

**Whereas:** Knox County is developing a transportation project for which it intends to obtain Federal funds;

**Whereas:** Knox County as a sub-recipient of Federal-Aid funding is charged with the responsibility of expending said funds in accordance with Federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project;

**Whereas:** Knox County and Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc., wish to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to provide preliminary engineering services for the Federal-aid project.

**Be It Resolved:** by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County that:

Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chair of the Knox County Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized to sign the attached construction engineering services agreement between Knox County, Nebraska and Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc.

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7054(22)

NDOT Control Number: 32313

NDOT Project Description: Center West

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020 at Center, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Knox County

Kevin Mackeprang /s/

Danny R. Schlote /s/

James Sokol, Jr. /s/

Virgil H. Miller /s/

Martin J. O'Connor /s/

James Borgmann /s/

Patrick J. Liska /s/

Board/Council Member – Supr. Borgmann

Moved the adoption of said resolution.



Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Signature County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 4. Discussed purchasing a self-propelled road broom. More research will be made; 5. Bloomfield North road project update. Discussed lowering the number of concrete miles on the project. The Board directed Hwy. Supt. Barta to advertise for concrete bids for both the longer distance and the proposed shorter distance; 6. Purchasing a pickup was discussed. More research will be made and discussed at the next meeting; 7. Update on County/Township Allocation; 8. Discussed constructing an additional cold storage building at the Creighton County Yard; 9. The gravel bid opening will be held March 26 and the oil bid opening will be held April 9.

Santee Sioux Tribal members met with the Board regarding road maintenance. Tribal Secretary Stuart Redwing spoke on behalf of the group. At a recent emergency Tribal meeting, concerns were raised about the condition of roads, maintenance, and repairs needed since last year's flooding. Discussion ensued on gravel needed on the roads since the flood, needing the Center bottom road to remain open as that is a main artery of transportation for the tribal members and the public, asking for a better plan for the gravel roads, the Tribe applying for grants that would assist in improving the roads, working on funding to hard surface the Lindy/Santee road, soft spots on the road, questioning the cost distribution of the "Ray Stark" bridge between the BIA and Knox County, township roads needing to have the snow removed and graveled, and, detours when County roads are closed, taxes being paid by tribal members, finding gravel and rock, and the need to have the detours graveled and maintained. Elizabeth Chapman Hamilton asked about having snow removed and who to contact as the roads in question are township roads. Secretary Redwing said that financial assistance would be researched, and he asked that the Tribal members and the Board discuss this in the future and work together at which the Board agreed.

County Attorney Thomas asked the Board if they would be interested in pursuing a lawsuit against Nebraska Public Power District due to the massive flood damage in Knox County after the Spencer Dam failed on March 14, 2019 and if so, he will follow up with NIRMA about representation.

Extension Educator Hanefeldt presented information on the Knox County 4-H program and youth activities as well as the annual report. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the local Extension Summary of 2018-19 budget expenditures, current fiscal year 2019-20 budget, County Impact Report, program summary for each educator and assistant/associate, and samples of 4-H newsletters, Extension newsletters, and major program brochures. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the following: 1. NRIN tower update. The application was submitted earlier in February for a 328-foot tower. The original bids for the initial 150-foot tower were in error as they were not for a commercial grade tower; 2. A storm spotter training will be held on April 15 in the Basement Conference Room; 3. Discussed available fund programs; 4. Severe weather posters were submitted for the state competition and the first place went to Kiersten Hans of Bloomfield and the fourth place poster was submitted by Leah Gompert of Center. Both winners are invited to Governor Ricketts' proclamation ceremony at the Nebraska State Capital in Lincoln.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the December 10, 2019 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Work will begin on updates to the lake area plans.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Marvin Hochstein who asked about changing zoning setbacks. The Board will need the Planning Commission's recommendation on setbacks before a decision is made.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to cancel Check #20010163 payable to the Nebraska Secretary of State Business Service Division – Notary in the amount of \$150.00 that was written from the General Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote that the receipts totaling \$107,630.32 be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#20427 – NIRMA, insurance reimbursement of hot water heater, 479.99; #20428 – State of Nebraska, personal property tax credit for centrally assessed public service, 13,235.28; #20429 – Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, February 2020 business loan payments, 3,259.58; #20430 – Village of Winnetoon, reimbursement to blade streets, 845.00; #20431 – Brunswick State Bank, interest; #20432 – Cedar Knox Public Power District, 5% gross tax & '57 in lieu of tax, 76,693.65; #20433 – Knox County Sheriff, vin inspections and handgun permits, 180.00; #20434 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,875.29; #20435 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 3,678.62; #20436 – Bohemia Township, cross chains, 170.00; #20437 – John Thomas, Attorney, penalty and interest – Lorinda Hoferer Estate, 144.83; #20438 – Estate of Marlene J Buchanan, inheritance tax and interest, 20.54; #20439 – Knox County Sheriff, Scotts Bluff County – reimbursement for housing inmates, 67.50; #20440 – Cedar Knox Rural Water, Cedar Knox Rural Water refund – overpayment to SID #1, 119.43; #20441 – State of Nebraska, funding for 911 service, 4,820.27; #20442 – Knox County Sheriff, vin inspections, 130.00; #20443 – Blue Moon Resort, liquor license and tobacco license, 335.00; 20444 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 1,260.28.

**GENERAL FUND.** Advanced Correctional Healthcare, meds, 26.59; AmericInn Kearney NE, lodging, 3,695.00; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 40.60; CenturyLink, long distance, 109.02; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 35.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 536.87; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Dean Wilken,

meeting/mileage, 47.43; Dollar General, supplies, 217.80; Doug DeShazer, meeting/mileage, 62.38; Eakes Office Solutions, office copier agreement, 709.88; Faith Regional Physician Services LLC, medical expense, 277.51; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage/meals, 2,819.17; Healing Hands of Nebraska, medical expense, 1,223.91; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 43.40; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.53; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road fund, 94,682.45; Madison County Sheriff, service fees, 28.29; NACT, dues, 50.00; Nebraska Secretary of State-Notary, notary, 90.00; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 57.20; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 62.93; Postmaster, postage, 550.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 408.98; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.35; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 37.65; Superior Turf Management LLC, lawn contract, 736.25; Top Quality Glove, gloves, 71.89; Tri State Turf, annual sprinkler agreement, 310.00; Valorie Olson, court costs, 59.83.

**ROAD FUND.** Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 170.26; Bloomfield Tire & Oil, tire repair, 175.00; Brian Sandoz, meal, 8.51; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 213.29; CMart LLC, gas, 204.79; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 6.38; David Huigens, meal, 8.51; Donald Ketelsen, meal, 8.51; First National Bank Omaha, meals/room/gas, 463.68; Hotsy Equipment Co. / A NE Corp., water heater, 3,500.00; Jeff Hanson, rock/haul/equipment rental, 475.00; Kent Hamilton, meal, 8.51; Kevin Barta, meal, 12.02; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 97.17; LCL Truck Equipment Inc., repairs, 377.31; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., repairs, 5.49; Mike Kucera, meal, 8.51; Mike Beckman, meal, 8.51; Mitchell Machine Works & Custom, repairs, 967.78; Nebraska Association of County Engineers, Highway Superintendent & Surveyors, dues, 160.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 336.26; NMC Exchange LLC, repairs, 782.85; Rohrer Welding, repairs, 101.00; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Scott Grim, meal, 8.51; Truck Center Companies, truck, 212,221.00; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 26,492.33; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 1,812.92; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 12,376.94.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** J and J Materials, rock/haul, 3,827.54; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 45.36.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 6.83.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 6.83; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 39.00; First National Bank Omaha, training/travel/office supplies/leadership, 1,172.32.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** KEA Constructors LLC, contractor payment, 93,947.10.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 80.17.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 341.78.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bomgaars, commissary, 54.95; Dollar General, commissary, 9.00; First National Bank Omaha, commissary, 135.57.

TOTALS	
General Fund	107,187.79
Road Fund	261,057.04
Flowage Easement Road Fund	3,872.90
Child Support Fund	6.93
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
C&C Development Fund	1,218.15
Inheritance Fund	93,947.10
911 Emergency Fund	80.17
911 Wireless Service Fund	341.78
Sheriff Commissary Fund	199.52
Total	\$468,128.58

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:10 p.m. on February 27, 2020 until Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 9:30 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
March 12, 2020  
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 March 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Sokol, Jr. led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Niobrara Tribune 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.

The minutes of the February 27, 2020 meeting were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Email from County Attorney Thomas from NIRMA regarding possible lawsuit related to the failure of the Spencer Dam leading to massive flood damage in Knox County; 2. COVID-19 Preparedness from the North Central District Health Department.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann that all claims except Claim #20030104 payable to James D. Sokol, Jr. dba Sokol Electric, 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. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that Claim #20030104 payable to James D. Sokol, Jr. dba Sokol Electric in the amount of \$91.80 written from the Road Fund, 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, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$463,976.49 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Lease Agreement 65942025 – Addendum #2 renewing the Lease with the Department of Administrative Services acting on behalf of the Department of Health & Human Services commencing October 1, 2020 and ending on September 30, 2024 for the Health & Human Services' Office area in Annex #2 at the current rate of \$15.00 per square foot for 1,764 useable square feet of office space and no charge for 468 useable square feet of County-provided office space. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:59 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:09 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a contract between Knox County and Western Engineering Co., Inc. for asphaltic overlay for the project titled "Bloomfield North Overlay, C-54(953)" in the amount of \$2,370,198.40 with no additions or deletions, except by written change orders. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Discussed the Bloomfield North project; 3. Discussion was held on purchasing a used road broom. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to purchase a used Superior road broom from Murphy Tractor in Sioux City IA for \$45,000 that also includes a new broom, service and delivery. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. The Ponca Creek is still flooding the Lazy River Acres Road. Discussed culverts, options, dredging, and an upcoming meeting in Lincoln to discuss possible waiver of WRP rules, a variance and any options to help the situation; 5. Update on the Federal Fund Buy Back "Abbenhaus" bridge project; 6. Flagger course to be held; 7. Cold storage building at the Creighton Yard. Bids will be obtained.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board with updates on the coronavirus, safety measures, and information from the North Central District Health Department.

At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on the updates to the Knox County Comprehensive Plan. Zoning Administrator Doerr told the Board that Consultant Keith Marvin has been working on the updates for 1 ½ years. There will be one more component to update in the near future and that will be the lake area plan. The Planning Commission has approved the updates. The Board and Zoning Administrator Doerr reviewed the Chapter 13 policies and recommendations.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the open public hearing at 11:25 a.m. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the Knox County Comprehensive Plan updates. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Late fees and permit fees have been sent on three parcels. One set of fees has been paid; 2. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the February Permit Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussed COVID-19 preparedness plan for the Knox County jail; 2. Niobrara Village is requesting a law enforcement contract with Knox County. The contract will be acted upon at the March 26, 2020 meeting.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve and authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the NIRMA Settlement Agreement and the Sworn Statement in Proof of Loss on the severe flood waters damage to the Niobrara County Shed as well as vehicles and equipment. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney Holecek updated the Board on policy changes for electronic communications due to the COVID-19 virus.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the County Treasurer Report of all Delinquent Real Estate Taxes offered for public auction on March 2, 2020, that the public tax sale is now closed and the private tax sale will begin and continue until all said land has been offered. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Key Bank NA Standby Letter of Credit S322191 Amendment Sequence No. 002 for the Elkhorn Ridge Wind project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of the District Court February Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the proposed emergency family medical leave expansion that is awaiting passage by the Senate and President Trump. At this time, COVID-19 issues will be handled through the sick leave/vacation time listed in the Knox County Employee Handbook and will be considered on a case by case basis.

Discussion ensued on usage of the County logo on a recent flood insurance flyer for several meetings held in Center on February 20, 2020 by a company selling flood products and flood insurance. The County logo was used without permission making it appear like the County sanctioned the event and had not.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor that the receipts totaling \$517,309.34 be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#20445 – Knox County Clerk, transfer to road, 94,682.45; #20446 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 225.75; #20447 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,455.62; #20448 – Kevin G. Mlady, candidate filing fee, 242.84; #20449 – Knox County Sheriff, 911 surcharges, 29.98; #20450 – Knox County Sheriff, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter mileage, 3,623.42; #20451 – Knox County Sheriff, VIN inspections and handgun permits, 200.00; #20452 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 3,942.00; #20453 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 3,311.57; #20454 – State of Nebraska, 2<sup>nd</sup> of six homestead exemption payments, 50,124.53; #20455 – State of Nebraska, personal property tax credit, 63,470.72; #20456 – State of Nebraska, March 2020 rent, 2,205.00; #20457 – Lois Jean Walstrom Estate, inheritance tax, 2,269.56; #20458 – Midwest Bank, interest, 6,688.97; #20459 – Knox County Clerk, fees, c.c. marriage licenses, election recovery & copies, 226.28; #20460 – Clerk of District Court, fees, court costs, copies, passport fees & bail bond, 999.41; #20461 – Knox County Treasurer, registration fee for annual public tax sale, 750.00; #20462 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 642.09; #20463 – Knox County Court, fines, court costs & lab test fees, 3,388.74; #20464 – Register of Deeds, recording fees, documentary stamp tax & copies, 6,182.08; #20465 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 80.00; #20466 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 1,600.00; #20467 – Knox County Sheriff, VIN inspection fees, 150.00; #20468 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 19.78; #20469 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 3,852.22; #20470 – NIRMA, NIRMA reimbursement, 91.80; #20471 – State of Nebraska, asphalt conference reimbursement, 293.00; #20472 – Knox County Sheriff, VIN inspections, 100.00; #20473 – State of Nebraska, highway allocation, 191,226.29; #20474 – Santee Sioux Nation, reimbursement 80% for Ray Stark bridge, 75,235.24.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 166,116.44; Amy Johnson, mileage/screening fee, 29.15; Applied Connective Technologies, program/computer supply, 176.50; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds., 38.60; Blue360 Media, law books, 150.28; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Center Garage, tow vehicle, 125.00; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 35.00; Clerk of District Court, filing fee, 36.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 12,622.03; Connie J. Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 57.18; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Dollar General, supplies, 173.95; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies, 1,227.20; Ecowater Systems, bottled water/salt, 432.00; Farmers and Merchants State Bank, safe deposit box rent, 30.00; Gragerts, supplies, 4.99; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,488.40; Hefner Hardware, supplies, 21.57; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 3,536.00; Holly Wortmann, board travel, 202.40; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; JoAnn Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Joann M. Fischer, reimburse for credit card payment, 31.65; Karen K. Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 108.00; Knox County Sheriff, return service, 299.09; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 263.71; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage/computer program, 237.77; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Madison County Sheriff, house inmate, 50.00; Mary Ketelsen, screening fee, 5.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/meal/screening fee, 167.22; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 795.19; Moody Motor Company Inc., running boards/repair, 596.05; N&B Gas Company, propane, 985.80; NACEB, extension board dues, 100.00; NE Secretary of State, notary fees, 30.00; NE Secretary of State, notary fees, 30.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,201.54; Northeast NACO, registrations, 275.00; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 95.51; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 462.00; Postmaster, postage, 220.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance

County pays, 1,896.40; Quill Corp., office supplies, 795.55; R&K Auto Parts, repairs, 203.19; Rader Feed & Supply LLC, ice melt, 683.55; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly bill, 6,567.00; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Reserve Account, election postage, 13,000.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,277.00; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Secretary of State Elections Division, voter forms, 30.00; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; Thomson Reuters West, law books, 556.00; University of Nebraska Lincoln, computer program, 625.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 154.07; US Cellular, cell phones, 234.07; Verdigre Eagle, pub./stamps/envelopes, 628.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 297.00; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 57,172.69; B's Enterprises Inc., asphalt patch/blade bolt/bits/signs, 8,312.36; Barco Municipal Products Inc., flag material, 105.62; Bauer Built Tire, tires, 6,962.80; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 264.22; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 49.32; Bloomfield Auto parts, supplies, 285.83; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 159.56; Bomgaars, shop supplies/shop tools/grease, 635.05; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, shop material, 30.79; CHS Wausa, diesel, 1,020.80; CHS, propane, 600.10; City of Bloomfield, water, 24.20; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 149.86; C-Mart, gas, 268.54; C-Mart LLC, gas, 85.11; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,309.14; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 1,544.67; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 11,900.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 272.82; D & L Tire LLC, tire repair, 180.00; David L. Bauer, prior service, 36.00; Dollar General, shop supplies, 32.45; Farmer's Pride, diesel/heating fuel, 2,257.87; Great Plains Communications, phone, 593.61; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filter/repair, 764.16; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 7.99; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/oil, 3,857.40; J&K Auto, gas, 84.75; James Sokol dba Sokol Electric, wire water heater, 91.80; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 99.81; Kayton International, forklift use, 34.00; Kevin Barta, title/tire fee, 22.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 120.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Mark's Machinery Inc., repairs, 98.00; Moody Motor Co., radio, 588.29; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel/shop supplies, 2,515.80; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 87.67; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 485.54; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 87.51; Poppe Electric, heater/hookups, 876.88; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 732.70; R&K Motor Parts, shop tools/repairs/shop supplies/oil/filters, 2,095.06; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 3,727.55; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 345.67 U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 413.39; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/repairs/fluids, 3,081.23; Vic's Service LLC, gas/shop supplies, 316.62; Viking Lumber, shop supplies, 30.97; Village of Center, water/sewer, 25.50; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.00; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 81.53; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies, 16.48; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop materials, 1,124.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 17,097.09.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 24,520.55.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.77; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 251.86; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Quill Corporation LLC, office supplies, 572.89.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 263.70.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 141.92; Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 300.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,602.82; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 267.56; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 850.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.77; Lincoln National Life ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; NEDA Executive Director, membership dues, 150.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 205.31; University of Northern Iowa, registration, 885.00; US Cellular, cell phone, 143.47.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 2,872.73; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 23,080.48; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 5.68; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 175.35; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 2,306.54; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 495.71; Three River Telco, phone, 179.34.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Dollar General, commissary supplies, 93.10.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	263,596.40
Road Fund	136,354.08
Flowage Easement Road Fund	24,520.55
Child Support Fund	956.52
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	318.70
County Insurance Fund	391.92
Economic Development Fund	300.00
C&C Development Fund	6,203.99
Inheritance Fund	28,036.54
911 Emergency Fund	223.10
911 Wireless Service Fund	2,981.59
Sheriff Commissary Fund	93.10

Total                      \$463,976.49

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:00 p.m. on March 12, 2020 until Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 9:30 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
March 21, 2020  
2:00 p.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 March 21, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Chairman Mackeprang led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the emergency meeting was given in advance thereof by notice on the Knox County website, within the Knox County Courthouse on the bulletin board, on the exterior Courthouse and Annex doors, at the Center Post Office, and forwarded via email to all Knox County newspapers to post on their websites. It was also listed on the Knox County News and Verdigre Eagle Facebook pages.

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.

Reading of the minutes of the March 12, 2020 meeting was dispensed with until the March 26, 2020 meeting.

The emergency meeting was held due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the safety of the public and the safety of the Courthouse staff.

Sheriff Henery informed the Board that his office will cease conducting vehicle identification number inspections until further notice.

Discussion was held on the dwindling disinfecting supplies that are difficult to replenish, closing the Knox County Courthouse Campus buildings to the public except by appointment, procedures for staff, jail issues, tracking of inventory expenses and payroll hours worked that would be over and above the usual expenses so that these amounts spent can be tracked in case of reimbursement for COVID-19 expenses, HVAC between the basement and first floor, and procedures for County sheds.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that for the safety of the public and the Knox County Courthouse Campus staff along with the CDC Recommendation on social distancing due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic, the Knox County Courthouse and Annex buildings be closed to the public except by appointment until further notice along with the following directions: that all staff will report to the offices at the usual hours and maintain county business, each official will be responsible for letting their employees into the buildings if they do not have access; all walk-in members of the public will be limited to entry into the Courthouse Campus buildings by appointment only; all customers are required to call ahead and make an appointment with the specific office where they must conduct business; determine if it is necessary to have a customer come into the building or if the business can be done by other means such as by phone, fax, mail or email; customers may leave their documents, payments, etc. in the drop box located in the Courthouse Foyer that is open 24/7 and is audio/video monitored by a security camera; officials will be responsible for escorting their customers with appointments to their office area and back out of the building, and customers will not be allowed in the offices except for the driver's exams on Fridays so limited business may be conducted in the Courthouse Foyer or hallways and that these conditions may change rapidly so it will be a day by day basis. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the County's sick leave/vacation time policy in the Knox County Employee Handbook. County Attorney Thomas said that President Trump signed into law new legislation in response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and the law will take effect April 2, 2020. The law is broad and addresses a variety of relief efforts related to coping with COVID-19 and among the broad-sweeping provisions, the "Family First Coronavirus Response Act" makes changes to the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) including mandatory emergency paid leave under certain circumstances, and by creating the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act as a standalone provision. It also created certain tax credits for employers which correspond to the new requirements under the expanded FMLA and Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act. Sick leave, vacation time and catastrophic leave will need to be used first and the expansion allows for pay of up to 2/3 of their wages up to six weeks after the sick leave, vacation time and catastrophic leave are exhausted. More information will be provided at the next regular Board meeting.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Knox County State of Emergency letter where Knox County with the inclusion of all cities, villages, businesses, schools and communities within has a great potential of suffering from county-wide damages resulting from the COVID-19/Corona Virus event that is on-going and continuing indefinitely causing disruption of services, cost-incurred prevention and protection and the endangerment of the health and safety of the citizens and businesses of Knox County, and to apply to the State of Nebraska for assistance from the Governor's Emergency Fund and any other resources. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, March 26 and the 10-person rule will be followed. Provisions will be made so any additional public will be able to participate in the meeting via phone from the basement conference



room if necessary. County Attorney Thomas recommended that the Board start each meeting with a resolution under emergency rules that restricts people with business for the meeting.

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 3:00 p.m. on March 21, 2020 until Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 9:30 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
March 26, 2020  
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 March 26, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor District #1. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

County Clerk Fischer led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Wausa Gazette 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.

The minutes of the March 12 and March 21, 2020 meetings were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$295,217.21 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:57 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:04 a.m. with all members present except absent was Supr. O'Connor District #1.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Bloomfield North Overlay Project. Western Engineering Company would like to start the asphaltic project May 1 if possible. Discussion was held on the Bloomfield Coop road, construction options and Bloomfield City payment option; 2. Creighton Cold Storage Shed. Bids are to be submitted by April 8 for the construction of the shed and the bids will be opened at the April 9, 2020 meeting. Supr. Sokol, Jr. asked about the current budget or if the project would have to be paid from the next budget year, possibly foregoing purchasing a pickup and using that budgeted amount towards the building cost, and funds on hand. The Board will have a better budgetary idea after reviewing the bid amounts and starting/ending dates; 3. Applications are being taken to fill the District Three motorgrader position and a bridge crew position. The deadline to submit applications is March 31, 2020; 4. "Ray Stark" bridge project update; 5. "Abbenhaus" bridge project update; 6. Update on Lazy River Acres road. The Ponca Creek continues to flood the road and is running over the road north of the bridge. Trees and sand were dredged. Red rock was placed on the Goat Road to the west of Lazy River Acres; 7. The Lindy/Santee road has soft spots. Rock and gravel have been put in those areas. Other roads also have problem areas that are being fixed; 8. Verdigre North Bridge WRP issue. Documents were put together to send to Washington, D.C. for approval; 9. Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised gravel bid opening. Knox County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and further reserves the right to accept any bid that best serves the County's needs. Bids received were as follows: FOR BOTH COUNTY ROAD AND CO./TWP. ALLOCATION GRAVEL: **Bazile Aggregate LLC, Plainview NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per cubic yard) – State Spec (Class A) Road gravel, \$15.40; Mud Rock, \$16.45; **Emme Sand & Gravel Inc., O'Neill NE** (pit price/per cubic yard) – State Spec (Class A) \$11.65; Armor Coat \$12.70; **Backus Sand & Gravel, McLean NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$15.00, Bank Run \$7.00; Gravel per yard/delivered price – ALL STATE SPEC (CLASS A) (delivered)– Addison Twp., \$19.50; Central Twp., \$18.50; Cleveland Twp., \$18.50; Columbia Twp., \$18.75; Creighton Twp., \$18.50; Dolphin Twp., \$19.00; Dowling Twp., \$18.25; Eastern Twp., \$20.75; Frankfort Twp., \$21.00; Harrison Twp., \$18.00; Herrick Twp., \$21.00; Hill Twp., \$19.25; Lincoln Twp., \$19.00; Miller Twp., \$20.00; Morton Twp., \$19.25; Niobrara Twp., \$19.75; Peoria Twp., \$19.00; Spade Twp., \$17.00; Sparta Twp., \$18.00; Union Twp., \$18.25; Valley Twp., \$18.00; Verdigre Twp., \$18.50; **Vakoc Excavating LLC, Verdigre NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$12.00, Bank Run \$8.00, Armor Coat \$12.00; Gravel per yard/delivered price – ALL STATE SPEC (CLASS A) – Addison Twp., \$22.00; Bohemia Twp., \$14.50; Central Twp., \$18.00; Cleveland Twp., \$20.00; Columbia Twp., \$20.00; Creighton Twp., \$16.00; Harrison Twp., \$18.00; Hill Twp., \$19.25; Jefferson Twp., \$15.00; Lincoln Twp., \$20.00; Logan Twp., \$15.50; Miller Twp., \$15.50; Morton Twp., \$18.25; Niobrara Twp., \$16.50; Peoria Twp., \$18.00; East Raymond Twp., \$18.00; West Raymond Twp., \$18.00; Spade Twp., \$16.00; Sparta Twp., \$16.00; Union Twp., \$17.00; Valley Twp., \$17.00; Verdigre Twp., \$16.00; Walnut Grove Twp., \$17.00; Washington Twp., \$17.00; Western Twp., \$17.00; **Mitteis Gravel, Orchard NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$10.00, Armor Coat \$10.00; **Hrbek Construction, Niobrara NE** – Gravel per yard/delivered price: ALL SPECIALTY PRODUCT – Bohemia Twp., \$13.00; Creighton Twp., \$16.00; Frankfort Twp., \$20.00; Harrison Twp., \$17.75; Herrick Twp., \$20.00; Hill Twp., \$18.75; Jefferson Twp., \$13.50; Logan Twp., \$15.75; Morton Twp., \$20.00; Niobrara Twp., \$15.50; North Frankfort Twp., \$20.00; East Raymond Twp., \$16.50; West Raymond Twp., \$16.50; Spade Twp., \$15.75; Sparta Twp., \$16.00; Verdigre Twp., \$17.50; Verdigre Twp., \$15.25; Walnut Grove Twp., \$16.00, Washington Twp., \$12.75; Western Twp., \$15.00; **Sinclair Sand & Gravel, Inc., Spencer NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard),

Specialty Product, granular clay fines, \$8.00; 1-inch crushed gravel, \$13.50; 1.5-inch bar screened gravel \$12.50; 1.5-inch conveyor screened gravel, \$14.50; Bank Run \$10.75; Fill Dirt \$5.50; Gravel per yard/delivered price: Specialty Product - East Raymond Twp., \$22.00; West Raymond Twp., \$18.00; Western Twp., \$22.00; **Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, Orchard NE – Nickels Pit** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard) – State Spec (Class A) \$11.50; Specialty Product Gravel Fines \$4.00; Bank Run \$8.00; Gravel per yard/delivered price for State Spec. (Class A): Addison Twp., \$16.25; Central Twp., \$15.00; Cleveland Twp., \$16.50; Columbia Twp., \$16.50; Creighton Twp., \$16.25; Dolphin Twp., \$16.50; Dowling Twp., \$16.50; Eastern Twp., \$17.50; Frankfort Twp., \$19.00; Harrison Twp., \$14.00; Herrick Twp., \$18.00; Hill Twp., \$16.00; Lincoln Twp., \$17.50; Miller Twp., \$16.50; Morton Twp., \$15.75; Niobrara Twp., \$16.00; Peoria Twp., \$15.25; Spade Twp., \$15.50; Sparta Twp., \$15.75; Union Twp., \$16.00; Valley Twp., \$15.50; Verdigre Twp., \$16.00.

After a discussion, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to accept all gravel bids as submitted. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Bids approved were as follows: FOR BOTH COUNTY ROAD AND CO./TWP. ALLOCATION GRAVEL: FOR BOTH COUNTY ROAD AND CO./TWP. ALLOCATION GRAVEL: **Bazile Aggregate LLC, Plainview NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per cubic yard) – State Spec (Class A) Road gravel, \$15.40; Mud Rock, \$16.45; **Emme Sand & Gravel Inc., O'Neill NE** (pit price/per cubic yard) – State Spec (Class A) \$11.65; Armor Coat \$12.70; **Backus Sand & Gravel, McLean NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$15.00, Bank Run \$7.00; Gravel per yard/delivered price – ALL STATE SPEC (CLASS A) (delivered)– Addison Twp., \$19.50; Central Twp., \$18.50; Cleveland Twp., \$18.50; Columbia Twp., \$18.75; Creighton Twp., \$18.50; Dolphin Twp., \$19.00; Dowling Twp., \$18.25; Eastern Twp., \$20.75; Frankfort Twp., \$21.00; Harrison Twp., \$18.00; Herrick Twp., \$21.00; Hill Twp., \$19.25; Lincoln Twp., \$19.00; Miller Twp., \$20.00; Morton Twp., \$19.25; Niobrara Twp., \$19.75; Peoria Twp., \$19.00; Spade Twp., \$17.00; Sparta Twp., \$18.00; Union Twp., \$18.25; Valley Twp., \$18.00; Verdigre Twp., \$18.50; **Vakoc Excavating LLC, Verdigre NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$12.00, Bank Run \$8.00, Armor Coat \$12.00; Gravel per yard/delivered price – ALL STATE SPEC (CLASS A) – Addison Twp., \$22.00; Bohemia Twp., \$14.50; Central Twp., \$18.00; Cleveland Twp., \$20.00; Columbia Twp., \$20.00; Creighton Twp., \$16.00; Harrison Twp., \$18.00; Hill Twp., \$19.25; Jefferson Twp., \$15.00; Lincoln Twp., \$20.00; Logan Twp., \$15.50; Miller Twp., \$15.50; Morton Twp., \$18.25; Niobrara Twp., \$16.50; Peoria Twp., \$18.00; East Raymond Twp., \$18.00; West Raymond Twp., \$18.00; Spade Twp., \$16.00; Sparta Twp., \$16.00; Union Twp., \$17.00; Valley Twp., \$17.00; Verdigre Twp., \$16.00; Walnut Grove Twp., \$17.00; Washington Twp., \$17.00; Western Twp., \$17.00; **Mitteis Gravel, Orchard NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$10.00, Armor Coat \$10.00; **Hrbek Construction, Niobrara NE** – Gravel per yard/delivered price: ALL SPECIALTY PRODUCT – Bohemia Twp., \$13.00; Creighton Twp., \$16.00; Frankfort Twp., \$20.00; Harrison Twp., \$17.75; Herrick Twp., \$20.00; Hill Twp., \$18.75; Jefferson Twp., \$13.50; Logan Twp., \$15.75; Morton Twp., \$20.00; Niobrara Twp., \$15.50; North Frankfort Twp., \$20.00; East Raymond Twp., \$16.50; West Raymond Twp., \$16.50; Spade Twp., \$15.75; Sparta Twp., \$16.00; Verdigre Twp., \$17.50; Verdigre Twp., \$15.25; Walnut Grove Twp., \$16.00; Washington Twp., \$12.75; Western Twp., \$15.00; **Sinclair Sand & Gravel, Inc., Spencer NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), Specialty Product, granular clay fines, \$8.00; 1-inch crushed gravel, \$13.50; 1.5-inch bar screened gravel \$12.50; 1.5-inch conveyor screened gravel, \$14.50; Bank Run \$10.75; Fill Dirt \$5.50; Gravel per yard/delivered price: Specialty Product - East Raymond Twp., \$22.00; West Raymond Twp., \$18.00; Western Twp., \$22.00. **Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, Orchard NE – Nickels Pit** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard) – State Spec (Class A) \$11.50; Specialty Product Gravel Fines \$4.00; Bank Run \$8.00; Gravel per yard/delivered price for State Spec. (Class A): Addison Twp., \$16.25; Central Twp., \$15.00; Cleveland Twp., \$16.50; Columbia Twp., \$16.50; Creighton Twp., \$16.25; Dolphin Twp., \$16.50; Dowling Twp., \$16.50; Eastern Twp., \$17.50; Frankfort Twp., \$19.00; Harrison Twp., \$14.00; Herrick Twp., \$18.00; Hill Twp., \$16.00; Lincoln Twp., \$17.50; Miller Twp., \$16.50; Morton Twp., \$15.75; Niobrara Twp., \$16.00; Peoria Twp., \$15.25; Spade Twp., \$15.50; Sparta Twp., \$15.75; Union Twp., \$16.00; Valley Twp., \$15.50; Verdigre Twp., \$16.00.

County Attorney Thomas met with the Board to discuss the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) that was signed by President Trump and will take effect April 1, 2020 and runs through December 31, 2020. The Act was approved due to the fallout of the COVID-19 virus and requires certain employers to provide their employees with paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19. County Attorney Thomas informed the Board that they could apply the date of March 21, 2020 as the start date of FFCRA because that was the date the Board closed the Courthouse to the public except by appointment until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann acknowledges the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) H.R. 6201 (2020) was signed by President Trump due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic that runs from April 1 and December 31, 2020 however the Board approves the FFCRA to begin for Knox County on March 21, 2020 and to run through December 31, 2020 as March 21, 2020 was the date the Board closed the Courthouse to the public except by appointment until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery presented a draft of an interlocal agreement for county law enforcement between Knox County and the Village of Niobrara from April 1, 2020 continuing in effect from year to year through June 30, 2023 or until termination. Discussion was held on inventory, employees, contract cost would increase 2.5% each fiscal year and that the Niobrara Village Board will not meet until April 7 to review and possibly adopt the interlocal agreement. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the interlocal agreement for County law enforcement between Knox County and the Village of Niobrara from April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 or until termination and with the change of item #13 of the interlocal agreement to give the Village of Niobrara's inventory back when done with the contract, the Niobrara Village vehicle will be returned when the vehicle is no longer needed, and the Village would pay Knox County \$75,270 for the County's FY2020, \$77,151 for County's FY 2021, \$79,080 for County's ~~FY2020~~ **FY2022** (corrected 4/9/2020), and

monthly payments of \$6,120 each on April 8, May 15, and June 15, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the following: 1. Delivered supplies to the Creighton Avera hospital and health clinics in the county; 2. Supplies that had been kept in the storage building from the small pox scare years ago were divided and delivered to the rescue squads and law enforcement in the county; 3. Many conference calls are taking place; 4. Nebraska is able to do 100 tests per day. The North Central District Health Department just posted that the tested sixteen Knox County residents, there were nine tested negative, two positive and three probable; 5. Fifty-nine Nebraska counties, fifty-one cities and the Ponca Tribe have adopted State of Emergency Disaster Declarations; 6. Funeral directors are testing to see what the deceased in their charge died from.

Extension Educator Hanefeldt updated the Board via telephone conference on the following: 1. Construction continues on the walls for the newly created divided office spaces within the main office; 2. Mrs. Hanefeldt is currently working remotely in her home as she cannot come into the office by direction of the University of Nebraska and may be this way for six to eight more weeks; 3. Update on the chick hatching program; 4. The Extension Board is scheduled to hold a meeting on April 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and would have to be held virtually or be cancelled. The Board approved the meeting be held remotely; 5. 4-H has Tuesday and Thursday virtual living room learning sessions at 2:00 p.m. each of these days.

Sheriff Henery is having difficulty making contact with Skyline Healthcare LLC that is shown on the Distress Warrant list. The company is delinquent in paying personal property taxes and Sheriff Henery is attempting to collect the tax or to take the personal property for a sale to pay tax. Sheriff Henery asked the Board if they would want to strike this Distress Warrant. Supr. Schlote will attempt to find a different phone number for the company.

The Board discussed suspending reuse loan principal and interest payments because of the COVID-19 virus fallout. Jeff Christensen with NENEDD had been contacted and he thought the Board would want to consider making the suspension available for all current Knox County loans in general to do whatever it would take to get through this situation. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to suspend Knox County reuse loan principal and interest payments for four months beginning this date to those reuse loan borrowers who request the suspension due to the COVID-19 virus situation noting that the interest will still accrue but payments won't start again until August 1, 2020 for those who request the suspension and to revisit the matter in four months. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr informed the Board that the April Planning Commission meeting has been postponed.

Discussion was held on Governor Ricketts' Executive Order No. 20-03 Coronavirus Public Meetings Requirement Limited Waiver and options to hold meetings by video-conference, telephonically or by other electronic communications, and, adding more sound equipment in the Board room. While the Board wishes to continue with in-person meetings through the COVID-19 virus situation, some members may not be able to attend due to quarantine or a presenter would not be able to attend due to the 10-person meeting rule. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to allow meetings to be conducted in person if possible with the 10-person meeting rule during the COVID-19 virus situation and/or by telephonic conferencing, video meeting conferencing if possible, and for public access to the meetings by the same options. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Sheriff Henery who had a request from Wausa Village with interest in an interlocal agreement for law enforcement similar to the Verdigre Village agreement where the village can still hire their own police chief but the County would provide law enforcement if the police chief or other village law enforcement is not on duty or attending training. The cost would be \$70 per hour.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that the receipts totaling \$564,362.77 be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

#20475 – Knox County Sheriff, handgun permits, 40.00; #20476 – Brad Kumm, redemption fees, 22.00; #20477 – Michele Wetzler, redemption fees, 22.00; #20478 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 56.00; #20479 – Michele Carbaugh, redemption fees, 22.00; #20480 – Danny Schlote, plank, 160.00; #20481 – Cedar County Treasurer, February 2020 collections, 10,236.00; #20482 – BIA, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates, 9,230.00; #20483 – Tod Bertschinger, redemption fees, 22.00; #20484 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 34.00; #20485 – Greg Beckmann, redemption fees, 22.00; #20486 – Knox County Sheriff, fingerprint fees, 60.00; #20487 – State of Nebraska, reimbursement for bridge refresher class, 326.34; #20488 – State of Nebraska, federal funds purchase program, 316,245.21; #20489 – Knox County Sheriff, auto inspections & handgun permits, 185.00; #20490 – Nebraska Public Power District, 5% gross tax and '57 in lieu of tax, 143,213.32; #20491 – State of Nebraska, name plate tax Elkhorn Ridge Wind, 71,239.50; #20492 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 2,506.80; #20493 – State of Nebraska, funding for 911 service, 4,820.27; #20494 – Midwest Bank, interest, 2,000.75; #20495 – NENEDD, loan payments, 3,259.58; #20496 – Mike Wieneke, plank, 640.00; #20497 – Cedar Knox Rural Water, refund-overpayment to SID #1, 167.84.

**GENERAL FUND.** Advanced Correctional Healthcare, meds, 19.66; Bomgaars, supplies/mulch, 201.18; CenturyLink, long distance, 85.89; Christal McDonald, court reporting, 374.00; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 45.50; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 193.54; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 440.00; Echo Group Inc., bulbs, 84.60; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage/meals, 2,922.51; Knox County Court, cases bound over, 369.00; Knox County Sheriff, return service/subpoenas, 193.64; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 94,682.45; Landmark Surveying Associates, surveying fees, 221.60; Manatron Inc., rate tables, 2,793.88; NACT, continuing ed and workshop,

120.00; Postmaster, postage, 55.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 302.01; Ramada by Wyndham Inn & Suites, lodging, 160.00; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 122.50; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 423.25.

**ROAD FUND.** Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 125.45; Blackburn Manufacturing Co., flag material, 170.90; Bomgaars, repairs/shop supplies/shop tools, 1,399.80; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 255.29; First National Bank Omaha, lodging/parking, 293.00; Freeman Oil LLC, diesel, 869.40; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 6,249.75; Kevin Barta, meals, 42.69; Lawson Products, shop tools, 10.62; LCL Truck Equipment Inc., repairs, 285.23; LTL Holdings Inc., gas, 51.50; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 70.00; Mitchell Machine Works & Custom, repairs, 60.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 247.89; NMC Exchange LLC, repairs, 765.33; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 5,231.20; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 17,846.97; ZimMetal & Welding LLC, dozer repairs, 696.38.

**HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND.** Thiesen Construction Co., bridge project, 25,250.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.37.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 83.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.37; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 11.29; First National Bank Omaha, training/travel/meals/leadership, 69.53; Stacy Miller, travel, 12.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/business cards, 116.50; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, publishing, 465.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** KEA Constructors LLC, contractor payment, 123,886.30.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 80.17; DSS Corporation, voice capture, 1,109.60.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 341.78; DSS Corporation, voice capture, 4,730.40.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bomgaars, commissary, 76.93; First National Bank Omaha, commissary, 107.18.

TOTALS

General Fund	103,932.09
Road Fund	34,717.40
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	25,250.00
Child Support Fund	5.37
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
Economic Development Fund	83.00
C & C Development Fund	679.69
Inheritance Fund	123,886.30
911 Emergency Fund	1,189.77
911 Wireless Service Fund	5,072.18
Sheriff Commissary Fund	184.11
Total	\$295,217.21

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:21 p.m. on March 26, 2020 until Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 9:30 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
April 9, 2020  
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 April 9, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. O'Connor led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Niobrara Tribune 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.

The minutes of the March 26, 2020 meeting were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that the law enforcement agreement between Knox County and the Village of Niobrara will have the following payments: Niobrara Village will pay Knox County \$75,270 for the County's FY2020, \$77,151 for County's FY 2021, \$79,080 for County's FY2022, and monthly payments of \$6,120 each on April 8, May 15, and June 15, 2020.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann 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 \$442,178.83 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected between January 1 and March 31, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to cancel Check #20030178 payable to the Knox County Sheriff in the amount of \$193.64. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:58 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:20 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 06** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign County Bridge Match Project Program Agreement BL2014 for the "Bailey" bridge project C005401905P and the Creighton West bridge project C005405805. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTION SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT – BL2014

Knox County  
Resolution No. 2020 – 06

**Whereas:** Knox County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain County Bridge Match funds;  
**Whereas:** Knox County understands that it must strictly follow all State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the project; and

**Whereas:** Knox County and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the project.

**Be It Resolved:** by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County that:

Chair of the Knox County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Knox County and the NDOT.

Knox County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.

NDOT Project Number: STWD-CBMP(4)

NDOT Control Number: 00974C

NDOT Project Name: County Bridge Match Program

Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020 at Center, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Knox County

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

Patrick J. Liska /s/

Virgil H. Miller /s/

Danny R Scholte /s/

Martin J. O'Connor /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/

James Sokol, Jr./s/

Board/Council Member Supr. Miller

Moved the adoption of said resolution  
Member Supr. Borgmann Seconded the Motion  
Roll call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent  
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/

Signature County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Job interviews will be held to fill positions at the District 3 County Shed and on the Bridge Crew; 3. Update on the webex meeting on the Lazy River Acres road. Senator Tim Gragert, Supr. Liska and Hwy. Supt. Barta participated along with the Corps of Engineers and others involved. Discussion was held on writing letters, exchange other wetlands, and options. The road is currently open; 4. At 10:30 a.m., the advertised bid opening for asphaltic bids was held. Knox County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and further reserves the right to accept any bid that best serves the County's needs. Bid received was from Jebro Inc. of Sioux City IA – MC70 - \$3.05/gallon; MC250 - \$2.51/gallon; MC800 - \$2.39/gallon; MC3000 - \$2.18/gallon; and CRS-2 – \$2.08/gallon. Jebro Marketing Manager Sarah Bradshaw called into the Board meeting to listen during the bid opening. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the bid received from Jebro Inc., Sioux City, IA for the following asphaltic products: MC70 - \$3.05/gallon; MC250 - \$2.51/gallon; MC800 - \$2.39/gallon; MC3000 - \$2.18/gallon; CRS-2 – \$2.08/gallon; delivery to Knox County during the 2020 construction season only; one and a half hours allowed for unloading; and demurrage of \$160 per hour after one and a half hours. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Update on the “Ray Stark” bridge; 6. “Abbenhaus” bridge project update; 7. Pischelville slide repair; 8. Culvert southwest of Wausa is undermined. Also, a berm will be reconstructed near a bridge in the area; 9. FEMA funds are coming in; 10. EPA project documents signed and will be let for bid as 6 projects; 11. Pischelville bridge area rock project. The DEQ approved putting the rock back that was taken out during the 2019 flood. The Corps has not issued a permit yet; 12. Update on the Verdigre North bridge project; 13. CJ slide update; 14. Bloomfield North project update. Discussion was held on specifications, cost of concrete, and road construction; 15. At 10:45 a.m., a bid opening for construction of a 60 ft. x 128 ft. wood framed cold storage building to be located at the Creighton County Yard was held. Knox County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and further reserves the right to accept any bid that best serves the County's needs. Discussion was held on concerns of the economy, not wanting to raise taxes, the need to store the expensive equipment out of the weather elements, opposed to spending money because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and commodity prices low. Bids were opened in the order received: Carhart Lumber Co., Bloomfield NE – materials \$52,222.10, labor \$29,785.00 for a total of \$82,007.10; Beckman Lumber, Elgin NE – materials \$35,750.00 with additional options available, labor \$22,000.00 for a total of \$57,750.00; Burns Lumber Co., LLC, Creighton NE – materials \$55,577.00, labor \$22,500.00 for a total of \$78,177.00; Cook Builders, Norfolk NE – materials and labor for Lester building - \$92,473.00; McQuay Construction, Magnet NE – materials and labor - \$89,720.00. After a discussion, motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to table the bid selection of a 60 ft. x 128 ft. wood framed cold storage building to be located at the Creighton County Yard for further research of the materials bid. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to add to the agenda by emergency action the Administrative Plat Application #P0148 of a boundary adjustment for Tract #5, Havlicek Rural Subdivision and the N1/2NW1/4 lying west of the center of Verdigre Creek in Section 29, T31N, R6W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., all in Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr informed the Board that the Administrative Plat is a boundary adjustment between property owned by Mary Feldhacker/Wells Fargo Bank, Co-Trustees and Kevin Randa. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0148 for a boundary adjustment between Tract #5 Havlicek Rural Subdivision and the N1/2NW1/4 lying west of the center of Verdigre Creek in Section 29, T31N, R6W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Thomas met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion ensued on the employee questions regarding the newly enacted Families First Coronavirus Response Act, FMLA, sick leave, insurance coverage during shelter in place or quarantine and unemployment benefits. County Attorney Thomas said he will draft a “decision tree” to address the concerns. The Board will review the decision tree, resolution draft and other related information at the next meeting; 2. Update on the webex meeting with the Corps on the Lazy River Acres road.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the County Treasurer Revenue Listing Report for March 26 through April 8, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on court day procedures with Clerk of District Court Fischer via telephone, Sheriff Henery and County Clerk Fischer. The three officials will prepare a procedure for letting court associated patrons into the Courthouse on court days during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:13 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:45 p.m. with all members present.

Sheriff Henery updated the Board on the following: 1. Wausa Village did not wish to contract for law enforcement with Knox County at this time; 2. The Niobrara Village Board of Trustees approved the law enforcement contract with Knox County.

There was no public comment on agenda items nor on non-agenda items.



Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 12:55 p.m. for job interviews with applicants for positions at the District 3 County shed and on the bridge crew. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held for job interviews with applicants for positions at the District 3 County shed and on the bridge crew. The Board came out of executive session at 3:10 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to close at 3:10 p.m. the executive session held for job interviews for positions at the District 3 County shed and on the bridge crew. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 168,658.04; B's Enterprises, signs, 90.00; Blue360 Media, law books, 150.28; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 38.50; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 12,642.27; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; Creighton Auto Inc., van repair, 446.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dugan Printing & Promotions LLC, ballot envelopes, 5,588.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 148.64; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 360.00; Election Systems & Software LLC, ballot layout and coding, 3,187.04; Faith Regional Health Services, medical treatment, 6,776.80; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,374.35; Heartland Energy Management, quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Hefner Hardware, supplies, 53.31; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 1,456.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fee, 919.20; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 260.15; Loffler, contract, 222.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/supplies, 118.20; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 795.19; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, training, 180.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,806.34; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 863.61; O'Neill Shopper, publishing, 48.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 231.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,896.40; Quill Corp., office supplies, 1,486.67; RR Donnelley, forms, 99.47; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,266.35; Telebeep, pager, 21.39; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 154.07; US Cellular, cell phones, 244.80; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/paper, 405.50.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 66,565.88; B's Enterprises Inc., asphalt patch/lath/signs, 2,258.70; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 107.63; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC, drug test, 35.00; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, repairs, 528.84; City of Bloomfield, water, 21.75; C-Mart, gas, 372.77; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,026.76; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 150.15; Country Market, shop supplies, 8.69; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 10,200.00; D & L Tire LLC, tire & mount, 794.92; Farmer's Pride, diesel/heating fuel, 2,688.96; Great Plains Communications, phone, 581.78; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repair, 952.43; Hartington Shopper, publishing, 15.00; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental/material/haul, 4,982.50; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies/repairs, 251.32; Kayton International, repairs, 737.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 127.85; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 95.36; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., repairs, 16.00; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 75.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 81.75; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 418.08; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 100.09; O'Neill Shopper, publishing, 12.00; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 83.81; Powerplan, repairs, 645.38; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 646.50; R&K Motor Parts, shop tools/repairs/oil/filters, 1,232.94; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,339.30; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 125.21; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 1,796.00; Sucha Repair, repairs, 509.61; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 413.39; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 46,146.75; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 88.24; Viking Lumber, shop supplies, 23.98; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.88; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 81.53; Walton Electronics, CB radio, 54.95; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies, 3.49; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 24,010.23; ZimMetal & Welding LLC, repairs, 42.00.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 93.19.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, cable, 89.24; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.71; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Postmaster, postage, 556.00.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 263.70.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,949.59; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 294.08; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 850.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.71; Lincoln National Life ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 205.31; US Cellular, cell phone, 143.47.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 5.55; Cornhusker State Industries, chairs, 1,161.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 175.12; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 495.71; Three River Telco, phone, 179.34.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	253,750.25
Road Fund	177,555.40
Flowage Easement Road Fund	93.19
Child Support Fund	776.95
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	318.70
C&C Development Fund	5,542.22

Inheritance Fund	2,083.33
911 Emergency Fund	1,383.74
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>675.05</u>
Total	\$442,178.83

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 3:11 p.m. on April 9, 2020 until Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 9:30 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
April 30, 2020  
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 April 30, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Schlote led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Wausa Gazette 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.

The minutes of the April 9, 2020 meeting were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. 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 \$247,266.70 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve a cost-sharing of \$4,500 to each of the six Knox County libraries with the funds to be paid from the Inheritance Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:00 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:16 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. A concrete bid opening will be held at 11:00 a.m. for the Bloomfield North Overlay Project; 2. Western Engineering will begin patching on the Bloomfield North road; 3. The Board reviewed the bids submitted at the last meeting for construction of a cold storage building at the Creighton County Yard. The low bid was submitted by Beckman Lumber Inc., Elgin NE in the amount of \$35,750 for materials and \$22,000 for labor totaling \$57,750. After a review of the materials, the Board requested the dropped 2-inch x 6 ft. inch roof purlins be substituted with 2-inch x 4 ft. inch (corrected 5-14-2020) roof purlins that reduced the cost of materials from \$35,750 to \$34,750 making a total of \$56,750. Engineer Mark Mainelli who was present recommended the Board obtain a performance bond. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to accept the revised bid from Beckman Lumber Inc., Elgin NE, for \$34,750 for materials and \$22,000 for labor totaling \$56,750 for construction of a cold storage building at the Creighton County Yard and that a change order be made for a \$92,000 performance bond. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Tim Baxter with NIRMA informed Hwy. Supt. Barta that Knox County was one of eleven member counties to receive 100% on the audit report of improvements; 5. Update on the Lazy River Acres Road. Engineer Mark Mainelli presented information on volume of water running over the road, number of culverts that may be needed, making a low water crossing, and other options. Engineer Mainelli will make a final design with the best cost option with estimates for both one-way and two-way traffic; 6. At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised concrete bid opening for the Bloomfield North Overlay Project. Knox County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and further reserves the right to accept any bid that best serves the needs of Knox County. One bid was received from **A&R Construction Co., Plainview NE** in the amount of \$1,505,223.40 for the Bloomfield Coop Road and \$549,554.91 for 3/10 mile in the Miller Feedlot area/concrete plant intersection for a total of \$2,054,778.31, with October 2020 for the start date and end date of May 2021 or sooner for the Bloomfield Coop Road and September 2020 for the start date and end date of November 2020 for the Miller Feedlot area/concrete plant intersection. Discussion was held on options, rebidding if the Board does not accept the submitted bid, milling and patching, and Bloomfield City cost sharing on the Bloomfield Coop Road. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to reject the concrete bid submitted by A&R Construction Co., Plainview NE in the amount of \$1,505,223.40 for the Bloomfield Coop Road and \$549,554.91 for 3/10 mile in the Miller Feedlot area/concrete plant intersection for a total of \$2,054,778.31. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 7. Engineer Mainelli updated the Board on the CJ Slide north of Crofton. Observation wells were put in as per the State's request, boring of the shale done, combination of water and the type of soil that causes the soil to slide and a tentative fix to use the dirt that is there and to shorten the configuration by changing the side slope; 8. Pischelville Slide update; 9. Oil Crew update; 10. Bridge Crew update; 11. Repairs to the Crofton Yard truck; 12. Update on the Abbenhaus bridge; 13. Ray Stark bridge update; 14. A young man reported that he drove into the Wausa fuel barrel and will pay for the repairs; 15. FEMA projects are going quite well. Hydraulic studies are needed for the FEMA "Prischman" bridge and "Walton" bridge projects; 16. Update on the six EPA projects; 17. Sheriff Henery updated the Board on a situation where an overweight and overwidth truck and lowboy trailer hauling an excavator was driven over a low weight rated bridge. The Nebraska Dept. of Transportation was also involved.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion was held on Administrative Plat Application #P0149 Terry and Susan Sorensen for a boundary adjustment. Attorney Andrew Marshall and the Board held a telephone conference on the project. The plat is to create a ten-acre tract with adding trees to the current tract the

Sorensens own and in the future another administrative plat will be submitted to split the ten acres into two separate tracts so the existing shops will be separate from the house area. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0149 Terry and Susan Sorensen for a boundary adjustment of adding a 2.15 acre tract and a 1.79 acre tract onto a current tract in the S1/2SW1/4 of Section 20, T29N, 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. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0150 Brian Wiese for zoning lot combination and boundary adjustment of three tracts in the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 11, the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 14 and the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 13, all in T30N, R5W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0151 Steven Keiser for a zoning lot combination of Lots 87 and 88, Hideaway Acres Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the March Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Replacements for one position on the Planning Commission and the alternate position on the Board of Adjustments are needed; 6. The May Planning Commission meeting will not be held.

County Attorney Thomas met with the Board on the following: 1. A draft resolution and decision trees were reviewed in case the Courthouse would need to be shut down due to COVID 19. The documents covered options adopted by President Trump through the end of 2020 including FMLA and E-FMLA, options of use of sick and vacation time, furlough or layoff of employees, insurance coverages and unemployment. No action was taken and will be discussed at the next meeting; 2. Discussed property and personal property taxes, Statute 77-1704.02 and forgiving the interest penalty could be a problem because the tax and interest penalty collected are not solely the County's funds but are also distributed to schools, townships, cities/villages, airport authorities, fire districts, Ag Society, ESUs, NRDs, Northeast Community College and SIDs. The Legislature did not extend the May 1/September 1 deadlines. While Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1704.02 would allow partial tax payments to be held in escrow it does not override the May 1/September 1 deadlines. Discussion ensued on the fact that many people have already paid their taxes either in full or the first half before the May 1 deadline and these people would not receive a refund of any type. No action was taken. County Attorney Thomas suggested that the County Board do something symbolic such as planting a "hope" tree in each of the districts as it was recently Arbor Day, slaughtering livestock and giving it to the food bank, or challenge the Board and employees to come up with another suggestion.

County Clerk Fischer and the Board discussed the scheduled scrap tire collection that is to be held on June 26 at the Center County Yard. The hauler has been contacted about substitution dates due to the COVID 19 situation. The Board said the scrap tire collection will continue as planned for June 26, 2020 starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Center County Yard and all drivers of vehicles bringing their scrap tires will need to remain in their vehicles so there is no exposure to the employees as well as to the drivers. County Clerk Fischer will wear appropriate PPE when signing in the patrons.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr. seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the County Treasurer Revenue Listing Report for March 26 through April 8, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

There was no comment on agenda items.

Comment on non-agenda items was given by Emergency Manager Hintz with updates of COVID-19. North Central District Health Department and other health departments are taking the lead on this and they are the liaison between the local entities and the State. Emergency Manager Hintz picks up PPE supplies and delivers to the hospital and clinics in the County, she is participating in conference calls, and recently was named to the Yankton County COVID task force as she has been monitoring what happens in South Dakota and shares information with the Yankton County Emergency Manager.

**GENERAL FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, program, 102.00; Bomgaars, supplies/COVID 19 supplies, 71.38; CenTec Cast Metal Products, grave markers, 572.49; Center Garage, tires/oil change, 992.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 193.58; Christal McDonald, court reporting, 96.50; Clerk of District Court, filing fee, 36.00; Credit Management, medical bill, 35.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, subscriptions, 72.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dollar General, supplies/COVID 19 supplies, 409.35; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies/copier agreement, 197.73; Election Systems & Software LLC, media burn/election audio program, 755.35; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 1,144.17; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, uniform supplies, 148.94; Knox County Sheriff, transport/court costs, 105.59; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 94,682.45; KV Electric LLC, wiring material and labor in Annex #1, 687.54; N&B Gas Co., propane, 293.70; Northeast Nebraska News Co., subscriptions, 36.50; Omaha World Herald, subscription, 265.20; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Pitney Bowes, meter supplies, 416.45; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 675.68; R&K Motor Parts, oil filter, 70.85; RR Donnelley, gun applications, 58.79; Radiology Associates PC, jail medical bills, 377.00; Reserve Account, meter postage, 4,000.00; Schumacher Elevator Co., Courthouse elevator maintenance contract, 2,456.16; Scott Ober Construction LLC, Annex #1 remodel, 5,530.44; Telebeep, pagers, 42.78; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 262.00; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 481.70.

**ROAD FUND.** A7S Transportation LLC, gravel/haul, 9,483.01; B's Enterprises Inc., blades/bolts/signs/posts, 3,566.00; Bauer Built Tire, tire, 239.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, shop supplies, 67.91; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 222.97; Bloomfield Auto Parts, supplies/repairs/filter, 486.87; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 471.64; Bomgaars, tordon/shop supplies/shop tools, 1,204.66; Burns Lumber CO LLC, shop supplies, 76.34; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 232.49; CHS Wausa, diesel, 849.38; CMart LLC, gas, 125.70; Crane sales & Service, repairs, 4,308.40; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 248.13; Gempler's, first aid kit, 107.94; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 13.70; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 5,133.60; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental/dirt/sand/haul, 770.00; Kent Hamilton, mileage, 25.88; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 128.49; Lynn Smith, clay, 1,050.00; Murphy Tractor Equipment Co., Inc., broom, 45,000.00; Nebraska

Public Power District, electricity, 253.54; NMC Exchange LLC, repairs, 633.39; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 52.29; People's Grocery, shop supplies, 17.54; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 19.94; Sioux City Truck & Trailer Inc., repairs, 634.45; Steffens Inc., repairs, 407.29; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 920.00; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/fluids, 3,564.59; Vic's Service LLC, gas/diesel, 528.96; Village of Center, water/sewer, 29.00; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 153.80; Wausa Medical Clinic, drug test, 120.00; Weldon Parts Inc., repairs, 148.12; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 32,635.72.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 12.10.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce, advertising, 285.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 255.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 12.10; Country Creations, arrangements, 124.91; First National Bank Omaha, subscriptions, 133.14.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Joseph M. Smith, special court appointed attorney, 6,390.62.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 80.11; Geocomm, mapping maintenance, 1,760.16; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 341.50; Geocomm, mapping maintenance, 7,503.84; Three River Telco, phone, 179.34.

TOTALS	
General Fund	115,998.77
Road Fund	113,930.74
Child Support Fund	12.10
Visitor's Promo Fund	285.00
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
Economic Development Fund	255.00
C & C Development Fund	270.15
Inheritance Fund	6,390.62
911 Emergency Fund	1,882.34
911 Wireless Service Fund	8,024.68
Total	\$247,266.70

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:45 p.m. on April 30, 2020 until Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 9:30 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
May 14, 2020  
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 May 14, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Borgmann led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Niobrara Tribune 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.

The minutes of the April 30, 2020 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that the revised bid from Beckman Lumber Co. was for 2 inch x 6 inch roof purlins to be substituted with 2 inch x 4 inch roof purlins.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter of thanks from Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District for continued membership; 2. NIRMA information on fencing and county roads.

Economic Development Director Hanvey and Office Staff Stacy Miller met with the Board on the Visitor's Committee recommendation of Visitor's Promo Fund distribution. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the following Visitor's Promo Fund distribution as recommended by the Visitors' Committee: Bloomfield Community Club \$1,000; Harm & Tulleys Event Center \$500; Center Improvement Club \$500; Creighton Chamber \$1,000; Crofton Community Club \$1,000; Niobrara Promoters \$1,000; Verdigre Improvement Club \$1,000; Wausa Smorgasbord \$500; Wausa Community Club \$500; Winnetoon \$500; Knox County Ag Society \$1,500; Shannon Trail \$300; Outlaw Trail Membership \$350; Lewis & Clark SRA \$1,000; KCVC Media Campaign \$400; KCVA Media Campaign \$285; Discover Northeast NE Guide \$425; KCVC Photography Grant \$375; and Friends of the Missouri River \$125, and noting that if the community events are canceled this year, the funds distributed are to be held by the communities for the next year's event. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann 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 \$767,886.22 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

County Attorney Thomas presented COVID information and a draft of the Knox County COVID 19 Transition Plan for re-opening the Knox County Courthouse Complex. At this time, the Complex will continue to be closed to the public and the Board will discuss the Transition Plan at the May 28, 2020 meeting.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:43 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:57 a.m. with all members present.

A phone conference was held with Jaret Reimers from Congressman Adrian Smith's office in Grand Island. Discussion was held on committee updates, trade agreements NAFTA, rural health, rural broadband, SBA, USDA and that FSA under the CARES Act may help with the COVID impact on farmers, working with the DOJ for investigation of meat packers, and assistance by Congressman Smith to find more USDA meat inspectors to inspect livestock for local butchers.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. A proposal from Western Engineering Co., Inc., for additional asphaltic work in place of concrete work on the Bloomfield North Overlay Project was reviewed. The additional amount was \$546,756.98. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve an additional \$546,756.98 to Western Engineering Co., Inc. for additional asphalt in place of concrete on the Bloomfield North Overlay Project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Lazy River Acres Road update. Discussion was held on revised proposed culvert needs, slab bridge options, debris removal, dredging and wetland complications. More research will be made; 3. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 07** for an interlocal cooperation agreement between Knox County and Cedar County for replacement of Bridge No. C001420140 on a county line bridge located on 552 Avenue between Knox and Cedar Counties approximately 6.5 miles north of Highway 12. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION BETWEEN KNOX COUNTY AND CEDAR COUNTY

**Resolution #2020 – 07**

1. Both parties hereto are political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska; and,

2. The Interlocal Cooperative Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-801 to §13-827, permits local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their powers to enable them to cooperate with other governmental units in an effort to provide services and facilities in a manner that will accord with the needs of their communities, and,
3. KNOX and CEDAR Counties wish to replace bridge No. C001420140 on a county line road located on 552 Avenue, approximately 6.5 miles north of Highway 12 on the KNOX/CEDAR county line; and,
4. Improvements include removal and disposal of existing 32' x 20'6" wooden bridge, purchase and installation of 40' x 28'6" steel/concrete bridge; and Knox County will dispose of all wooden materials from old bridge.
5. CEDAR County will pay for the necessary steel products package that will be purchased from Husker Steel of Columbus, NE.
6. KNOX County will provide all necessary machines and man power to build the new bridge. Hours worked on the bridge project will be kept on a spread sheet for all personnel and equipment used on a daily basis. Knox County personnel (including Bridge Foreman and Knox County Highway Superintendent) will charge at a rate of their current hourly wage plus their fringe benefit package (health insurance, retirement, unemployment, workers compensation, etc.) Knox County will use the rate of 1.5651% for regular time pay per hour and 1.1433% for all overtime pay per hour, which is Knox County's FEMA benefit rate. Following is hourly rates that will be used for Knox County equipment (operator not included):

30 Ton Crane: \$200.00/hour

GMC Bridge Truck (carry leads): \$70.00/hour

Welders: \$30.00/hour

Case 621 B Loader: \$110.00/hour

JD 310K Backhoe: \$100.00/hour

10 yard Dump Truck: \$90.00/hour

T750 Bobcat Skid Loader: \$100.00/hour

Chevrolet Bridge Truck: \$70.00/hour

Motorgrader: \$120.00/hour

Pickups—charged at (State Rate)/mile 57.5¢/mile

International Truck & Lowboy: \$100.00/hour

7. CEDAR County will provide a surveyed center line for the new bridge location. Place survey pins at two locations north and two locations south of bridge. Survey pins should be approximately 50' x 100' north and south of bridge.
8. The Counties agree that KNOX and CEDAR Counties pay equal amounts (50-50) of the required drainage study, removal and disposal of the old structure, the purchase and installation of the new structure and any other related costs; and,
9. Each County is responsible for acquiring all required right-of-way or temporary right-of-way easements in their respective county needed to construct the project; and,
10. Sufficient funds of KNOX County and CEDAR County are now, or will be, available and are hereby pledged at the required time for the purpose of paying for said project; and,
11. Each County that is a party to this contract agrees to indemnify and hold harmless, protect and defend the other as well as its elected and appointed officials, employees and representatives against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, payments and judgements, including any and all costs and expenses connected therewith, for the damages asserted, claimed or recovered against the other or its insurers, because of personal injury, including bodily injury or death, or on account of property damage, in any way connected with or resulting from the work associated with this agreement; and,
12. Each County shall maintain general liability insurance coverage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate covering personal injury, including bodily injury and property damage involved with this agreement. Each party will carry automobile liability limits of not less than \$1,000,000 single limit. Each party will maintain responsibility for providing its workers with workers' compensation coverage and for any claims associated with its employees.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that KNOX County and CEDAR County hereby enter into agreement to replace bridge No. C001420140 located on 552 Avenue, approximately 6.5 miles north of Highway 12 on KNOX/CEDAR county line; in accordance with the terms listed above.

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020, at Center, Nebraska.

Super. O'Connor moved and Supr. Sokol, Jr. seconded the motion to approve and adopt said resolution.

Resolution Number 2020-07

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/

Knox County Clerk

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

Knox County Board Chairman

Adopted this 12 day of May, 2020 at Hartington, NE.

Chris Tramp moved and Craig Bartels seconded the motion approve and adopt said resolution.

Resolution Number 20-07

ATTEST: (Seal)

David Dowling /s/

Cedar County Clerk

David J. McGregor /s/

Cedar County Board Chairman

4. Hwy. Supt. Barta has been making and replacing 911 road signs as the signs were installed nearly twenty years ago. The materials used are running out so Hwy. Supt. Barta requested a quote from B's Enterprises Inc. of Norfolk for 160 various-sized double-faced signs and 100 brackets in the amount of \$6,050. The signs and brackets will be paid from the Road Fund; 5. Bridge Crew update; 6. Abbenhaus Bridge Project update; 7. Pischelville slide repairs updates; 8. Oil Crew update; 9. A complaint was received of a person planting crops within the County and Township road right of ways. A Sheriff's deputy and Hwy. Supt. Barta along with a township board member viewed the areas. The farmer will mow the rows in the township road right of way when the crop comes up and the rows in the County road right of way will be removed with a trimmer; 10. Repairs to motorgrader transmission. A remanufacture transmission would cost approximately \$80,000 if replaced. Estimated cost to repair it will be \$29,604.10; 11. Kenworth truck being repaired; 12. Update on ER project; 13. A person along the Bloomfield north road has used concrete from where a barn had been torn down and Hwy. Supt. Barta would like to stockpile the concrete at the Creighton yard. The Ag Society also has used concrete to be hauled; 14. Researching magnetic signs for county pickups.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 1 p.m. with all members present.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the April Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0152 Terry and Susan Sorensen for a lot split of a ten-acre tract into two five-acre tracts in the S1/2SW1/4 of Section 20, T29N, R6W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. Update on a bill collection company that is attempting to have the County pay for a prisoner medical bill. The prisoner was arrested by the State Patrol and was in their custody when in a hospital emergency room however the State Patrol is declining to pay the bill and the hospital is wanting the County to pay the bill; 2. New ballistic vests will be purchased. Grants are being researched and an application was submitted to NIRMA for the ASSIST Grant; 3. The Sheriff's Office needs to replace a ten-year old copier and quotes were researched.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the County Treasurer Revenue Listing Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Clerk of District Court April Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to pay the gWorks bill for the annual County WebGIS subscription fee for the Assessor Tab in the amount of \$5,190 and the Zoning Tab in the amount of \$2,575 and payment to be made from the Knox County KENO Account as the subscriptions are for public use and betterment. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Public comment on agenda items was discussion on locks on doors and entry by employees. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the ruling from the Board of Supervisors on March 21, 2020, the doors to the buildings on the Knox County Courthouse Complex are locked and the buildings are closed to the public until further notice. Discussion was held on entry options and costs. The Building and Grounds Committee had discussed the matter at their Committee Meeting before the Board meeting and updated the other members of the Board. The front door (east door) will be done first to see how things go and employees will enter through this door.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 169,522.11; Applied Connective Technologies, IT contracts, 4,405.00; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs, 121.75; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 10.93; Carhart Lumber Co., paint/supplies, 254.51; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 36.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 12,708.14; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; Creston Fertilizer Co., weed chemical, 1,197.88; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 351.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreements, 386.63; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 270.00; Election Systems & Software LLC, flash sticks/programming, 2,968.31; ESRI, GIS maintenance, 400.00; Gragert's, supplies, 74.17; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,623.84; GWorks, GIS tech support, 8,200.00; Hagge Glass, vehicle repair, 65.00; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 960.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 108.00; Knox County Sheriff, return order, 216.18; KV Electric LLC, repairs, 170.68; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 260.15; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 795.19; Moody Motor Co. Inc., repairs, 730.45; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,803.25; NENEDD, dues, 900.00; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 2,270.24; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 1,389.77; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,896.40; Quill Corp., office supplies, 270.98; region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly bill, 6,567.00; Reserve Account, meter postage, 3,000.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,305.79; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; University of Nebraska, computer, 1,709.85; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 153.94; US Cellular, cell phones, 233.81; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/stamps, 1,428.50; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 241.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 72,312.11; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 75.00; Beckman Lumber Inc., building, 8,750.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 163.50; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 150.01; Bloomfield Auto Parts, supplies/diesel tank/filter, 229.18; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC, DOT exam, 150.00; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 346.32; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., repairs, 156.05; CHS, diesel, 887.42; City of Bloomfield, water, 31.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage/building permit, 203.46; C-Mart, gas, 125.82; C-Mart LLC, gas, 79.49; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,476.05; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 3,572.45; County of Knox Employee



Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 9,350.00; Crane Sales & Service, inspection, 680.77; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 138.59; Farmer's Pride, diesel/oil, 5,780.03; Freeman Oil LLC, diesel, 477.00; Great Plains Communications, phone, 605.81; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repair/shop supplies/filters, 1,234.13; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 7.59; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,532.45; Husker Steel, bridge repair, 238.55; J&K Auto, gas, 38.35; Jebro Inc., mc250, 34,052.91; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies/repairs, 232.28; Kayton International, repairs/hydraulic fluid, 244.04; Kevin Barta, phone, 118.46; Key Sanitation, garbage, 120.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 379.96; Kirk Nielsen, equipment rental, 1,890.00; KV Electric LLC, repairs, 104.04; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, hard hats, 130.94; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 95.36; Love Signs, truck lettering, 447.43; Mark's Machinery Inc., repairs, 65.75; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 105.00; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel, 981.09; NMC Exchange LLC, repairs, 392.08; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 408.02; Pease General Store, shop supplies/repairs, 93.88; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 646.50; R&K Motor Parts, shop supplies/repairs/oil/filters, 2,276.99; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,730.27; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 376.64; Schreier Lumber, quikcrete/rock, 999.46; Sucha Repair, repairs, 36.10; Truck Center Companies, repairs/tires, 836.82; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 412.87; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 16.40; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/tire change/repairs/shop supplies, 3,041.85; Vic's Service LLC, gas./DEF/repairs, 292.55; Viking Lumber, lumber, 16.53; Village of Center, water/sewer, 25.50; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.94; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 81.53; Weldon Parts Inc., repairs, 730.02; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies, 26.26; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 12,019.74.

**HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND.** Theisen Construction Co., bridge project, 204,778.00.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 32,351.64; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 147.55; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 66.81.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, courtroom security, 6,548.52; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.71; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 251.86; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Bloomfield Community Club, promo funds, 1,000.00; Center Improvement Club, promo funds, 500.00; Creighton Chamber of Commerce, promo funds, 1,000.00; Crofton Community Club, promo funds, 1,000.00; Flagship Publishing Inc., publishing, 400.00; Friends of the Missouri River, Promo funds, 125.00; Harm & Tulleys Event Center, promo funds, 500.00; Knox County Ag Society, promo funds, 1,500.00; Lewis & Clark SRA, promo funds, 1,000.00; Niobrara Promoters, promo funds, 1,000.00; Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway, promo funds, 350.00; Shannon Trail Promoters, promo funds, 300.00; Verdigre Improvement Club, promo funds, 1,000.00; Wausa Community Club, promo funds, 500.00; Wausa Smorgasbord, promo funds, 500.00; Westside Publishing co., publishing, 425.00; Winnetoon Community Committee, promo funds, 500.00.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 263.70.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 4,126.13; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 307.59; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 850.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.71; Lincoln National Life ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 205.31; US Cellular, cell phone, 143.41.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Bloomfield Public Library,, annual cost share, 4,500.00; Creighton Public Library, annual cost share, 4,500.00; Eastern Township Library, annual cost share, 4,500.00; Lincoln Township Library, annual cost share, 4,500.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 25,719.55; Niobrara Public Library, annual cost share, 4,500.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Verdigre Public Library, annual cost share, 4,500.00.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 5.87; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 221.48.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 693.35.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	268,957.30
Road Fund	181,278.34
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	204,778.00
Flowage Easement Road Fund	32,566.00
Child Support Fund	6,932.09
Visitor's Promo Fund	11,600.00
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	318.70
C&C Development Fund	5,732.21
Inheritance Fund	54,802.88

911 Emergency Fund	227.35
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>693.35</u>
Total	\$767,886.22

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:50 p.m. on May 14, 2020 until Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 9:30 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
May 28, 2020  
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 May 28, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1 via Zoom, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Sokol, Jr. led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Wausa Gazette 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.

The minutes of the May 14, 2020 meeting were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. 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 \$1,645,141.29 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve an Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement between the Knox County Sheriff's Office and the Boyd County Sheriff's Office from May 26, 2020 through May 26, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Update on the Niobrara Village Law Enforcement agreement.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:00 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:11 a.m. with all members present.

County Attorney Thomas met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussed COVID 19 pandemic; a risk for the County would be if an employee were to test positive and possibly meaning that all employees in that office or the entire floor would have to be quarantined for at least two weeks; direct aid to Counties through the CARES Act; suggestion to have a "soft" opening of the Courthouse Complex on June 8; allowing limited amount of public at one time and at each office; employees wear masks when in contact with public; designation of restrooms for public use; public to use east front door and south door to remain locked; have someone "man" the front door to document names, phone numbers of public and office to be visited so to allow limited amount of people in at one time; stress public continue using email, phone, fax, drop box or mail to conduct County business as there will be wait times; authorization to hire someone to man the front door if no volunteers in-house; Emergency Manager Hintz to conduct the reception of the public at the front door; and driver's license examiners will return June 12. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt the Knox County COVID 19 Transition Plan dated May 28, 2020 and the Courthouse Complex to have a "soft" opening on June 8, 2020 with restrictions. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Discussed new software for the County Attorney's Office. It would eliminate the physical contact when officers bring in tickets, reports, files available on the computer, going "paperless", cost would be \$9,500 for set-up, encouraging other offices to research "paperless" programs, and grants are being applied for to cover the costs.

Extension Educator Hanefeldt updated the Board via telephone conference on when she will be allowed to return to the office, offering family kits, and showcasing projects virtually in place of in person.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Received the final billing for the Abbenhaus bridge project in the amount of \$97,848 plus an additional cost for extras for rock and backwall removal in the amount of \$4,725. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to pay Theisen Construction, Inc. of Norfolk NE \$97,848 that was the bid price and not pay the extra costs of \$4,725.00 on the Abbenhaus Federal Bridge project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Oil Crew update; 3. Bridge Crew update; 4. Bloomfield North overlay update; 5. Discussed purchasing signs to put on Road Dept. pickups. A number of Board members voiced their disapproval due to the costs; 6. Reviewed the proposed NIRMA deductible levels for auto physical damage. The Board had selected a lower deductible last year being \$1,000 in place of \$2,500. The Board left the auto physical damage deductible at \$1,000; 7. Update on the Lazy River Acres Road that had been closed on Memorial Day due to recent rains but is reopened at present; 8. Update on the "Lapesh" slide. A hillside is moving and spring water is running out in many places in that area. Discussed moving the road; 9. Construction work will begin on the new Creighton Yard shed in the next 3 weeks; 10. CJ slide update. Plans are being finalized by Mainelli Wagner and Associates; 11. ER & EWP projects update.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment was given on non-agenda items by Supr. Sokol, Jr. on follow-ups on noxious weed complaints, enforcement, and imposing fines. Weed Supt. Banks will attend the next meeting to discuss these matters.

**GENERAL FUND.** Bomgaars, supplies/weed vest, 94.97; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 49.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 3,614.55; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Dollar General, supplies, 39.00; Dugan Printing & Promotions, registration holders, 762.92; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 1,422.73; Hagge Glass, repair glass, 245.18; Justice Data Solutions Inc., Jamin annual fees, 2,300.00;

Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road fund, 94,682.45; Nebraska County Attorney Association, dues, 1,240.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 143.99.

**ROAD FUND.** B's Enterprises Inc., blades/bolts/signs/posts/flag material/asphalt material/culvert/band, 6,648.40; Bazile Creek Power Sports, oil/filters, 22.27; Bomgaars, tank/hose/repairs/shop supplies/shop tools, 2,617.00; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 194.26; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 1,988.65; Husker Steel, bridge steel, 556.92; Kent Hamilton, mileage, 39.68; LCL Truck Equipment Inc., repairs, 366.19; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 167.24; Rohrer Welding, shop materials, 260.60; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 12,415.08; Yankton Fire & Safety Co., inspection, 30.00.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Western Engineering Co., Bloomfield North overlay, 1,510,989.97.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Bloomfield Community Club, Bloomfield bucks, 120.00; Creighton Chamber of Commerce, Creighton bucks, 280.00; Crofton Community Club, Crofton bucks, 300.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, subscription, 36.00; First National Bank Omaha, youth programs/postage/training, 129.80; Kelly Hanvey, KCDA meals, 19.75; Niobrara Promoters, Niobrara bucks, 110.00; Stacy Miller, meals, 19.08; Verdigre Improvement Club, Verdigre bucks, 80.00; Wausa Community Club, Wausa bucks, 230.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Rodney W. Smith, court appointed attorney, 184.38; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson, Buettner & Stover PC LLO, court appointed attorney, 1,934.44.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 80.11.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 341.50.

TOTALS	
General Fund	104,716.67
Road Fund	25,352.29
Flowage Easement Road Fund	1,510,989.97
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
C&C Development Fund	1,324.63
Inheritance Fund	2,118.82
911 Emergency Fund	80.11
911 Wireless Service Fund	341.50
Total	\$1,645,141.29

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:07 p.m. on May 28, 2020 until Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 9:30 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
June 11, 2020  
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 June 11, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Chairman Mackeprang led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Niobrara Tribune 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.

The minutes of the May 28, 2020 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. 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 \$768,012.17 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the pledged security receipts for Midwest Bank and Brunswick State Bank. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve a Special Designation Liquor License Local Recommendation (Form 200) for Z's Lindy Country Club for a special event on July 3, 2020 with the condition that all current guidelines are followed. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listings from May 14 through June 9, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:59 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:31 a.m. with all members present.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the May Permit Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Application #P0153 Michael Christiansen zoning lot combination and boundary adjustment of Lots 176, 177 and 178, Block 4, Devils Nest Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Denny and Karen Tilton met with the Board regarding a building permit application they submitted to Zoning Administrator Doerr for construction of a garage. Present were Zoning Administrator Doerr and County Attorney Thomas. The lot they proposed to build on is located across the cul de sac from their house causing the application to be not accepted due to zoning regulations. Discussion was held on options presented by Zoning Administrator Doerr, that the SID#2 does not want to vacate the cul de sac and there are lots for sale along the cul de sac that would join the Tiltons' lots if they purchased them. County Attorney Thomas discussed the following with the Board: the application does not meet the regulations and covenants, conditions and restrictions (CCRs) of the Devils Nest Subdivision to build a garage on the lot without a house; a recent court case ruling that the CCRs pertain to all platted lots in the subdivision that are considered residential according to the judge; Board of Adjustments; redrafting the CCRs or eliminate them; enforcement of the CCRs; first developer was Devils Nest Development Company from the 1970s and the developer did not create a home owners association or an architectural committee; there should be no development or building of homes on the platted lots at this time as well as no building permits should be issued on the platted lots because of the CCRs; CCRs specify that septic systems are not to be constructed on the platted lots; easements are part of the CCRs; and that Attorney Stephen Pier of Yankton SD is reviewing the CCRs and issues. The Board took no action.

County Attorney Thomas met with the Board on the following: 1. It has been three days into the "soft" reopening of the Courthouse Complex and it appears to be working well. Emergency Manager Hintz is in charge of the staff manning the front door. County Attorney Thomas recommended the Board stay the course until at least the next meeting as it is in the County's best interest to do so. The restrictions remain in place and will be reviewed at the June 25, 2020 meeting; 2. A claim and affidavit was received from Todd Consbruck on behalf of Avera Creighton Hospital and AMI for medical treatment of a person who was arrested by the State Patrol following an accident and had not been admitted into the County jail. County Attorney Thomas recommended the Board deny the claim as the prisoner was not in the custody of the County jail at the time of medical services were provided. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 08** denying the claim and affidavit of Todd Consbruck on behalf of Avera Creighton Hospital and AMI on a prisoner who was not a Knox County prisoner and had not been admitted to the custody of the Knox County jail at the time medical services were provided. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2020 – 08  
REGARDING AVERA CREIGHTON HOSPITAL  
ACCOUNT #CE6000021737**

Be it resolved by the Knox County Board of Supervisors, upon review of the affidavit of Todd Consbruck and correspondence of Robert Junso of AMI:

1. The affidavit shows that the prisoner was not a Knox County prisoner and not admitted to the custody of the Knox County jail at the time medical services were provided.
2. The affidavit shows that Knox County and the Knox County Sheriff were not the arresting agency.
3. The affidavit shows that Knox County did not request medical services from Avera Creighton Hospital for the prisoner.

Whereas, it is resolved that the claim and affidavit of Todd Consbruck on behalf of Avera Creighton Hospital and AMI is denied and payment refused.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

**COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

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

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

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

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

County Surveyor Mike Skroch met with the Board with updates. There is a new state surveyor who is requiring more drawings for surveys and setting section corners and that the county surveyor records need to be located in the county surveyor's office. If this is not done, then the records are to be kept in the County Clerk's Office. County Attorney Thomas was present and informed the Board that for many years there was not an elected county surveyor in Knox County so the records were kept in the Highway Superintendent's office where they are today. Also, County Attorney Thomas said that the County Clerk could designate where they will be kept and available to the public as well as it would be helpful if the records were stored electronically. Further discussion was held on the billing as the County does not own surveying equipment so Surveyor Skroch who owns Landmark Surveying charges the County for the use of the private company's equipment when performing County surveying.

Weed Supt. Banks met with the Board regarding a complaint from a landowner who controls leafy spurge on his property east of Center and his concerns that neighbors need to spray as well. Supt. Banks contacted area landowners and renters about the need to spray the leafy spurge and received a good response from all of them. Discussion was held on spraying of leafy spurge in township road ditches which is by statute the responsibility of the entity to control.

Highway Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz met with the Board on the following: 1. The Board reviewed quotes from B's Enterprises, Inc. for culverts with headwalls to possibly be used on the Lazy River Acres Road. Concrete 48" x 30' culverts were quoted at \$7,000 each and steel 48" x 40' culverts were \$2,920 each. Supr. Liska informed the Board that after the recent large rainfall in Boyd County, the Ponca Creek is flooding at 7,000 csf and that the culverts probably will not work. The creek water was running over the road west of Blue Moon Resort and is near the building. The west "Goat" road is in good shape so there is access. Work with the Corps of Engineers through the Section 208 process is taking place and looks promising; 2. Oil Crew update; 3. Bridge Crew update; 4. "Abbenhaus" bridge project is done; 5. Bloomfield Coop road. Chairman Mackeprang informed the Board that Bloomfield City may want to concrete their 500 feet portion of the road and the County may have to pay to cement the remaining 75 feet to the east side of the bridge. The estimated cost to the County would be less than \$7,000; 6. Discussed purchasing road oil from this fiscal year budget.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 09** for allocation of the 2020-2021 Knox County 911 Wireless funding. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2020 - 09**

Resolved, that pursuant to the order of the Nebraska Public Service Commission Application 911-042.04, dated May 13, 2020, the Knox County 911 Wireless funding of a net of \$53,022.98 for the 2020-2021 funding year shall be allocated:

50% for maintenance, 911 telephone service costs, dispatcher wages, and other eligible costs  
50%, or remaining eligible funds at end of fiscal year, set aside for funding future 911 equipment

and software upgrades and purchases  
Further resolved that the 50% set aside shall not be utilized for any other purpose than funding future 911 new or upgraded equipment and software including consulting costs related to and is subject to Public Service Commission approval.

Adopted and approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

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

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

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

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

There was no public comment on agenda items nor comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 170,468.23; Applied Connective Technologies, program/wiring, 366.50; Aumentum Technologies, T1 assessor support, 16,363.00; Blaser Appraisal, final payment on rural review, 4,500.00; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Burns Lumber Co LLC, supplies, 71.23; Cartridge World, toner, 123.99; CenturyLink, long distance, 153.12; Christa Beckmann, mileage, 6.90; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 28.00; Clerk of District Court, filing fee, 66.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 12,780.11; Connie J. Janecek, prior service, 15.00; Cornhusker State Industries, plaques and signs, 950.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; Creston Fertilizer Co., weed chemicals, 3,039.08; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Denise Burman, mileage/notary renewal, 52.83; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Ecowater Systems, bottled water/salt, 180.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,475.62; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 992.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 275.00; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; JoAnn Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; John Thomas, reimburse dues, 255.00; Karen K. Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Kathleen Fritz, mileage, 6.90; Knox County Court, cases bound over, 135.00; Landmark Surveying, surveying fees, 1,400.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 260.15; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 128.23; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 795.19; NACO, dues, 2,055.86; NIRMA, risk management insurance, 63,771.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,515.63; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 198.58; One Office Solution, copier contract, 1,422.72; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 48.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,758.36; Quill Corp., office supplies, 1,330.49; R&K Auto Parts, repairs, 325.88; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,366.85; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Security Shredding Services Inc., shredding, 105.00; Sucha Repair, van repair, 306.00; Susan Wiebelhaus, mileage, 36.23; Telebeep, pager, 21.39; Transit Works, mag spikes, 144.07; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, sprinkler repair, 140.35; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 153.94; US Cellular, cell phones, 233.81; Verdigre Eagle, subscription, 33.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 276.00; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 356.15.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 65,696.54; B's Enterprises Inc., blades/bits/signs, 9,320.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel, 295.05; Bauer Built Tire, tire, 1,769.23; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, tire repair, 270.62; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 276.99; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, ash gro, 1,642.10; CHS Wausa, diesel, 748.70; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 210.45; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security pays, 4,969.95; Country Market, shop supplies, 17.94; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 11,900.00; Creighton Plumbing, water leak, 858.47; David L. Bauer, prior service, 36.00; Dollar General, shop supplies, 9.95; Emmett Johnson, equipment rental, 450.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 1,869.74; Great Plains Communications, phone, 589.91; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filter/repair/shop supplies, 1,890.38; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 14.98; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 992.00; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental/dirt/clay/haul, 10,608.50; J&K Auto, gas, 13.40; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 75.82; Kayton International, repairs/filters, 508.92; Kevin Barta, mileage, 258.17; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 151.53; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop materials, 27.93; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., oxygen/acetylene, 678.62; Max Dvorak, CDL, 63.50; Medical Enterprises Inc., forms/postage, 17.00; Mitteis Gravel, gravel, 8,869.60; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 46.39; NIRMA, risk management insurance, 77,693.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 278.00; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 45.04; Plumbing & Electric Service Inc., tile, 137.50; Powerplan, repairs, 2,017.64; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 775.80; R&K Motor Parts, shop tools/repairs /oil/filters, 1,031.09; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,278.26; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 518.86; Sioux City Truck & Trailer Inc., repairs, 208.01; Sucha Repair, filters, 15.17; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 2,731.54; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 379.88; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 91,949.22; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tire repair, 446.27; Village of Center, water/sewer, 25.50; Village of Niobrara,

water/sewer, 39.50; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 81.53; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 18,247.71.

**HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND.** Theisen Construction Co., bridge project, 97,848.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 9.57; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.71; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; NE Clerks of District Court Association, registration, 75.00.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 263.70.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 143.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 4,249.08; CenturyLink, long distance, 9.57; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 317.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 850.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.71; Lincoln National Life ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 50.24; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 205.31; Stacy Miller, mileage, 36.80; US Cellular, cell phone, 143.41.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 5.48; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 175.12; Special T's & More Inc., shirts, 712.25; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 495.71; Three River Telco, phone, 179.34.

TOTALS	
General Fund	333,600.57
Road Fund	326,231.14
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	97,848.00
Child Support Fund	216.28
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	318.70
Economic Development Fund	143.00
C&C Development Fund	5,961.18
Inheritance Fund	2,083.33
911 Emergency Fund	934.92
911 Wireless Service Fund	675.05
Total	\$768,012.17

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:23 p.m. on June 11, 2020 until Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 9:30 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
June 25, 2020  
9:30 a.m.

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County Clerk Fischer led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Wausa Gazette 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.

The minutes of the June 11, 2020 meeting were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice confirming that the annual inspection of the Knox County Jail facility will be conducted on July 10, 2020; 2. Review of email response to Bryan Schoenfelder by County Attorney Thomas that if the County wanted to sell any portion of the public property in Walker Valley View that it would have to be done by public auction and the County would not be able to just sell the area where Mr. Schoenfelder's retaining wall is located plus when the wall has to be replaced it will have to be rebuilt on Schoenfelder's property.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. 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 \$1,648,348.32 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:03 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:39 a.m. with all members present.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 11** creating a new fund in the 2020/2021 Knox County Budget to be called the KENO Fund, all County KENO funds received will be deposited with the County Treasurer in the new fund and all expenditures to be made through the claims process from such fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION #2020 – 11**

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2006-22 submitting to the registered voters of Knox County the issue of establishing and conducting a lottery pursuant to the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act for the purpose of "community betterment" as that term is defined by Nebraska statute which includes tax relief, and

**WHEREAS**, at the November 7, 2006 General Election, the registered voters of Knox County approved the establishment of KENO lottery for "community betterment", and

**WHEREAS**, as required, a separate bank account was established at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank in Center, Nebraska where all revenues of KENO funds are deposited and all approved expenditures for community betterment are drawn from, and

**WHEREAS**, it was recommended by the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts during the 2018/2019 annual audit that a new fund be established within the County Budget and all KENO funds be given to the Knox County Treasurer to comply with Nebraska Revised Statute §23-1601(1)(Reissue 2012) that states, "*It is the duty of the county treasurer to receive all money belonging to the county...*" and

**WHEREAS**, it was further recommended by the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts that the approved expenditures be made through the claims process, and

**WHEREAS**, creating a new fund within 2020/2021 budget would put Knox County in compliance of statute and recommendations of the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Knox County Board of Supervisors directs the Knox County Clerk to create a new fund in the 2020/2021 Knox County budget to be called the KENO FUND with the fund number of 2800 and department number of 850, that all KENO revenue received be remitted to the Knox County Treasurer to be deposited into the KENO FUND and all purchases and expenditures be made through the claims process for inclusion in the budget.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

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

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

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

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. The scrap tire collection will be held on Friday, June 26 at the Center Yard; 2. Oil Crew update; 3. Bridge Crew update; 4. Husker Steel will be coming to view two bridges to be replaced; 5. Ray Stark bridge project update. The project may be completed in the next several weeks; 6. Bloomfield North overlay project update. Shoulder work is being done; 7. Discussed road issue in Peoria Township; 8. EWP projects' update; 9. FEMA updates; 10. Discussed the Walton and Prischman EWP projects.

A telephone conference was held with Ed Knott of Applied Connective Technology regarding renewing the Courthouse firewall subscription that will soon expire. The device is six years old and reaches end of life in August. The proposal for the WatchGuard site includes advanced cyber security services, reporting, quarterly perimeter vulnerability assessments, extended warranty and other features the County does not have now with a cost of \$1,320 annually. Further discussion was held on other options and costs. The matter was tabled until the next meeting for more option information from Mr. Knott.

County Surveyor Mike Skroch updated the Board on the changes taking place due to enforcement of statutes and charges. Surveyor Skroch presented a report of invoices, jobs and amounts paid by the County from 2011 to present.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Corrective Administrative Plat Application #P0154 Michael D. Christiansen for a zoning lot combination of part of Lot 177 and Lots 178, 735 and 736, Block 4, Devils Nest Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Zoning Administrative Doerr is not issuing building permits on the platted lots in the Devils Nest Subdivision until the CCR issue is resolved; 3. Planning Commission will meet on July 14; 4. Supr. Schlote received a call with a complaint about building at a feed lot northwest of Bloomfield.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. An airflow study was conducted so that prisoners can be accepted back into the jail and the study found that the air exhaust fan is not working properly. Heartland Heating and Air quoted repairs to the fan of approximately \$1,000 plus labor or to replace the fan would be \$1,700 plus labor. The Board directed Sheriff Henery to have a new air exhaust fan installed in the jail and the cost to be paid from the Building and Grounds function in the General Fund; 2. New prisoners will be quarantined for fourteen days. The Osmond hospital is conducting ten to fifteen-minute coronavirus testing so prisoners will be taken there for testing. If the prisoner has health insurance, the testing cost will be billed to their insurance or if the prisoner does not have insurance, the cost will be paid by the Federal Government. Sheriff Henery wants to take time to allow prisoners back into the jail due to the spiking of COVID-19 cases.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing from 6/11/2020 to 6/23/2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Certificate of Pledged Securities. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays one. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to appoint Supr. Sokol, Jr. to represent Knox County on the Northeast RC&D Board. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was on the COVID-19 procedure in the Courthouse and the annexes. Due to additional COVID-19 positive cases, the Board will continue the current procedure of screening the public, limiting the number of public at each office and time in the buildings, no one under age 14 admitted into the buildings, employees to wear a mask when meeting with the public or going into another building, using the east entrance, social distancing, and no public in the offices until further notice with the addition that Knox County employees are to have their temperature taken before being admitted into the Courthouse.

**GENERAL FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, door entry, 3,857.83; Automated Dairy Specialists LLC, Covid-19 supplies, 195.00; Bear Graphics, recording paper/binders, 1,552.70; Big John Manufacturing Co. Inc., sprayer repair, 106.75; Bloomfield Auto Parts, sprayer oil, 5.32; Bomgaars, weed oil & filter, 30.96; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 2,150.11; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dell Marketing LP, laptop, 1,440.81; Denise Burman, notary bond, 50.00; Dixon County Sheriff, subpoena, 57.93; Dollar General, supplies, 38.00; Eakes Office Solutions, scanner/printer/supplies, 3,692.85; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 3,763.35; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning, heat pump/duct work, 8,300.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, supplies/badges/vests, 4,479.00; Jeannoutot Plumbing, faucet, 492.10; Joann M. Fischer, Covid-19 cleaners, 22.35; Kari Nilson, board expense, 12.65; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road

fund, 95,242.45; Landmark Surveying, surveyor fees, 1,614.00; Loffler, printer/copy agreements, 2,640.38; Megan Hanefeldt, travel expense, 102.35; MIPS, annual contracts/tax statements/scans, 19,177.44; Monroe Systems, calculator ribbons, 50.31; Moody Motor Company, Ford Escape, 12,995.00; Norfolk Ambulance Service, Inc., prisoner transport, 1,411.90; One Office Supply, office equipment, 335.84; Postmaster, postage, 2,196.62; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 2,023.30; Reserve Account, meter postage, 12,500.00; Secretary of State, Elections Division, cards, 40.00; Software Unlimited Corp., software, 8,485.78; Telebeep, pagers, 42.78; Verdigre Eagle, paper/publishing/envelopes, 2,330.98; Verdigre Farm Service, tire repair, 20.00; Vic's Service LLC, tire repair, 32.00.

**ROAD FUND.** B's Enterprises Inc., shop supplies/signs material/asphalt patch/culvert/band, 18,819.40; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 66.87; Bloomfield Auto Parts, supplies, 17.44; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 1,123.92; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 135.74; C-Mart, gas, 36.22; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 159.92; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 735.75; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,611.75; Husker Steel, H-Pile/sheet pile, 24,494.00; Jebro Inc., mc3000/crs, 143,445.66; Kayton International Inc., repairs, 1,044.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 104.46; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 158.99; R&K Motor Parts, shop tool, 570.99; Ronald Bourn, gravel/haul, 3,360.00; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Scott Grim, cdl renewal, 63.50; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul/equipment rental, 36,053.01; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/def/shop supplies, 2,532.26; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 8,826.82; ZimMetal & Welding LLC, weld supplies, 905.47.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Landmark Surveying, Bloomfield North, 1,700.00; Western Engineering Co., Bloomfield North overlay, 1,061.198.29.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30; Village of Verdel, improvements, 700.00.

**STOP PROGRAM FUND.** Software Unlimited Corp., software, 3,488.02.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 75.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, Promo/postage/dues/travel, 242.02; Kelly Hanvey, KCDA meals, 17.04; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 30.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** KEA Constructors LLC, Ray Stark bridge, 140,681.11; Moyer, Moyer, Lafleur, court appointed attorney, 2,081.11.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 80.11.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 341.50.

TOTALS	
General Fund	192,058.72
Road Fund	245,312.17
Flowage Easement Road Fund	1,062,898.29
Child Support Fund	125.93
Visitor's Improvement Fund	917.30
Stop Program Fund	3,488.02
Economic Development Fund	75.00
C & C Development Fund	289.06
Inheritance Fund	142,762.22
911 Emergency Fund	80.11
911 Wireless Service Fund	341.50
Total	\$1,648,348.32

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:15 p.m. on June 25, 2020 until Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 9:30 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
July 9, 2020  
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 July 9, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Liska led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Niobrara Tribune 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.

The minutes of the June 25, 2020 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Email from Josh Jelden with U.S. Senator Deb Fischer's office reaching out for any concerns the Board may have; 2. Department of the Interior letter stating the County will receive Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program funds in the amount of \$42,198.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor 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 \$580,951.80 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Discussion was held on maintenance of subdivision entrances.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to set a uniform allowance for Weed Superintendent Steve Banks at \$35 per month during his working months of May through October. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Audit Engagement Letter with the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts for the Fiscal Year 2019/2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Amendment Sequence #003 to the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit #S322191 KeyBank N.A. for Viento Funding II Inc. on behalf of Elkhorn Ridge Wind LLC. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Clerk of District Court June Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report of Collections, Disbursements & Balances for six months ending June 30, 2020 and that there were no unpaid claims against Knox County as of June 15, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the NIRMA Crime Policy, Liability Package Policy, Property Package Policy and Workers Compensation Policy. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 12** for the transfer of funds through the claims process from the General Fund to the Road Fund in the amount of \$94,682.45 in July and August to cover incurred expenses in the Road Fund until the 2020/2021 budget is set. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION #2020 - 12**

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2020-2021 County Road budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2020-2021 Knox County budget will not be adopted until September 2020, and

WHEREAS, transfers are needed from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund until the 2020-2021 budget is adopted to cover incurred expenses for July and August, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the Knox County Clerk is hereby directed to transfer through the claims process \$94,682.45 in July 2020 and \$94,682.45 in August 2020 from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to cover the incurred expenses for July and August, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the total transfer from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund that will be adopted in the 2020/2021 Knox County Budget will be reduced by the \$189,364.90 and the remaining balance of the 2020/2021 total transfer to be prorated accordingly from September 2020 through June 2021.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

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

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

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

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

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees collected between April 1 and June 30, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:00 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:27 a.m. with all members present.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Robert and Gigi Larson regarding inheritance tax on a relative's estate and the use of inheritance funds by the Board.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Hill Township Board members request that a one-mile portion of 893 Road between 537 and 538 Avenues be vacated and abandoned. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 13** directing Hwy. Supt. Barta to conduct a study of vacating and abandoning a one-mile portion of 893 RD located between the S1/2 of Section 3 and the N1/2 of Section 10 (between 537 and 538 Avenues), all in T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nay District #2. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2020 -13**

WHEREAS the Hill Township Board has requested to vacate and abandon a portion of 893 Road as follows:

A one-mile portion of 893 Road located between the South Half of Section 3 and the North Half of

Section 10 (between 537 and 538 Avenues), all in T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 one-mile portion of 893 Road as described above.

Passed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

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

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

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

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Oil Crew update; 3. Bridge Crew update; 4. Broken concrete was hauled to the Creighton Yard from a Knox County farm; 5. Discussed the Center West federal aid bridge project. An interlocal agreement may be drafted as County funds will be spent in the Village of Center limits; 6. Discussed employee time sheets. The sheets are scanned and the information put on a spreadsheet that will be shared with the Board in the future; 7. Working on a lease for a JD 6145 tractor from Grossenberg Implement; 8. Discussed an issue on a road north of Crofton where a landowner hired a company to clean out ditches along a County Road. The work was scheduled to be done by the County this summer.

County officials and the Board discussed the employee wages for 2021 as the officials are working on budget worksheets for the fiscal year 2020/2021. Discussed was the request by officials for a 3% wage increase for employees except to the Sheriff's employees, Hwy. Supt. Barta, elected officials and their deputies and those employees receiving a deputy wage; Sheriff Henery requested a \$1 per hour increase for all of his employees and giving a flat rate per hour increase instead of a percentage increase. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve a 45 cent per hour increase for 2021 for Knox County employees except the Sheriff's employees, Hwy. Supt. Barta, elected officials and their deputies and those employees receiving a deputy wage. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays Districts #1, #2 and #6. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery told the Board that he has difficulty competing with the South Dakota prison in Springfield when it comes to wages. Also, he said each Supervisor district has its own situations such as tribal areas, camping areas, large influx of people on weekends in the lake and river areas where law enforcement is needed plus he is in need of one more dispatcher. Sheriff Henery requested a \$1 per hour increase for his employees for 2021. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve a \$1 per hour wage increase for the County Sheriff's employees for 2021, except Sheriff Henery whose salary along with the other elected officials was set through calendar year 2022 by Resolution #2017 – 35. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the June Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve Administrative Plat #P0156 Roland Young for zoning lot combination on Lots 8 and 12, Block H, Lazy River Acres Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. The Planning Commission will hold a meeting on July 14.

Sheriff Henery presented an Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement between Knox County and Cedar County. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve an Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement between the Knox County Sheriff's Office and the Cedar County Sheriff's Office to provide for personnel backup and such other assistance as either party may require in time of emergency or other time of need. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing from June 24 through July 8, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board directed that the current COVID-19 procedures remain in effect in the Courthouse Complex buildings to be reviewed at the July 30, 2020 Board meeting.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 174,217.40; Applied Connective Technologies, south door locks, 3,446.47; Bear Graphics, freight, 79.37; CenturyLink, long distance, 108.71; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 24.50; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,065.94; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 1,003.27; Donald Stoural, mileage, 31.23; Eakes Office Plus, supplies/copier agreement, 310.78; Ecowater Systems, bottled water/salt, 307.94; Fire Protection Services LLC, fire alarm inspection, 600.00; Folkers Bros. Garage, repairs, 895.32; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,563.02; Hagge Glass, lexan, 40.00; Heartland Energy Management, quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 960.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; James Hames, mileage, 57.75; James Scott, mileage, 58.99; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Key Sanitation LLC, garbage, 108.00; Knox County Register of Deeds, recording, 10.00; Knox County Sheriff, return comm/subpoenas, 582.67; LeRoy Buchholz, mileage, 39.91; LeRoy Clausen, mileage, 30.03; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 260.15; Liz Doerr, postage, 131.30; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 674.33; Northeast NE Area Agency on Aging, FY 2021 match, 6,205.00; Nebraska Weed Control Assn, registration, 120.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,342.27; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 474.44; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 699.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,577.04; R&K Auto Parts, repairs, 361.10; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, additional match, 2,093.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,621.74; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, sprinkler repair, 67.61; United States Treasury, PCORI fee, 137.16; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 153.94; US Cellular, cell phones, 234.27; Verdigre Farm Service, van parts, 250.00; Village of Center, hall rent, 40.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 71,145.68; Bauer Built Tire, tire, 2,898.40; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 50.97; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 341.26; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 459.04; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, ash gro, 212.28; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., shop supplies, 14.52; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/trash, 156.16; C-Mart, gas, 174.43; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,386.82; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 2,283.27; Country Market, shop supplies, 8.56; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 11,900.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 2,922.15; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 822.95; Great Plains Communications, phone, 588.11; Grossenburg Implement Inc., shop supplies, 247.42; J&K Auto, gas, 31.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 63.11; Kayton International, repairs, 174.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 120.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Max Dvorak, cell phone repair, 85.19; Moody Motor Company, repairs, 1,778.11; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 44.89; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 250.45; Principal Life Insurance Co., Ins. Co. Pays, 775.80; R&K Motor Parts, supplies/repairs /oil/filters, 641.21; RDO Truck Centers, repairs, 352.14; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,646.07; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 127.83; Schrier Lumber, supplies, 38.20; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 3,151.00; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 1,673.99; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 400.04; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 25,115.24; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/antifreeze/shop supplies/oxygen, 2,404.18; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.69; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 86.78; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies, 3.99; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 21,651.30; ZimMetal & Welding LLC, shop supplies, 1,074.07.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 6.80; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.71; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 267.29.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 4,416.16; CenturyLink, long distance, 6.80; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 329.78; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 32.50; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 850.00; Great Plains Communications,

phone/internet, 50.71; Lincoln National Life ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Northeast Nebraska News, publishing, 29.15; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 205.31; US Cellular, cell phone, 143.41.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 3,948.82; KEA Constructors LLC, contractor payment, 146,587.05; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 5.64; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 138.40; Three River Telco, phone, 28.78.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 532.43; Three River Telco, phone, 192.63.

TOTALS	
General Fund	256,362.50
Road Fund	164,498.54
Child Support Fund	138.51
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	322.29
C&C Development Fund	6,112.88
Inheritance Fund	152,619.20
911 Emergency Fund	172.82
911 Wireless Service Fund	725.06
Total	\$580,951.80

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:34 a.m. on July 9, 2020 until Monday, July 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. for a special meeting and Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 9:30 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
July 13, 2020  
9:00 a.m.

A special 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 July 9 <sup>13</sup> (corrected 7-30-2020), 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1 via Zoom, Virgil H. Miller 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 Patrick J. Liska District #2. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Miller led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette newspapers, 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 Mackeprang dispensed with reading the July 9, 2020 meeting minutes.

Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised bid opening at for bids for the construction of five stream rehabilitation projects referred to as "Knox County EWP, Sites 100, 102, 103, 105 and 106". Knox County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and further reserves the right to accept any bid that best serves the County's needs.

Bids received were: **Circle A Construction, Sergeant Bluff IA** – Site 100 \$48,745; Site 102 \$151,200; Site 103 \$151,200; Site 105 \$108,160; Site 106 \$35,270; Combined Sites 100 and 102 \$199,965; Combined Sites 103 and 105 \$163,857; Bid Bond Certified Check \$20,000 (5% of total); **Husker Engineering Inc. DBA Husker Grading, Burwell NE** – Site 100 \$59,300; Site 102 \$147,506; Site 103 \$55,074; Site 105 \$123,372; Site 106 \$178,446, Combined Sites 100 and 102 \$206,806; Combined Sites 103 and 105 \$178,446, Bid Bond; **Jody Koch Construction & Excavation Inc., Hartington NE** – Site 100 \$71,544.35; Site 102 \$199,267; Site 103 \$99,577.14; Site 105 \$159,473.17; Site 106 \$56,491.07; Combined Sites 100 and 102 \$270,811.35; Combined Sites 103 and 105 \$259,050.31; Bid Bond Certified Check \$29,317.64; **Rutjens Construction, Inc., Tilden NE** – Site 100 \$46,680; Site 102 \$138,569.50; Site 103 \$46,993; Site 105 \$108,975; Site 106 \$34,681; Combined Sites 100 and 102 \$185,249.50; Combined Sites 103 and 105 \$155,968; Bid Bond; **High Plains Enterprises, Martell NE** – Site 100 \$51,575; Site 102 \$125,266; Site 103 \$54,559; Site 105 \$98,635; Site 106 \$98,635; Combined Sites 100 and 102 \$176,841; Combined Sites 103 and 105 \$153,194; Bid Bond.

Bids were reviewed by Hwy. Supt. Barta and Jeff Wagner with Mainelli and Wagner Associates, and returned to the Board for action.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the low bid for Site 106 from Rutjens Construction, Inc., Tilden NE in the amount of \$34,681. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1 via Zoom, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #2. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to accept the low bid from High Plains Enterprises, Martell NE, in the amount of \$176,841 for Combined Sites 100 and 102. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1 via Zoom, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #2. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the low bid from High Plains Enterprises, Martell NE in the amount of \$153,914 for Combined Sites 103 and 105. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1 via Zoom, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #2. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 9:37 a.m. on July 13, 2020 until Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 9:30 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
July 30, 2020  
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 July 30, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Miller led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Wausa Gazette 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.

The minutes of the July 9 and July 13, 2020 meetings were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that the special meeting was held on July 13, 2020.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition letter; 2. Letter from the Secretary of the Interior David Berhardt regarding President Trump's direction to lead a Task Force that will propose options for the creation of a National Garden of American Heroes, including potential locations for the site; 3. Project updates on the Lewis and Clark Lake Watershed and North Fork Elkhorn Watershed; 4. Nirma's direction to add the new Creighton Yard pole shed to the County's Building & Contents Schedule.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann 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 \$645,407.77 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:59 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:30 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion was held on the request to vacate/abandon a one-mile portion of 893 RD in Hill Township. The Santee Sioux Tribe does not want the road vacated/abandoned as they may purchase property in that area plus they lose federal dollars when a road on the reservation is vacated/abandoned as it is then removed from their inventory; 2. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded Supr. Miller to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign an Application For Occupancy On The Right Of Way Of Knox County Highways for Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company for the installation of fiber optic along the County Oil road west of Highway 14 going to O'Neill. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Bridge Crew update; 4. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to accept quotes from Husker Steel, Columbus NE for materials for the replacement of two bridges in Peoria Township as follows: precast concrete slab bridge 25' 6" x 33' \$66,605 and inverset bridge 24' 6" x 40' \$82,825. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Oil Crew update; 6. Road projects; 7. Motorgrader repair; 8. Dump trailer repair; 9. CJ slide update; 10. Bloomfield North Overlay Project update; 11. EWP, ER and FEMA projects updates; 12. Discussed budget proposals; 13. New Creighton Shed completed.

Economic Development Director Hanvey updated the Board on the new Knox County Passport Project featuring tourism in Knox County.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board about the COVID-19 screening. Discussion was held on the following: there were 1,074 contacts from June 8 through July 29; All county courthouses are open in the region or will be as of August 3; it is time to make changes as employees are being taken away from their regular jobs while screening; Fridays are very busy due to drivers test; each office could log the dates, names and phone numbers of the public who come to their office; and the staff have done an exceptional job keeping the County business operating in spite of the fact that Knox County has the highest number of positive cases in the health district. Officials gave their opinions to the proposed changes. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to move to Phase IV; change the COVID-19 screening of the public to only court days, Fridays, and special events; practice social distancing; no congregating in the hallways or stairs; each office head will determine if the public can be admitted inside their offices and if the public is not allowed in the office, business will be conducted through the transaction windows or other methods until further notice; each office is responsible for regularly disinfecting their counters/transaction windows during the day; and employees are required to wear masks into the hallways, working directly with the public or anyplace where the public will be on the Courthouse Complex. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve and authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Knox and Village of Verdigre for law enforcement services for a two-year period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing from July 9, 2020 through July 29, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Sheriff's Report on Collection of Taxes from October 30, 2019 through July 14, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Knox County Treasurer's Report of Collections of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes FY 2018 & Prior, noting that all distress warrants were collected in full. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The budget meeting with officials will be held on Friday, August 21, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to reappoint LeRoy Buchholz to another five-year term on the Knox County Veterans Service Committee. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to publish the following current salaries as per Nebraska Revised Statute 23-122. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Pursuant to Section 23-122, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, salaries & job descriptions of County officials and employees are required to be published between July 15 and August 15. Eligible employees receive a single health insurance policy or a taxable \$330/month stipend for opting out of County health insurance coverage, a single dental/vision policy and a \$15,000 life insurance policy as a benefit. Those not receiving insurance will be marked "no insurance". Non-exempt employees' salaries are based on an eight-hour workday and non-exempt employees are eligible for overtime pay for hours worked over 40 hours a week at one & one-half times hourly rate. The following are current salaries of Knox County officials and employees: 1 Supervisor/Chairman - \$2,174.25/month; 3 Supervisors - \$2,074.25/month; 3 Supervisor - \$2,074.25/month + \$330 opt out stipend/month; Co. Attorney, Clerk of District Court. Court, Co. Assessor, Co. Clerk & Co. Treasurer - \$5,185.63; Co. Sheriff - \$5,903.12/month + \$120 uniform allowance/month & \$50 phone/internet/month; Co. Surveyor - \$83.33/month; Highway Superintendent - \$5,185.63/month + vehicle benefit; Emergency Mgr.- \$4,055.24/month + \$330 opt out stipend/month; Part-time Zoning Administrator - \$26.28/hour + \$45 cellphone allowance/month & \$25 internet allowance/month (no insurance); Veterans Service Officer - \$21.27/hour; Weed Superintendent - \$20.31/hour summer months + \$35 uniform allowance/summer months (no insurance); Development Agency Director - \$2,606.00/month; 911 Coordinator - \$19.48/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month Deputy Assessor - \$22.44/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month; Part-time Deputy County Attorney - \$2,500/month (no insurance); Deputy Clerk of District Court - \$22.44/hour + \$330 opt out stipend/month; Deputy Clerk & Deputy Treasurer - \$22.44/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$17.30/hour; 1 Recording Clerk - \$16.45/hour; 2 Office Clerks - \$16.45/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$15./hour; 1 Part-time Office Clerk - \$12.61/hour (no insurance); 1 Clerks/Appraisers - \$17.05/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month; 1 Clerk/Appraiser - \$16.45/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month; 1 Clerk/Appraiser - \$15.00/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month + \$330 opt out stipend/month; 1 Office Manager - \$22.44/hour; 2 Part-time Office Managers - \$20.01/hour (no insurance); 1 Part-time Secretary - \$13.47/hour (no insurance); 1 Custodian - \$18.57/hour; 1 Chief Deputy Sheriff - \$4,307.39/month + \$37.56 other hours + \$120 uniform allowance/month; 1 Deputy Sheriff - \$4,213.60/month + \$36.75 other hours + \$120 uniform allowance/month; 1 Deputy Sheriff - \$3,828.33/month + \$33.38 other hours + \$120 uniform allowance/month; 8 Part-time Deputy Sheriff - \$23.35/hour (no insurance); 1 Head Jailer - \$22.25/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 2 Jailors - \$18.45/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Jailer - \$18.08/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Jailer - \$17.69/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 2 Jailors - \$17.69/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month + \$330 opt out stipend/month; 1 Jailer - \$16.92/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Part-time Jailer - \$16.15/hour (no insurance); 1 Administrative Assistant - \$17.50/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Bridge Crew Foreman/Crane Operator - \$20.91/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Oil Foreman - \$20.39/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Substitute Oil Foreman - \$20.39/hour; 1 Mechanic - \$25.00/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 2 Patrol Operators - \$18.71/hour oiling season + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Patrol Operator - \$18.21/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month + \$330 opt out stipend/month; 6 Patrol Operators - \$18.21/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Patrol Operator - \$17.82/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month + \$330 opt out stipend/month; 1 Patrol Operator - \$16.00/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 3 Truck Drivers - \$18.21/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Truck Driver - \$16.50/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Truck Driver - \$16.00/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Part-time Truck Driver - \$17/hour summer months (no insurance).

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the Planning Commission February 11, 2020 meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0157 Nicholas Jurgens for a lot split of a 7.26-acre tract in the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 34, T29N, R7W 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 will meet on August 11, 2020; 4. Update on the Wolf Run campground; 5. Discussed tiny houses.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. O'Connor who said that it is necessary to add microphones to the Boardroom so the public can hear the Board when they are speaking and the sound upgrade would enhance the Zoom and Webex interface (corrected 8-13-2020).

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Sheriff Henery who asked about adding more security cameras in the building.

As per Nebraska Revised Statute 47-109, the Board made a quarterly visit to the Knox County Jail.

**GENERAL FUND.** Antelope County Sheriff Department, house inmate, 65.00; Bear Graphics, freight, 46.39; Bloomfield Auto Parts, weed repairs, 27.41; Bomgaars, weed oil & wash, 35.41; Butler County Landfill Inc., scrap tire, 7,304.41; CenturyLink, long distance, 103.68; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 43.00; Clerk of District Court, filing fees, 36.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 65.25; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 363.38; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 47.43; Dollar General, supplies,

63.00; Doug DeShazer, meeting/mileage, 56.05; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 119.01; Eco Water Systems, bottled water, 120.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 2,639.10; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 52.60; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning, recovery unit, 2,255.00; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 159.41; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 43.40; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.53; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 32.50; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 94,682.45; Loffler, contract, 414.85; Monica McManigal, meals/title, 153.11; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 57.20; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing/subscription, 119.64; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 11.45; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 458.72; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.35; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 87.50; Thomson Reuters West, law book, 201.00; Tri-State Tuft & Irrigation, sprinkler repair, 303.72; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 354.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 1,011.00; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 497.30; Yankton Fire & Safety Co. Inc., inspection, 179.75.

**ROAD FUND.** Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel, 3,298.84; Beckman Lumber Inc., shed, 26,000.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 68.16; Bloomfield Auto Parts, supplies/oil/filters/repairs, 273.90; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 666.12; Burns Lumber Co LLC, ash gro, 821.05; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 85.83; CHS Wausa, diesel, 1,546.77; C-Mart LLC, gas, 117.47; Crane Sales & Service, repairs, 1,562.83; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 63.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, advertisement, 133.28; Dan Vakoc, rental, 500.00; Darriner Clearing & Grading LLC, equipment rental, 3,343.75; First National Bank Omaha, repairs, 1,785.34; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 872.00; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 4,741.45; Hotsy Equipment Co., repairs, 196.85; James Carlson, sand, 1,500.00; Larry Moeller, rental, 500.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 4,562.20; Marcel Kramer, clay, 450.00; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 220.00; Landmark Surveying, survey, 240.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 204.73; NMC Exchange LLC, repairs, 25,735.24; Orrin Pospisil, rental, 500.00; Roger's Auto Repair, repairs, 578.00; Rory Liska, cdl renewal, 63.50; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; S&S Builders, shed labor, 22,000.00; Steffens Service, gas, 41.00; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 39,415.58; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tire repair, 384.75; Village of Center, water/sewer, 25.50; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 153.80; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 63,151.32; Yankton Fire & Safety Co., inspections, 218.75.

**HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND.** Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 86.44; DWarriner Clearing & Grading LLC, equipment rental, 4,342.50.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 143.16; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 63,043.63; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 44.37; Western Engineering Co., Bloomfield north overlay, 201,151.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 6.49; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 210.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 6.48; First National Bank Omaha, supplies/postage/dues/travel, 191.20; Northeast Nebraska News, subscription, 36.50; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 30.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** KEA Constructors LLC, Ray Stark bridge, 40,043.18; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 15,280.18

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 55.09; First National Bank Omaha, fair giveaways, 218.65; Three River Telco, phone, 28.78.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 368.70; First National Bank Omaha, fair giveaways, 625.98; Three River Telco, phone, 192.63.

TOTALS	
General Fund	112,892.57
Road Fund	206,067.01
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	4,428.94
Flowage Easement Road Fund	264,382.16
Child Support Fund	132.42
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
Economic Development Fund	210.00
C & C Development Fund	264.18
Inheritance Fund	55,323.36
911 Emergency Fund	302.52
911 Wireless Service Fund	1,187.31
Total	\$645,407.77

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:15 p.m. on July 30, 2020 until Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 9:30 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

By \_\_\_\_\_

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
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Supr. Miller led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Niobrara Tribune 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.

The minutes of the July 25, 2020 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the addition to Supr. O'Connor's comment on non-agenda items that the sound upgrade in the Board room would enhance the Zoom and Webex interface.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice letter regarding recent annual evaluation of the Knox County Jail; 2. District Seven Probation Year End Review and budget request for 2020/2021.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann 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 \$605,558.19 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:05 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:25 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Highway Superintendent Barta presented his report in regard to the vacation and abandonment of a one-mile portion of 893 Road in Hill Township. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to accept the report of Knox County Highway Superintendent Barta for the vacation and abandonment of a one-mile portion of 893 Road located between the South Half of Section 3 and the North Half of Section 10 (between 537 and 538 Avenues), all in T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. and to adopt **Resolution #2020 - 14** to not set a public hearing and to take no further action on the request for vacation/abandonment of such portion of 893 Road in Hill Township concurring with Highway Superintendent Barta's opinion that the one-mile of 893 Road stay open as the Santee Sioux Tribe is not in favor of the vacation/abandonment. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION #2020 - 14**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 39-1722, Nebraska Revised Statutes (Re-issue of 2004) the County Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020 directed the County Highway Superintendent to make a study of the use of a one-mile portion of 893 Road in Hill Township described as follows:

A one-mile portion of 893 Road located between the South Half of Section 3 and the North Half of

Section 10 (between 537 and 538 Avenues), all in T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of vacating and abandoning the one-mile portion of 893 as described above, and

**WHEREAS**, on August 13, 2020, County Highway Superintendent did file his report in writing as to such road, stating that in his opinion that the one-mile portion of road stay open as the Santee Sioux Tribe is not in favor of the vacation and abandonment of the one-mile portion of 893 Road, and

**BE IT, THEREFORE RESOLVED**, the Knox County Board of Supervisors concurs with Highway Superintendent Barta's opinion that the one-mile portion of 893 Road stay open as the Santee Sioux Tribe is not in favor of the vacation/abandonment, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a public hearing will not be set on this matter and no further action will be taken at this time to continue with the vacation and abandonment of a one-mile portion of 893 Road located between the South Half of Section 3 and the North Half of Section 10 (between 537 and 538 Avenues), all in T32N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska.

Passed, approved and adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

2. Chairman Mackeprang signed the EWP contracts for the bids that were approved at the July 13, 2020 meeting on Rutjens Construction Inc. for Site #106 and High Plains Enterprises for Sites #100 and #102 and Sites #103 and #105; 3. A bid opening will be held on August 27, 2020 for ER project Pischelville Bridge – South Abutment; 4. Bridge crew update; 5. Discussed lot for sale near Center County yard; 6. Update on FEMA projects; 7. Bloomfield North project update; 8. Supr. Sokol, Jr. was asked if the County would be interested in purchasing a used boom bucket truck. Hwy. Supt. Barta didn't think the County needed it at this time.

Ed Knott with Applied Connective Technologies met with the Board regarding upgrading the firewall safety program, creating a new email domain for the County as MIPS will no longer be providing email service to the Clerk and Treasurer, and additional security cameras. More information will be presented at a later date on the email domain and security cameras. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the WatchGuard Firebox T40 Internet Security Appliance with Total Security Suite at a price of \$1,320 with a one-time activation and configuration cost of \$250 for a total of \$1,570. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on the Final Plat of Lazy River Acres 1<sup>st</sup> Addition. Present were Greg and Leslie Neuhaus. The replat vacated Lot 10, Block H, Lazy River Acres as well as the original portion of Cottonwood Drive that is being moved and creates Lots 1 and 2 in the Final Plat. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:13 a.m. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve the Final Plat of Lazy Rivers Acres 1<sup>st</sup> Addition, a Replat of a part of Lot 10, Block H, Lazy River Acres and a part of the SW1/4 of Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Planning Commission member Fred Steffen wishes to step down from the position and David Arens of Crofton is interested in the position. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to appoint David Arens of Crofton to complete Fred Steffen's term on the Planning Commission. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr. seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Zoning July Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of District Court July Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve a Special Designation Liquor License Local Recommendation (Form 200) for Z's Lindy Country Club for a special event on September 5, 2020 with the condition that all current COVID-19 guidelines are followed. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing from July 30 through August 12, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none.

There was not public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. Sokol, Jr. who inquired about use of the Inheritance Fund.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation gave a Zoom presentation on the need of affordable public transit in Knox County. Discussion was held on routes, working with the current transits of Avera and the Ponca Tribe Express, costs and proposed fare schedules, advertising needed, proposed cost share for Knox County, and further research needed. The Board took no action.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 181,373.03; Alcopro, mouthpieces, 106.00; Applied Connective Technologies, test door opener/quarterly IT, 4,565.00; Black Hills Ammunition, ammunition, 1,038.50; Cassie Stark, decals, 50.00; Clerk of District Court, filing fee, 36.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,614.68; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; Creighton 559 LLC, van gas, 45.27; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 13.75; Dollar General, batteries, 21.75; Eakes Office Plus, copier agreement, 71.37; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 102.00; F&M State Bank, annual ach fee, 240.00; Grant Miller Construction, repair roof, 500.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,497.03; Hefner Hardware, janitor supplies, 18.36; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 992.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 35.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Knox County Register of Deeds, recording, 20.00; Knox County Sheriff, warrant, 6.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 260.15; Liz Doerr, mileage, 66.70; Madison County Clerk, judges expenses, 131.78; Madison County Treasurer, annual probation expense, 9,520.49; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/masks, 242.23; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 674.33; Moody Motor Company Inc., lube/oil/filter, 50.53; Norfolk Daily News, subscription, 211.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,189.20; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 298.37; NSA/POAN, registration, 140.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 306.95; Principal Life Insurance Co., Ins. Co. Pays, 1,577.04; Qualification Targets Inc., targets, 143.20; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 557.24; R&K Auto Parts, repairs, 250.65; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,047.60; Schreier Lumber Co., roof repairs, 404.55; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 154.60; US Cellular, cell phones, 235.03; Vic's Service LLC, tires, 301.24; Village of Center, hall rent/water/sewer/garbage, 851.50; Wayne County Clerk, judges expense, 4,011.44.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 75,124.88; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 150.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/sand/mud-rock, 1,414.24; Bauer Built Tire, repairs, 158.93; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 59.62; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 66.90; Bloomfield Auto Parts, supplies/repairs, 271.62; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 564.96; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., tire repairs, 38.95; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 279.31; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,691.25; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 1,144.45; Country Market, shop supplies,

5.49; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 11,900.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 2,379.84; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 872.00; Frevert Excavating LLC, equipment rental, 1,115.00; Great Plains Communications, phone, 592.19; Grossenburg Implement Inc., rental/repairs, 6,889.73; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,410.00; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental/dirt/sand/haul, 9,353.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 67.45; Kayton International, repairs, 48.67; Kevin Barta, equipment rental, 50.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 17.29; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., oxygen/acetylene, 340.36; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 260.01; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 19.04; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 775.80; R&K Motor Parts, supplies/repairs /oil/filters, 721.28; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,914.67; Roger Lemke, clay, 1,050.00; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 734.70; Schmitt Construction Inc., equipment rental, 3,875.00; Schreier Lumber, concrete, 2,906.30; Scott Fuchtmann dba S&D Masonry, equipment rental, 785.00; Sucha Repair, oil/repair, 434.05; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 1,795.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 369.86; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 10,542.20; Verdigre Farm Service, gas/ shop supplies, 2,796.53; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tire repair, 509.67; Village of Center, water/sewer 25.50; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.69; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 15,122.20; Wortman Concrete Pumping Inc., equipment rental, 631.25; ZimMetal & Welding LLC, repairs, 200.00.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 65.30; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 324.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.95; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; quill Corporation, office supplies, 352.38.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 267.29.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 4,214.40; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 314.34; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 850.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.95; Lincoln National Life ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 16.32; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 205.31; US Cellular, cell phone, 143.73.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 3,855.78; Jewell & Collins, court appointed attorney, 1,445.48; KEA Constructors LLC, contractor payment, 148,440.58; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 7.68; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 162.26; Police Legal Sciences, training, 109.20; Special T's and More, hats, 192.00.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 685.55; Police Legal Sciences, training, 730.80.

TOTALS	
General Fund	269,922.41
Road Fund	170,757.16
Flowage Easement Road Fund	389.30
Child Support Fund	610.26
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	322.29
C&C Development Fund	5,844.11
Inheritance Fund	155,825.17
911 Emergency Fund	471.14
911 Wireless Service Fund	1,416.35
Total	\$605,558.19

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:22 p.m. on August 13, 2020 until Friday, August 21, 2020 for a special budget meeting and until Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 9:30 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
August 21, 2020  
9:00 a.m.

A special meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of Friday, August 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Schlote led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette newspapers, 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.

Review of submitted proposed budgets of the officials for 2020/2021 was held. County Clerk Fischer presented the proposed budget as per the submitted budget drafts from the officials and department heads.

County Clerk Fischer, Deputy County Attorney Holecek, 911 Coordinator Kienow, Extension Educator Hanefeldt, Economic Development Director Hanvey and County Assessor McManigal reviewed their respective proposed office budgets with the Board.

The Board took a five-minute recess.

Zoning Administrator Doerr and the Board held a telephone conference to review the proposed Planning budget.

County Treasurer Stark, Emergency Manager Hintz, Veteran Service Officer Jones, County Court Clerk Boggs and Weed Supt. Banks presented their respective proposed budgets.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:45 p.m. with all members present.

The Board reviewed the County Surveyor proposed budget. Clerk of District Court Fischer, Sheriff Henery and Hwy. Supt. Barta presented their proposed budgets.

An overview of the proposed budgets, revenues, taxes and levy was held. The 2020 valuation is \$2,249,118,465, an increase of \$46,148,926. Tentatively the Road Fund budget was reduced by \$100,000. Discussion of further tax relief by making a transfer from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund will be discussed at the August 27, 2020 regular meeting.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve an additional 1% over the 2 1/2% basic limitation allowable increase to restricted funds for the Knox County 2020/2021 budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 3:15 p.m., August 21, 2020 until Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 9:30 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
August 27, 2020  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom in the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of August 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Borgmann led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of the 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.

The minutes of the August 13 and August 21, 2020 meetings were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that all claims, except Claim #20080141 payable to Danny Schlote, 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. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann that Claim #20080141 payable to Danny Schlote, 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, #5 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #6. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$216,116.20 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

The Board directed County Clerk Fischer to research the deer dumpsters for the upcoming deer hunting season.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set the 2020/2021 full time employee uniform allowances as follows: Road employees - \$35/month; Sheriff's Office - Sheriff and Deputies - \$120/month and Dispatchers/Jailors - \$60/month; Assessor's Office - \$20/month; and Weed Superintendent - \$35/month for May through October. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:59 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:05 a.m. with all members present.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to adopt **Resolution #2020 - 15** allocating up to 4.5 cents of levy authority to the Knox County Rural Fire Districts as per Nebraska Statute §77-3443 noting that the Creighton, Niobrara, Wausa and Crofton Rural Fire Districts chose levies of 4.5 cents, Bloomfield Rural Fire District 3.5 cents and Verdigre Rural Fire District 2.25 cents. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION #2020 - 15**

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors shall adopt a resolution that determines a final allocation of levy authority for Knox County's subdivisions as per Nebraska Statute §77-3443, and

WHEREAS, the allocated amount to the rural fire districts was 4.5 cents, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County fire districts belong to the Mutual Fire Organization (MFO), and

WHEREAS, that under legislation in 2018 the fire districts in an MFO had to have one year where the levies were the same for all members and could be different for the next three years, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County rural fire districts were allocated 4.5 cents by the Knox County Board of Supervisors in 2019/2020, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors will allocate up to 4.5 cents to the Knox County rural fire districts as per Nebraska Revised Statute §77-3443 for budget year 2020-2021 noting that not all rural fire districts will use the 4.5 cents, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knox County rural fire districts have chosen the following levies: Creighton Rural Fire District - 4.5 cents; Bloomfield Rural Fire District - 3.5 cents; Verdigre Rural Fire District - 2.25 cents; Niobrara Rural Fire District - 4.5 cents; Wausa Rural Fire District - 4.5 cents; and Crofton Rural Fire District - 4.5 cents.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

## KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5, Chairman

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

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/

James Sokol, Jr. /s/

Danny R. Schlote /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/

Knox County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Oil Crew update; 2. Bridge Crew update; 3. EWP project updates; 4. Lazy River Acres road repairs update; 5. Ray Stark Bridge update. The project is 99% completed; 6. CJ slide update. A letter was sent to the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation; 7. FEMA project update. A CRC agreement was signed for the Prischman bridge project that may be completed this fall; 8. Radiator repaired on maintainer; 9. New transmission in Ford truck; 10. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 16** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION  
SIGNING OF THE  
COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE FORM  
2020**

**Resolution No. 2020 – 16**

**Whereas:** State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, and

**Whereas:** State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification form.

**Be it resolved** that the County Board Chairperson of Knox County is hereby authorized to sign the attached County Annual Certification of Program Compliance form.

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020 at Center, Nebraska.

County Board Members

Martin J. O'Connor /s/

Danny R. Schlote /s/

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

James Sokol, Jr. /s/

Virgil H. Miller /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/

Patrick J. Liska /s/

County Board Member Sokol, Jr.

Moved the adoption of said resolution

Member Supr. Miller Seconded the Motion

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/

(Signature of Clerk)

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. There will be no September Planning Commission meeting; 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the July 14, 2020 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Discussed the proposed budget. Consultant Keith Marvin has updated the regulations chart for Antelope County and Zoning Administrator Doerr thinks it will be beneficial to have it done for Knox County. The estimated cost would be approximately \$2,000. Mr. Marvin said there would be a cost savings as the meetings could be done via Zoom. The reorganized chart would address tiny houses, pipelines, etc.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. Schlote who had been asked if the County would be interested in taking over the Bloomfield City zoning. Zoning Admin. Doerr said that she would not have time to do that now. Further discussion was that it should be the city's responsibility and surely someone would step up to be on the city zoning board.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the Special Designated License Local Recommendation Form 200 Special Liquor License submitted by Jerry's Hilltop LLC, 86420 Hwy. 81, Randolph NE for a wedding reception at the God's Country Event Center at 83174 Hwy. 84, Center NE on September 19, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the 2019/2020 Office Inventories. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 17** that as per Nebraska Statute §77-3443, the Board will allocate final allocation of levy authority to the Knox County Ag Society and the Knox County Rural Fire Districts but no allocation of levy authority will be given to the Knox County Townships for budget year 2020/2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2020 - 17**

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors shall adopt a resolution that determines a final allocation of levy authority for Knox County's subdivisions as per Nebraska Statute §77-3443, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors has allocated levy authority to the Knox County Ag Society and the Knox County Rural Fire Districts but no allocation of levy authority to the Knox County townships, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as per Nebraska Revised Statute §77-3443, the Knox County Board of Supervisors will allocate a final allocation of levy authority to the Knox County Ag Society and the Knox County Rural Fire Districts but no allocation of levy authority will be given to the Knox County Townships for budget year 2020/2021.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

#### **KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5, Chairman

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

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

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

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

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing from August 13 through August 26, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised bid opening for ER Project "Verdel Southwest Bank Stabilization ER-BS-1020" Pischelville Bridge South Abutment. Bids received were: **High Plains Enterprises, Martell NE** – Mobilization \$15,000, Site Preparation \$15,000, Rock Riprap Type "B" \$43,775, Riprap Filter Fabric \$2,825, Traffic Control \$1,500, Total \$78,100; **Husker Engineering Inc., Burwell NE** – Mobilization \$7,800, Site Preparation \$11,000, Rock Riprap Type "B" \$36,050, Riprap Filter Fabric \$2,260; Traffic Control \$2,000, Total \$59,110; **Circle A Construction, Sergeant Bluff IA** – Mobilization \$8,000, Site Preparation \$3,000, Rock Riprap Type "B" \$46,350, Riprap Filter Fabric \$2,260, Traffic Control \$1,500, Total \$61,110; **A & R Construction Co., Plainview NE** – Mobilization \$8,000, Site Preparation \$11,000, Rock Riprap Type "B" \$46,020.40, Riprap Filter Fabric \$3,390, Traffic Control \$6,000, Total \$74,410.40. Hwy. Supt. Barta and Ramsy Robertson of Mainelli Wagner Engineering took the bids to review.

Jerry Nipp with the Knox County Ag Society updated the Board on the Knox County Fair that took place August 13 – 16, 2020. Because of COVID-19, many events and procedures were changed or dropped for this year. The Ag Society tried to have the events for the children as normal as possible and the children enjoyed it. They also were able to stay at the fairgrounds to take care of their livestock. The entertainment was not well attended. Interior work continues on a new building that was constructed with plans for a kitchenette and bathroom. The building can be rented for community events. Discussion was held on this year's levy allocation. Mr. Nipp requested the same dollar amount allocated last year which was \$90,000 for General expenses and \$60,000 for Capitol Improvement for a total of \$150,000. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 18**, as per Nebraska Revised Statute §77-3443, the Knox County Board of Supervisors will allocate a final allocation of levy authority of \$150,000 to the Knox County Ag Society with the breakdown to be \$90,000 for General Expenses (0.004002 levy) and \$60,000 for Capitol Improvement (0.002668 levy) for a total levy of 0.006670 for budget year 2020/2021. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2020 - 18**

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors shall adopt a resolution that determines a final allocation of levy authority for Knox County's subdivisions as per Nebraska Statute §77-3443, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors reviewed an income and expense report of the Knox County Ag Society and comparable funds allocated to ag societies in neighboring counties, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as per Nebraska Revised Statute §77-3443, the Knox County Board of Supervisors will allocate \$150,000.00 to the Knox County Ag Society with the breakdown to be \$90,000.00 for General Expenses (0.004002) and \$60,000.00 (0.002668) for Capitol Improvement for a total levy of 0.006670 for budget year 2020/2021.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

# KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5, Chairman

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

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

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

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 and Mr. Robertson returned to the Board with the ER bids. After review, motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to accept the low bid from **Husker Engineering Inc., Burwell NE** for ER Project "Verdel Southwest Bank Stabilization ER-BS-1020" Pischelville Bridge South Abutment with the bid breakdown as: Mobilization \$7,800, Site Preparation \$11,000, Rock Riprap Type "B" \$36,050, Riprap Filter Fabric \$2,260; Traffic Control \$2,000, for a total of \$59,110. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board and County Clerk Fischer reviewed revisions to the proposed 2020/2021 budget. The Board decided along with the revisions from the August 21, 2020 special budget meeting, a \$300,000 transfer from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund would create tax relief with the taxes to be \$3,650,255.46 that is \$42,336.28 less than last year and the levy to be 0.162297, being a decrease of 0.005442 from last year. A motion was made by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to make a \$300,000 transfer from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund in the 2020/2021 Knox County budget to create tax relief with the taxes to be \$3,650,255.46 that is \$42,336.28 less than last year and the levy to be 0.162297, being a decrease of 0.005442 from last year. (Corrected 9-10-2020). By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. The budget hearing and the final tax request hearing will be held simultaneously on September 10, 2020 at 12:45 p.m. in the Boardroom in the Knox County Courthouse.

**GENERAL FUND.** Antelope County Sheriff Department, house inmate, 1,065.00; Applied Connective Technologies, firebox & cyber security server, 1,570.00; Bomgaars, booster cable, 8.79; CenturyLink, long distance, 119.35; C-Mart LLC, gas, 23.15; Creston Fertilizer Co., weed chemical, 662.11; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 97.50; Danny Schlote, reimburse PPE, 59.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 47.43; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies, 269.47; Elliott Equipment Co., dumpsters, 1,198.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 3,019.82; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 52.60; Heartland Heating & Air conditioning, ductwork, 422.50; James Egle, mental health board, 117.25; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 43.40; John Thomas, reimburse PPE, 139.70; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road fund, 94,682.45; Madison Co Sheriff, mental health board, 28.29; Madison County District Court, mental health board, 50.00; Melanie Smith, mental health board, 117.25; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 57.20; Pierce County Sheriff, house inmates, 850.00; Pitzer Digital, subscription, 35.00; Postmaster, permit fee, 240.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 407.41; Ramada Kearny, lodging, 156.00; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.35; Ryan Stover, mental health board, 167.25; Valorie Olson, mental health board, 100.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 358.00.

**ROAD FUND.** B's Enterprises Inc., culverts, 880.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, sand, 1,350.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, shop supplies, 54.95; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 87.48; CHS Wausa, diesel, 862.97; C-Mart LLC, gas, 384.72; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 861.10; Hagge Glass, repairs, 45.00; Jebro Inc., mc3000/demurrage, 10,170.09; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 156.59; Rohrer Welding, shop supplies, 183.45; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 17,952.07; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 163.60; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 32,340.16.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 125.22; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 80.72

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 7.47.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 255.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 7.47; First National Bank Omaha, supplies/postage/dues/travel, 133.32; Verdigre Eagle, books, 1,145.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 1,557.25; KEA Constructors LLC, Ray Stark bridge, 39,677.65.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 55.07; 911 Wireless Service Fund, handouts, 625.98.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 368.54.

## TOTALS

General Fund	106,322.03
Road Fund	65,538.18
Flowage Easement Road Fund	205.94
Child Support Fund	7.47

Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
Economic Development Fund	255.00
C&C Development Fund	1,285.79
Inheritance Fund	41,234.90
911 Emergency Fund	681.05
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>368.54</u>
Total	\$216,116.20

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:59 a.m. on August 27, 2020 until Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 9:30 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
September 10, 2020  
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 September 10, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Sokol, Jr. led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Niobrara Tribune 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.

The minutes of the August 27, 2020 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the addition of a motion was made by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to make a \$300,000 transfer from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund in the 2020/2021 Knox County budget to create tax relief with the taxes to be \$3,650,255.46 that is \$42,336.28 less than last year and the levy to be 0.162297, being a decrease of 0.005442 from last year.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. 2020 Nebraska Thriving Index; 2. Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice letter stating Knox County Jail is determined to be in full compliance.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann 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 \$491,481.97 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Discussion was held on deer dumpsters. Deer dumpsters will be placed at the Creighton County Yard and the Niobrara County Yard with arrangements to be made to have a deer dumpster placed possibly at the Knox County Fairgrounds at Bloomfield during the month of November. The cost will be the same as last year which was \$120 per dump. Northeast Nebraska Whitetails Unlimited Chapter made a generous donation last year and the Chapter will be contacted to see if they would be interested in participating this year. Remainder costs will be paid from the KENO Fund.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:58 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:21 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. A bid opening for repairing the CJ slide will be held on September 24, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.; 2. Oil Crew update; 3. Bridge Crew update; 4. FEMA update. Discussion was held on the funds to be received for the replacement of the Prischman bridge with a 50 foot span bridge, the Prischman bridge project may be started this year, and funds are nearing commitment for the replacement of the Walton Bridge; 5. ER Project update. Husker Engineering will begin September 14 on the south abutment rip rap project of the Pischelville bridge; 6. Discussed electrical work for the new shed at the Creighton County Yard (corrected 9-24-2020). More research will be made; 7. Equipment issues; 8. Research will be made to set a date for motorgrader bids.

Whitney Abbott with North Central District Health Department met with the Board with tobacco legislative updates pertaining to tobacco products. LB 840 that expands the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act to include electronic products goes into effect November 14 and LB 1064 goes into effect October 1, 2020 where it will be illegal to sell tobacco products including electronic nicotine delivery systems to anyone under the age of 21. The Board reviewed a report of Knox County businesses who sell tobacco and/or alcohol and the violations of selling to minors over the past four years.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of the District Court August Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Jeff Christensen with NENEDD met with the Board regarding Reuse Loan #6872425. The borrower wants to sell the business's building as they have moved to a smaller building. Knox County holds a lien on the business building and in order to sell the building and give clear title, Knox County would have to release their lien. The borrowers' other collateral will remain as is. Mr. Christensen said the borrowers are current on their payments. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve the release of lien on the business building of Reuse Loan #6872425 and to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Deed of Reconveyance. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Treasurer's Report of List of All Real Property advertised having Delinquent Taxes in February 2020 and were not sold for want of bidders at the last annual tax sale or thereafter. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the COVID -19 procedures in place in the Knox County Courthouse. The Board directed that the following procedures will remain in place: 1. The COVID-19 procedures will remain in place in the buildings of the Knox County Courthouse Complex and will be reviewed at the October 29, 2020 meeting; 2. Employees are required to wear masks into the hallways, when going into other offices and buildings on the Courthouse Complex, working directly with the public or anyplace where the public will be on the Courthouse Complex; 3. Each office head will determine their own procedures within their respective office. If the public is not allowed in the office, business will be conducted through

the transaction windows or other methods until further notice; 4. The current procedure is that COVID-19 screening of the public will be done at the front door on County Court days, Fridays, and special events; 5. Screening will be done on the top floor during District Court days; 6. Practice social distancing - No congregating in the hallways or stairs; 7. Each office is responsible for regularly disinfecting their counters/transaction windows during the day.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr. seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing Report from August 27 through September 9, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Chairman Mackeprang with an update on the NRIN tower. Discussion was held on what entities will pay the costs and what percentage of the costs, use of the Nebraska Public Power District towers, and communication needed from Creighton to Center and to Hartington. More research will be done.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into executive session at 11:22 a.m. for the protection of an individual's reputation when discussing County Burial Application #1-2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held to protect an individual's reputation when discussing County Burial Application #1-2020. The Board came out of executive session at 11:26 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 11:26 a.m. the executive session that was held on County Burial Application #1-2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve County Burial Application #1-2020 in the amount of \$1,200. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0158 John Zimmerer on a lot split of a five-acre tract in the NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 30, T29N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 11:51 a.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:45 p.m. with all members present.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:45 ~~a.m.~~ p.m. (corrected 9-24-2020) for Special Public Hearings on the 2020/2021 Knox County Budget and the setting of the 2020 Final Tax Request for Knox County.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 1:10 p.m. with all members present.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt the 2020 Knox County Budget noting that the tax request is \$3,650,255.46 being \$42,336.28 less than the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year tax request. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 19** for the Adoption and Appropriations of the 2020/2021 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**KNOX COUNTY**  
**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS**  
**RESOLUTION #2020 – 19**

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August with revisions completed on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of SUPERVISORS of Knox County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Knox County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities, and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

DATED AND PASSED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5, Chairman

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

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

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Virgil H. Miller, District #3

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James Sokol, Jr., District #4

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

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 20** setting the 2020 property tax request at \$3,650,255.46 with a levy of 0.162297 per \$100 of assessed value. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2020 - 20**  
**RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of Knox County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

**WHEREAS**, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Governing Body of Knox County, resolves that:

1. The 2020-2021 property tax request be set at \$3,650,255.46.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 3%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.164180 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Knox County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.162297 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the operating budget of Knox County will be \$23,406,382.64 (does not include \$1,100,000 for cash reserve in the General Fund), which exceeds last fiscal year's operating budget by 3%.
6. The cash reserve for the General Fund will remain at \$1,100,000.00.
7. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the Knox County Clerk on or before October 13, 2020.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
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James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Budget Cover Page and the Budget Message of the adopted 2020/2021 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2020 - 21** to make monthly transfers through the claims process from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2020 - 21**

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2020-2021 Knox County Road budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2020-2021 Knox County budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$1,520,059.63 from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, transfers through the claims process were needed from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund until the 2020-2021 budget was adopted to cover incurred expenses for July and August, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2020-12 directing the Knox County Clerk to transfer through the claims process \$94,682.45 in July, 2020 and \$94,682.45 in August, 2020, from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to cover the incurred expenses for July and August, and

WHEREAS, a remainder of \$1,330,694.73 needs to be transferred from September 2020 through June 2021 from the General Fund to the Road Fund, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2020/2021 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knox County Clerk is hereby directed to make monthly transfers through the claims process from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to be as follows: **\$133,069.50 for September 2020, and \$133,069.47 for October, November and December of 2020, and January, February, March, April, May and June of 2021.**

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2020 - 22** to transfer through the claims process \$262,488.97 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Fund to be used as a partial loan repayment (ninth repayment) for the Bloomfield South Road project with the transfer to be made during the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2020 — 22**

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approved at their February 23, 2012 meeting, a road project named "Bloomfield South" project where the County oiled road south of Bloomfield to Hwy. 59 would be milled, graded and oiled with hot-mix by Knife River Midwest, Sioux City IA, in the amount of approximately \$2.73 million, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board approved at their August 9, 2012 meeting to pay for the Bloomfield South project from the Flowage Easement Fund, as a loan to be repaid over 10 years or earlier (with possible extension to 15 years if needed) at no interest, and the repayment to be made by taxation, or if needed sometime during the repayment period, to use some funds from the Inheritance Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Flowage Easement Road Fund was created when the County of Knox sued the U.S. Corps of Engineers and received \$10,049,868 from the Court settlement to cover the expenses associated with rebuilding bridges and roads damaged by the Missouri River and its' tributaries due to sedimentation, and

WHEREAS, the funds to repay the loan to the Flowage Easement Road Fund will be collected in the General Fund and then transferred to the Flowage Easement Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, the project was completed in the 2012/2013 fiscal year with the final cost of the project being \$2,624,889.71 making a total of \$262,448.97 due each year for 10 years, and

WHEREAS, the first loan repayment in the amount of \$273,000.00 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund was made in the 2012-2013 Knox County Budget and

WHEREAS, the overpayment of the first payment was \$10,511.03 and was applied to the second payment made making the second payment of \$251,977.94 during the 2013/2014 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth loan repayments were made in 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 in the amount of \$262,488.97 each with a transfer from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, the ninth loan repayment will be in the amount of \$262,488.97 with a transfer from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund during the 2020/2021 fiscal year, and

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2020/2021 Knox County budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the **transfer of \$262,488.97 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Fund through the claims process during the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year** to be used as a partial loan repayment (ninth repayment) for the Bloomfield South Road project.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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James Sokol, Jr., District #4

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

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 23** to transfer through the claims process \$43,327.00 from the Knox County General Fund to the C & C Development Fund for the 2020/2021 Budget Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2020 - 23**

**WHEREAS**, Knox County entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with other entities in Knox County and Great Plains Communications, Inc. for the creation of the Knox County Development Agency, and  
**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Development Agency hires an executive director to operate the program so as to educate and organize promotion, encouragement, development, research, increased knowledge, appreciation and practice of economic development and to help to preserve and enhance the Knox County community's economic growth, and  
**WHEREAS**, Knox County contributes \$25,000 towards the Executive Director's salary plus benefits that includes a County-paid single health insurance policy, a County-paid single dental/vision insurance policy, a County-paid \$5,000 single life insurance policy, the County-paid retirement rate and the County's share of FICA/MEDICARE (Social Security) along with an office space, and  
**WHEREAS**, the taxes to pay Knox County's share of the Interlocal Agreement is collected in the General Fund and is to be transferred to the C & C Development Fund, and  
**WHEREAS**, the 2020/2021 Knox County budget is approved, and  
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of \$43,327.00 during the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 through the claims process from the General Fund to the C & C Development Fund to pay the following budgeted amount for the Executive Director: \$25,000 towards the Executive Director's salary, \$11,155 for the payment of the premiums of a County-paid single health insurance policy, \$547 for the payment of the premiums of a County-paid single dental/vision policy, \$72 for the payment of the premium of a County-paid \$15,000 single life insurance for the Executive Director, \$3,100 for the County-paid retirement rate and \$4,000 for the County's share of FICA/MEDICARE (Social Security).

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2020 - 24** to transfer through the claims process \$300,000 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund during the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year as tax relief. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2020 - 24**

**WHEREAS**, due to unfunded mandates, escalating prices, valuation increases, and loss of revenues, a transfer of funds from the Inheritance Fund would create a tax relief to the taxpayers of Knox County for the fiscal year 2020-2021, and

**WHEREAS**, transferring \$300,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund would create that needed tax relief, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Knox County Board of Supervisors approve the transfer of \$300,000.00 through the claims process from the Knox County Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund during the 2020/2021 fiscal year as tax relief.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2020 - 25** to transfer through the claims process \$25,468.74 from the 911 Emergency Fund (Fund 2910) to the Inheritance Fund to be used as the fourth loan repayment for the purchase of enhanced upgraded 911 equipment with the transfer to be made during in the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2020 - 25**

WHEREAS, enhanced upgraded 911 equipment was purchased for to provide safety and emergency assistance to the public of Knox County and Knox County Law Enforcement in the estimated amount of \$181,919.56 more or less, and

WHEREAS, the 911 Emergency Fund was not be able to cover the full cost due to less revenue because of more people using cellphones instead of landline phones, and

WHEREAS, the funds are being paid out of the Inheritance Fund to be repaid by the 911 Emergency Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office benefits from the new 911 equipment so at the Special Budget meeting held on August 19, 2015 the Knox County Board of Supervisors designated that 30% of the loan for the new enhanced upgraded 911 equipment be repaid from the County Sheriff's Budget within the General Fund over a period of time with the total of \$54,575.87, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office did pay their last payment in the 2018/2019 budget, and

WHEREAS, the remainder amount due is \$50,937.47 to be re-paid over a period of time from the 911 Emergency Fund to the Inheritance Fund, and

WHEREAS, so far three re-payments have been transferred from the 911 Emergency Fund to the Inheritance Fund on this loan in the amount of \$25,468.74 in September 2017, \$25,468.74 in September 2018, and \$25,468.74 in September 2019, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2020/2021 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of \$25,468.74 from the 911 Emergency Fund (Fund 2910) to the Inheritance Fund through the claims process during the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year to be used as the fourth loan repayment from the 911 Emergency Fund for the purchase of enhanced upgraded 911 equipment.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
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James Sokol, Jr., District #4

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

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 26** to transfer through the claims process \$7,055.42 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund during the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year to comply with Public Service Commission requirements. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2020 - 26**

WHEREAS, the Knox County 911 Wireless Service Fund was created in the 2009-2010 budget, and

WHEREAS, funds received were from the Nebraska Public Service Commission, and

WHEREAS, a portion of the funds received were to be set aside and not to be used unless approved by the Advisory Board and the Public Service Commission, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that wireless funds cannot be co-mingled with any other funding source, and

WHEREAS, the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund was created in the 2020/2021 budget to be in compliance with Public Service Commission requirements, and

WHEREAS, there was \$7,055.42 in the 911 Wireless Service Fund that accumulated during the 2019/2020 fiscal year, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2020/2021 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the **transfer of \$7,055.42 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund during the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year.**

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

### **KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5, Chairman

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

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

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

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

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 172,429.82; Accredited Security, deputy equipment, 1,098.75; Amy Johnson, mileage, 70.15; Applied Connective Technologies, program/computers, 5,816.62; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 43.00; Clerk of District Court, filing fee, 141.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,212.20; Connie J. Janecek, prior service, 15.00; Country Market, meals, 58.69; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,775.00; Creighton 59 LLC, mower gas, 19.24; Creston Fertilizer Co., weed chemicals, 940.94; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 518.29; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies/copier agreement, 299.48; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 228.00; First Trinity Lutheran Church, rent, 150.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,576.75; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 1,056.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; JoAnn Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Karen K. Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Knox County Court, cases bound over, 269.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 159.99; KV Electric LLC, light/door repairs, 946.15; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 260.15; Liz Doerr, mileage, 21.28; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Mary Ketelsen, mileage, 64.40; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 249.55; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 674.33; Mobile Binders, repair books/new binders, 2,959.78; Moody Motor Company Inc., repairs, 2,785.34; N&B Gas Company, propane, 329.30; Nebraska County Assessors Association, dues, 50.00; NetCom Inc., antenna/radio Lindy tower, 1,940.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,446.83; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 224.17; Postmaster, postage/permit fee, 243.10; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,577.04; Quill Corp., office supplies, 63.96; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly bill, 6,680.00; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,571.87; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Steven Banks, workshop registration, 15.00; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; Thomsen Reuters-West, law book, 429.00; Top Quality Glove, gloves, 121.94; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 162.93; US Cellular, cell phones, 235.03; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 580.50; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 494.40.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 67,394.64; Backus Sand & Gravel, bank run, 1,200.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 121.12; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 505.27; Bonnie Jennings, clay, 450.00; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, ash gro, 2,515.03; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 146.79; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,099.84; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 11,900.00; David L. Bauer, prior service, 36.00; Dollar General, shop

supplies, 27.50; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,733.10; Great Plains Communications, phone, 596.95; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repairs, 315.81; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/seed oat, 3,025.83; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 3,730.00; J&K Auto, gas, 30.50; James Carlson, sand, 1,500.00; Jebro Inc., road oil, 27,444.06; Kent Hamilton, CDL renewal, 63.50; Key Sanitation, garbage, 120.00; L.G. Everist Inc., rock, 2,392.84; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 976.49; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Marcel Kramer, clay, 450.00; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel, 525.10; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 48.10; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 266.50; Pam Kotrous, clay, 240.00; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 42.92; Plumbing & Electric Service Inc., equipment rental, 6,869.75; Powerplan, repairs, 4,902.30; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 775.80; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,392.88; Roger Lemke, clay, 450.00; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 212.60; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 377.48; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 8,675.63; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.31; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., steel posts, 22.95; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., sand, 1,000.00.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 64.45; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 65.30.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.95; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Salaries, 966.31.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 267.29.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,041.67; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 224.63; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 850.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 11.29; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.95; Lincoln National Life ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; NETA, dues, 150.00; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 16.32; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 205.31; US Cellular, cell phone, 143.73.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Elite Court Reporting, court reporter, 314.98; KEA Constructors LLC, 11<sup>th</sup> payment Ray Stark bridge, 51,728.63; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.46; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 139.38; Three River Telco, phone, 28.78.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 2,715.97; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 532.43; Three River Telco, phone, 192.63.

TOTALS	
General Fund	266,432.32
Road Fund	160,887.87
Flowage Easement Road Fund	129.75
Child Support Fund	257.88
Visitor's Promo Fund	966.31
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	322.29
C&C Development Fund	4,742.96
Inheritance Fund	54,126.94
911 Emergency Fund	174.62
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>3,441.03</u>
Total	\$491,481.97

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:15 p.m. on September 10, 2020 until Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 9:30 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
September 24, 2020  
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom in the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of September 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Chairman Mackeprang led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of the 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.

The minutes of the September 10, 2020 meeting were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that more research will be made for electrical work at the new shed at the Creighton County Yard and that the Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened after lunch at 12:45 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska 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 \$1,147,832.44 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Sheriff Henery asked the Board to consider making deer dumpsters available from mid-October through mid-December, 2020. County Clerk Fischer contacted Key Sanitation and they agreed to place a dumpster at the Niobrara County Yard, at the Creighton County Yard and at the north end of the Knox County Fairgrounds located at Bloomfield from October 14 through December 16, 2020.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:01 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:15 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Chairman Mackeprang signed a contract with Husker Engineering, Inc. of Burwell NE for the Verdel Southwest Bank Stabilization, ER-BS-10920 project. The Board accepted Husker Engineering, Inc.'s bid of \$59,110 at the August 27, 2020 meeting; 2. ER project updates; 3. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 27** directing Highway Superintendent Kevin Barta to conduct a study for the vacation and abandonment of Bass Drive adjoining Lots 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 in Block A, Lazy River Acres Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2020 – 27**

WHEREAS the Raymond Township Board has requested to vacate and abandon platted Bass Drive in the Lazy River Acres subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, described as follows:

Bass Drive adjoining Lots 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 in Block A located in Lazy River Acres, a platted subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and

WHEREAS the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of closing 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 platted Bass Drive in the Lazy River Acres subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska as described above.

Passed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5, Chairman

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

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

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

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: 4. Oil Crew update; 5. Bridge Crew update; 6. Discussed motorgraders, bid options, design options, and testing a demo machine; 7. There will be a meeting on September 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Niobrara State Road Yard regarding the Highway 12 East and West project and representatives of many entities will be present.

At 10:34 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised bid opening on the proposal for the CJ Slide Stabilization C54(962) project. The Knox County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any irregularities in bids received. Award of the Contract will be in accordance with the County Purchasing Act's competitive bidding considerations as set forth in Nebr. Rev. Stat. §23-3114. Bids received were: **High Plains Enterprises, Martell NE** - \$233,326.50, start date October 5-12, 2020 end date November 30, 2020; **W. Theisen Grading & Equipment Co., Norfolk NE** - \$314,221.26, start date October 16, 2020 end date November 3, 2020; **Circle A Construction, Sergeant Bluff IA** - \$189,160.50, start date October 1, 2020 end date November 30, 2020; **A & R Construction Co., Plainview NE** - \$265,616.86, start date November 1, 2020 end date December 21, 2020. Hwy. Supt. Barta and Engineer Mark Mainelli took the bids to review.

The Board took a ten-minute break at 10:39 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue Report from September 10 through September 23, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2019/2020 audit draft. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Board Representation letter addressed to the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts for the 2019/2020 Knox County audit. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the recent Presidential executive order for a temporary suspension of the 6.2% Social Security tax that employees cover from September 1 through December 31, 2020. This suspension is only a delay and the employee would have to make up the payments between January 1 and April 1, 2021. Employers have the opportunity to not offer the suspension to employees. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to not participate in the employee deferral of the 6.2% Social Security tax from September 1 through December 31, 2020 as set out in an executive order by President Donald Trump. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the August Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Emergency Manager Hintz who had received information from AT&T who has contracted for a cell phone system with data and wifi. The company sent two free phones for testing to see if there would be coverage in the county. Emergency Manager Hintz and Supr. Liska will test the phones and service.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Sheriff Henery on the following: 1. Testing of mobile and hand-held radios that are available for installation costs only; 2. Sheriff Henery and Senator Gragert have been discussing possible legislation to license ATVs similar to snow mobiles with a proposal to cover counties with a population of 35,000 or less. More research and discussion will be held on the suggested legislation; 3. Recovery of stolen property out of South Dakota.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Chairman Mackeprang on the NRIN tower. More options are being discussed with NRIN.

Hwy. Supt. Barta and Engineer Mainelli returned to the meeting with the CJ Slide Stabilization C54(962) project bids. After a discussion, motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to accept the low bid of **Circle A Construction, Sergeant Bluff IA** in the amount of \$189,160.50 for the CJ Slide Stabilization C54(962) project with a start date of October 1, 2020 and an end date of November 30, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Extension Educator Hanefeldt met with the Board for the appointment of Sharla Hanzlik of Niobrara to the Knox County Extension Board. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to appoint Sharla Hanzlik of Niobrara to the Knox County Extension Board for a three-year term. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND.** Antelope County Sheriff Department, house inmate, 200.00; Applied Connective Technologies, program/email setup, 991.50; Black Hills Ammunition, ammo, 709.00; Bloomfield Auto Parts, oil stabilizer, 31.28; Bomgaars, supplies, 47.86; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 273.46; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage/envelopes, 4,388.98; Goglin Funeral Home & Legacy Crematory, county burial, 1,200.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer of funds, 438,885.47; Monroe Systems, toner/calculators, 759.01; Nebraska Dept. of Revenue PAD, class registrations, 900.00; NE Nebraska Assessor's Association, dues, 25.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,087.42; R & K motor Parts, repairs, 361.18; Rebecca McCracken, bill of exception, 47.30; Reserve Account, postage, 5,000.00; Secretary of State Elections Division, voter registration forms, 20.00; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 35.00.

**ROAD FUND.** B's Enterprises Inc., signs/asphalt patch, 2,727.20; Barry Tyler Trucking, equipment rental, 3,430.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 68.35; Bloomfield Auto Parts, antifreeze/repairs, 123.25; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 454.24; Brody Chemical, shop supplies, 139.24; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 83.57; CHS Wausa, diesel, 747.51; CHS, propane, 136.29; City of Bloomfield, concrete, 11,200.00; C-Mart, gas, 175.68; C-Mart LLC, gas, 660.89; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 469.05; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 46.70; Farmer's Pride, diesel/antifreeze, 1,800.96; First National Bank Omaha, cell phone case, 96.90; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 70.71; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,750.28; Jebro Inc., road oil, 88,161.19; Jedlicka's Hardware hank, shop supplies/repairs, 50.92; Larry Moeller, sand, 1,200.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 4,159.54; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 168.78; People's Grocery, shop supplies, 29.57; R & K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/oil/supplies, 447.51; Russ

Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schreier Lumber, concrete, 1,296.00; TB & K Construction Inc., equipment rental, 4,522.00; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 4,144.61; Verdigre Farm Service, gas/fluids/tire repair/repairs/seed, 2,826.79; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tire repair/shop supplies, 429.69; Village of Center, water/sewer, 25.50; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel, 13,500.64; ZimMetal & Welding LLC, repairs, 439.60.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** High Plains Enterprises, equipment rental, 169,551.52; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 26,720.60; Rutjens Construction, equipment rental, 35,662.16

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Knox County Treasurer, transfer to general fund, 300,000.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 13,184.66.

TOTALS	
General Fund	455,084.34
Road Fund	147,629.16
Flowage Easement Road Fund	231,934.28
Inheritance Fund	<u>313,184.66</u>
Total	1,147,832.44

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:19 a.m. on September 24, 2020 until Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 9:30 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

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
October 8, 2020  
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 October 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

County Clerk Fischer led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Niobrara Tribune 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.

The minutes of the September 24, 2020 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann 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 \$733,446.88 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:59 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Update on EWP projects; 2. Discussed Knox/Antelope County Line Bridge near Ash Falls. FEMA will obligate \$138,000 to repair one approach. The Antelope County Board said the bridge needs to be replaced. Discussion was held on replacement costs to both counties, size of bridge, not a heavily traveled road and there are two more bridges that need to be replaced in the area. The Knox County Board of Supervisors' response to the Antelope County Board is to fix the approach as they do not want to spend the estimated Knox County share on the bridge at this time; 3. Bridge Crew update; 4. CJ Slide update; 5. Cedar/Knox County Line Bridge update; 6. Seth and Lisa Harder met with the Board regarding the right of way across on Lots 21-23 in Bon Homme Subdivision. The Harders purchased Lots 16 – 23 and found out about the right of way after they received a title insurance policy. Discussion was held on options to vacate the old right of way, the Harders could contact the Nebraska Department of Roads, and the State possibly could deed over the lots in question; 7. County Attorney Thomas and the Board discussed the Rec Road slide, the agreement for cost split on that road, danger to the public so something needs to be done, and County Attorney Thomas to draft a letter to the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation; 8. Bridge inspections update; 9. Ray Stark Bridge update; 10. Work being done on the gravel road north of Center; 11. ER project update.

Extension Educator Megan Hanefeldt and Extension Board President Holly Wortmann met with the Board on a possible restructuring of the Center Extension Office. Knox County currently has 377 youth enrolled in the Knox County 4-H program and is ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the State of Nebraska. Discussion was held on encouraging our youth to return to the County and projects that help the members in college. One office staff member is retiring December 31 and discussion ensued on possibly having a 4-H Assistant who would be an employee of the University of Nebraska, the County contributing the funds for wages and benefits, the Assistant would be required to have a Bachelor's Degree, hiring procedures, the Assistant would have an opportunity to further their education with tuition assistance through the University, and that the remaining person who has worked in the office part-time for over 30 years would go to full time status. The matter was tabled to the October 29, 2020 meeting.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the September Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0160 Scott Fiedler for a zoning lot combination of Lots 607, 608 and 609 in Hideaway Acres 6<sup>th</sup> Addition. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0162 Alan Poppe for a lot split of a 5-acre tract in the S1/2SW1/4 of Section 19, T32N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. The next Planning Commission meeting will be October 13, 2020; 5. Lewis and Clark NRD is working on remapping the flood plains.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Revenue Receipts List for September 24, 2020 to October 7, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a tort claim submitted by Paul Rosberg. No action was taken.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the 2019/2020 Audit Report of Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of District Court October Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected between July 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2021 Knox County Spelling Bee. Due to concerns of social distancing in the Knox County Courtroom, the Knox County school superintendents will be asked if one of their schools would hold the spelling bee in their school.

The last meeting in November was moved to Tuesday, November 24, 2020 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Discussion was held on the COVID 19 procedures in the Courthouse. It is recommended the public wear masks and the employees are required to wear masks when going into the hallway, into the public, into other offices or to other buildings in the Courthouse Complex. Also discussed was what should be done at the front door on Fridays and for County Court. The Board directed that the County Court office to be in charge of COVID procedures on the top floor on their respective court dates. Loren Hintz had assisted Emergency Manager Hintz on three Fridays and has presented a claim for payment of his time. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve a claim submitted by Loren Hintz in the amount of \$292.50 for COVID screening on September 11, 18 and 25, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4 and #5. Nays Districts #2, #6 and #7. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang will man the front door on Fridays and the matter will be revisited at the October 29, 2020 meeting.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 12:37 p.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when reviewing General Assistance Application #1-2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when reviewing General Assistance Application #1-2020. The Board came out of executive session at 12:47 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to close the executive session at 12:47 p.m. that was held for the review of General Assistance Application #1-2020.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to deny General Assistance Application #1-2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items nor on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 171,039.22; Bloomfield Bakery, jury rolls, 24.00; Bomgaars, shop towel, 10.99; Brian J. Peters, juror mileage, 34.50; CenturyLink, long distance, 116.39; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 46.50; Clerk of District Court, filing fee, 98.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,102.79; Country Cafe, jury meals, 300.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 78.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Debra Allemann-Dannelly, mileage, 108.99; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 221.95; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 216.00; Election Systems & Software LLC, print & code ballots, 4,105.50; Fire Protection Services LLC, fire alarm inspection, 600.00; Grafix Shoppe, graphics for vehicle, 246.94; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,533.99; Heartland Energy Management, quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board/jury meals, 1,516.75; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Independent Pest Management LLC, pest control, 35.00; Jennifer Doerr, juror mileage, 38.55; Jimmy Dean's Lounge, jury supplies, 80.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 205.05; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 260.15; Liz Doerr, mileage, 54.05; Loffler, copier agreement, 244.20; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 1,621.90; MIPS, final scanning, 206.30; Monica Rotherham, mileage, 27.60; Monroe Systems, calculator ribbons, 58.53; Nebraska Weed Control Association, registration, 120.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,096.23; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 95.73; NPZA, registration, 20.00; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 300.00; Platte Valley Communications Inc., repeater repairs, 12,519.48; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,577.04; Quill Corp., office supplies, 763.29; R&K Motor parts, repairs, 664.40; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,495.59; Rita Olberding, substitute bailiff, 607.05; September 2020 District Court Jury, jury fees, 6,622.21; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, sprinkler repair, 198.31; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 191.33; US Cellular, cell phones, 236.44; Verdigre Eagle, subscription, 33.00; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 18.00; Vickie Prince, mileage, 69.00; Village of Center, hall rent, 200.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 69,178.41; Red Mini Mart, gas, 53.00; Bomgaars, shop supplies/shop tools/cement/seed/sunshades, 1,598.67; CHS Wausa, diesel, 1,172.00; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 131.15; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,236.33; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 11,900.00; Dollar General, shop supplies, 11.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 4,689.26; Frevert Excavating LLC, equipment rental, 1,567.50; Gerhold Concrete Company Inc., concrete, 3,515.25; Great Plains Communications, phone, 589.75; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repairs/filters, 462.45; Jebro Inc., road oil, 32,552.30; Kayton International, equipment rental, 2,000.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 673.24; Largen Manufacturing Co., repairs, 45.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., repairs, 60.65; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 48.69; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 312.09; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 775.80; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/oil, 578.90; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,513.27; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 165.78; State of Nebraska Motor fuel Division, diesel tax, 2,911.00; Sucha Repair, filters, 11.13; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 440.38; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 45,490.07; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.75; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 100.34.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** High Plains Enterprises, equipment rental, 220,753.70; Vakoc Excavating LLC, equipment rental, 4,205.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 7.27; Gayle Krohn, jury supplies, 59.93; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.95; Horstmann Construction, witness stand cage, 445.50; Matthew R. Fischer, jury supplies, 95.27; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; One Office Solution, name badges, 43.31.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Salaries, 1,129.63.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 267.29.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 105.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,041.67; CenturyLink, long distance, 7.27; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 224.63; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 850.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 11.29; First National Bank Omaha, equip/phone/postage/travel/dues, 373.93; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.95; Kelly Hanvey, meals, 55.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, Retirement County pays, 205.31; Stacy Miller, meals, 13.00; US Cellular, cell phone, 151.72.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, court appointed attorney, 4,420.71; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.67; CenturyLink, phone, 55.07; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 139.38; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to inheritance fund, 25,468.74; Three River Telco, phone, 28.78.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 2,518.44; CenturyLink, phone, 368.54; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 532.43; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to 911 wireless holding, 7,055.42; Three River Telco, phone, 192.63.

TOTALS	
General Fund	267,045.36
Road Fund	190,981.40
Flowage Easement Road Fund	224,958.70
Child Support Fund	783.23
Visitor's Promo Fund	1,129.63
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	322.29
Economic Development Fund	105.00
C&C Development Fund	5,033.83
Inheritance Fund	6,504.04
911 Emergency Fund	25,698.64
911 Wireless Service Fund	10,667.46
Total	\$733,446.88

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:59 p.m. on October 8, 2020 until Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 9:30 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
October 29, 2020  
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 October 29, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. O'Connor led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Wausa Gazette 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.

The minutes of the October 8, 2020 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. 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 \$448,710.93 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:53 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:21 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. The report of County Highway Superintendent Barta in regard to the vacation and abandonment of Bass Drive adjoining Lots 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 in Block A located in Lazy River Acres was brought before the Board. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the report of Knox County Highway Superintendent Barta for the vacation and abandonment of Bass Drive adjoining Lots 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 in Block A located in Lazy River Acres, a platted subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Mary Snowdon was present and voiced her concern of the vacation/abandonment of Bass Drive as many people may turn around on their property. Hwy. Supt. Barta said that the people are already turning around now on their property. Mrs. Snowdon said they are having their property surveyed so it can be taken out of the subdivision, and they may have to put up a barbed wire fence or something to block the people from turning around on their property. After discussion, motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to table setting the hearing on the vacation/abandonment of Bass Drive adjoining Lots 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 in Block A located in Lazy River Acres until completion of a survey in that area. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Hwy. Supt. Barta applied for NIRMA ASSIST grants for barricade lights and high visibility sweatshirts with hoods; 3. CJ Slide update; 4. Lazy River Acres road update. The Board reviewed a letter submitted by Bruce Curtiss. Supr. Liska said that the Corps of Engineers is doing a feasibility study of the area; 5. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 28** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the environmental services Supplemental Agreement No. 1 between Knox County and HDR Engineering Inc. on Project BRO-7054(22), Control #32313 (Center West) bridge project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTION ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – BK1948 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1

KNOX COUNTY  
Resolution No. 2020 – 28

**Whereas:** Knox County and HDR Engineering, Inc. have previously executed an environmental services agreement for a transportation project for which the Local Public Agency (LPA) would like to obtain Federal funds;

**Whereas:** Knox County understands that it must continue to strictly follow all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of this Federal-aid project; and

**Whereas:** Knox County and HDR Engineering, Inc. wish to enter into a supplemental environmental services agreement setting out modifications and/or additional duties and/or funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

**Be it Resolved:** by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska that:

Kevin Mackeprang, Chair of the Knox County Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized to sign the attached environmental services Supplemental Agreement No. 1 between Knox County and HDR Engineering, Inc.

Knox County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement and any Supplemental Project Agreements.

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7054(22)

NDOT Control Number: 32313

NDOT Project Description: Center West

Kevin Mackeprang /s/  
Patrick J. Liska /s/

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James Sokol, Jr. /s/

Board/Council Member Supr. Sokol, Jr.  
Moved the adoption of said resolution.  
Member Supr. Borgmann Seconded the Motion  
Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent  
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as

Attest: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
adopted.  
County Clerk

6. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 29** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Preliminary Engineering Services Supplemental Agreement No. 1 between Knox County and Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. on Project BRO-7054(22), Control #32313 (Center West) bridge project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**  
**PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT – BK1942**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1**

**KNOX COUNTY**  
**Resolution No. 2020 – 29**

**Whereas:** Knox County and Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. have previously executed a preliminary engineering services agreement for a transportation project for which the Local Public Agency (LPA) would like to obtain Federal funds;

**Whereas:** Knox County understands that it must continue to strictly follow all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of this Federal-aid project; and

**Whereas:** Knox County and Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. wish to enter into a supplemental preliminary engineering services agreement setting out modifications and/or additional duties and/or funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

**Be it Resolved:** by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska that:

Kevin Mackeprang, Chair of the Knox County Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized to sign the attached preliminary engineering services Supplemental Agreement No. 1 between Knox County and Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc.

Knox County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement and any Supplemental Project Agreements.

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7054(22)

NDOT Control Number: 32313

NDOT Project Description: Center West

Kevin Mackeprang /s/  
Patrick J. Liska /s/

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James Sokol, Jr. /s/

Board/Council Member Supr. Liska  
Moved the adoption of said resolution.  
Member Supr. Schlote Seconded the Motion  
Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent  
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Attest: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
County Clerk

Sandy Stockholm representing the Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition (MSAC) met with the Board regarding the commitment the Board made previously for \$5,000 to MSAC toward development of a Sediment Management Plan (SMP) with other stakeholders and the anticipated Federal cost share partner, the US Army Corps of Engineers. With Phase 2, MSAC will allocate 38% of Knox County's cost share of \$5,000 or a total of \$1,900 and Phase 3 would be 62% of the \$5,000 for a total of \$3,100. At this time, Phase 2 will be worked on. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to commit to the Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition 38% of Knox County's committed total amount of \$5,000 being \$1,900 for Phase 2 of the Sediment Management Plan and Chairman Mackeprang was authorized to sign a Memorandum of Agreement Between Knox County (NE) and the Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition, noting that Phase 3 will be worked on at a later date. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Nick Antrobus with Colonial Life Insurance presented information about what the company could offer to employees on a voluntary basis. No action was taken.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 7. Discussed advertising for bids for electrical wiring for the new shed at the Creighton Yard. Sealed electrical bids will be opened at the November 24, 2020 meeting; 8. Discussed new

truck at Niobrara Yard; 9. Update on Cedar/Knox County Line Bridge; 10. Center line striping has been done on over fifty miles of county oil roads. Also discussed costs to paint white lines on county oil roads; 11. Discussed Center West bridge; 12. Discussed the process of purchasing equipment through the SourceWell program that is a Federal group that uses Federal prices, so no bids are needed. Ken Beaudette with Murphy Tractor presented information on a new John Deere Super 772G motorgrader. Trade in would be a 1994 Caterpillar maintainer. Specifications for the new machine were compared to past purchases of John Deere motorgraders. Discussed boosted horsepower, warranty, Premium Circle add-ons at a cost of \$9,500, the discounts through the SourceWell program and the request by the operator to have the capability to open the lower windows. Hwy. Supt. Barta presented the SourceWell program to County Attorney Thomas who approved use of the program. After further discussion, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to accept the quote from Murphy Tractor through the SourceWell program for a new John Deere Super 772G motorgrader with an extended warranty in the amount of \$319,000 plus \$9,500 for the Premium Circle package and to trade in a used 1994 Caterpillar motorgrader with the trade allowance of \$53,000, making the cost of the new machine \$275,500. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Jean Mackey met with the Board on renewal of the prisoner food contract between Knox County and The Hideout Bar and Grill. Sheriff Henery said the plan has been going smoothly and noted that as per jail standards, the meal plans need to be reviewed by a licensed dietitian. Mrs. Mackey will check with the Avera Creighton Hospital dietitian on the procedure and costs. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to extend the prisoner food contract with Jean and Jim Mackey dba The Hideout Bar and Grill until the next meeting that will be November 12, 2020 to review researched costs of dietitian-reviewed meal plans and inflation costs. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:49 p.m. with all members present.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into executive session at 12:49 p.m. so as to protect the reputation of individuals when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of individuals when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 1:04 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 1:04 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Hanvey met with the Board on a request by the Niobrara State Park Superintendent for a dumpster for duck hunters. Key Sanitation will supply one with similar costs to the deer dumpsters. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to provide a dumpster through Key Sanitation at the Niobrara State Park during duck season into January 2021 with the cost to be \$40 delivery fee plus \$50 per dump with the fees to be paid from the KENO Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Extension Educator Megan Hanefeldt and Extension Board President Holly Wortmann met with the Board regarding restructuring of the Extension Office. There are currently two County-paid part-time office staff working in the Knox County Extension Office and one will be retiring the end of December 2020. Discussion ensued on 377 traditional 4-H members in Knox County and the need to have a 4-H Assistant who can work with the traditional members and non-traditional youth such as in schools, youth development programs, etc.; the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension would provide a 1.0 FTE Extension Assistant whose responsibilities would include planning, coordinating, managing and evaluating the day-to-day tasks associated with conducting the 4-H program; the assistant would be a contract employee of the University with Knox County reimbursing the University for wages and benefits; the assistant would report to Educator Hanefeldt who would also evaluate the person and provide that information to the Knox County Extension Board; the County would only pay for hours worked and would be billed quarterly; the amount of the agreement, to begin on the hire date, will be determined by the minimum annual salary for the Extension Assistant as set by the University of Nebraska Board of Regents in the amount of approximately \$35,816 at this time plus the County would pay the benefit cost of approximately \$17,000; no anticipated wage increase at this time as there is a wage-freeze at the University level; and the remaining part-time office staff would go to full-time starting January 1, 2021. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve a 4-H Extension Assistant through the University of Nebraska as per the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Division and Knox County Supplement to the Interlocal Agreement, the assistant to be a contract employee of the University, Knox County to reimburse the University of Nebraska for the hours worked by the assistant that would be approximately \$35,816 annually, Knox County to reimburse the University of Nebraska for the assistant's benefit package that would be approximately 50% of the annual wage, and long-time office employee Amy Johnson will remain part-time until January 1, 2021 when she will changed to full-time status. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Revenue Receipts List from October 8 to October 28, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 30** as an Amendment and Addendum to NIRMA/NIRMA II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements and extending Knox County's commitment to participating in NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2020 – 30  
FOR AMENDMENT AND ADDENDUM TO  
NIRMA/NIRMA II INTERGOVERNMENTAL/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, Knox County has previously entered into Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements with various other Nebraska Counties and other public agencies to form and participate in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association II (NIRMA II) as authorized by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4301 et seq.) and the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-801et seq.); and

**WHEREAS**, Counties and other Public Agencies as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4303 are allowed to participate in said cooperative undertakings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has found that proper risk management requires the spreading of risk so as to minimize fluctuation in insurance needs and that benefits can be derived through the pooling of insurance purchasing by local government, and

**WHEREAS**, NIRMA and NIRMA II have provided coverages to the County in a cost effective way which meet and exceed that provided by standard insurance carriers; and

**WHEREAS**, NIRMA and NIRMA II provide risk management services such as loss prevention, safety, audits, claims and litigation management, and coverages tailored to address loss exposures counties and other related public entities face not economically available from other sources; and

**WHEREAS**, these coverages and risk management services are essential for the continued effective and efficient use of county taxpayer dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements will expire on June 30, 2021, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Knox County Board hereby:

1. Extends its commitment to participate in NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024; and
2. Declares that the Resolution shall serve as an amendment and addendum to the previous Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements entered into by the County Board, said Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements readopted by and incorporated herein by this reference as amended.

After motion duly made by member Supr. Sokol, Jr. and seconded by member Supr. Miller, the following members voted by roll call vote in favor of passage and adoption of said Resolution: Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7.

The following members voted against the same: None

The following members were absent or not voting: None

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/

County Clerk

Knox County Board

By: Kevin Mackeprang /s/

Chairperson/Presiding Officer

County Clerk Fischer updated the Board on a Special Designated License that she approved for The Hideout Bar & Grill for an event at The Barn (God's Country) on November 7, 2020. The Application Form 200 was due to the Liquor Control Commission prior to the Board meeting so as it was a special circumstance, County Clerk Fischer had the authority to allow or disallow the application.

The Board discussed the COVID 19 procedures in place at this time and no changes were made.

The Board had instructed County Clerk Fischer to send emails to the County school superintendents to ask if their respective schools would consider holding the 2021 Knox County Spelling Bee as there was concern of social distancing availability in the Knox County Courtroom. County Clerk Fischer said Superintendent Margaret Sandoz at the Niobrara Public School responded and said they would hold the County Spelling Bee. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to hold the 2021 Knox County Spelling Bee at the Niobrara Public School Gymnasium on February 17, 2021 and thanked Niobrara School Superintendent Margaret Sandoz for the offer to use their facilities. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board on the following: 1. It is time for the annual job evaluation of Emergency Manager Hintz and a copy of last year's appraisal was handed out to the Board; 2. Update is needed on the Local Emergency Operations Plan. A committee was formed to discuss hazardous material storage and transportation of hazardous materials through communities and counties; 3. Discussed updating the Hazard Mitigation Plans; 4. Knox, Pierce and Holt Counties are now in the "orange" zone for recent increases in COVID-19 cases.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board via telephone conference: 1. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0159 Dan Wamberg for a zoning lot combination of Lots 15 and 16 in Grandview Estates Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0161 Dean and Stephanie Stueckrath for correcting a boundary adjustment because of a fence line on the W1/2W1/2NE1/4 of Section 7, T30N, R3W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0163 Lou Wiltse for a zoning lot combination of Lots 378 and 379, Block 2, Devils Nest Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0164 Don and Jolene Wisnieski on a boundary adjustment of Outlot 45, Hideaway Acres Outlots. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve

Administrative Plat Application #P0165 Carolyn Mass for a zoning lot combination of Lots 1, 2 and parts of Lots 3 and 4, Block D, Lazy River Acres Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 6. Discussed costs of updating the regulations. Consultant Keith Marvin has been working on the comprehensive plan updates and is ready to begin the lake area updates. Supr. O'Connor said that a committee should be formed comprised of a Planning Commission member, the Zoning Administrator, the County Assessor, and he so they could review the lake area regulations with Consultant Marvin via Zoom before continuing. Further discussion was held on campgrounds as some do not have authority to allow people to install decks and/or awnings on their campers that are parked in the areas for extended times, possible setbacks in the campgrounds, licensing of the campers, enforcement, and the need to begin the review of the campground regulations now.

There was no public comment on agenda items. Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. Sokol, Jr. who recently attend a Northeast RC&D meeting.

The Board made a quarterly visit to the Knox County Jail as per Neb. Rev. Stat. §47-109.

**GENERAL FUND.** Antelope County Sheriff Department, house inmate/service fees, 286.00; Applied Connective Technologies, program, 470.00; Bomgaars, supplies, 279.96; Cathy Stark, mileage, 184.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 122.30; Clerk of the Supreme Court, filing fees, 176.00; C-Mart LLC, gas, 65.04; Creston Fertilizer Co. Inc., weed spray, 1,997.80; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 1,388.63; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 65.25; Denise Burman, mileage, 29.90; Dollar General, supplies, 86.95; Doug DeShazer, meeting/mileage, 59.50; Eakes Office Solutions, office supplies/copier agreement, 222.22; Election Systems & Software, election program, 7,661.35; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 3,230.58; Grafix Shoppe, graphics, 248.41; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 52.60; Hagge Glass, replace door glass, 448.70; Hefner Hardware, janitor supplies, 27.54; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 43.40; Joann M. Fischer, reimb. title/license, 15.00; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.53; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 170.04; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 133,069.47; Loren Hintz, covid screening, 292.50; LTL holdings, jury food, 20.00; MIPS, postage for tax statements, 112.43; NACO, dues, 450.00; Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, audit, 14,471.72; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 1,414.52; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 544.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 310.41; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/envelopes, 825.25; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 379.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Ag & Industrial Equipment, building repair, 595.76; Avera Medical Group, DOT exam, 150.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 5,242.10; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 5,301.20; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 69.58; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 194.07; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 488.28; Bomgaars, shop supplies/ice melt, 2,487.77; Brian Sandoz, CDL renewal, 6350; Brody Chemical, shop supplies/tar remover, 2,349.35; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 82.95; C-Mart LLC, gas, 434.03; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 706.20; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 186.50; David Huigens, CDL renewal, 59.50; First National Bank Omaha, repairs/sweatshirts, 1,934.30; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 825.00; Gragert's Grocery, shop supplies, 13.16; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,044.40; Jebro Inc., road oil, 27,721.79; Joel Suhr, dirt/clay, 165.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 187.80; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., oxygen/acetylene, 406.96; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 214.22; NMC Exchange LLC, repairs, 185.60; Powerplan, repairs, 2,807.12; PHP Company Pump Hook & Placement; equipment rental, 606.50; Rohrer Welding, shop supplies, 104.75; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schreier Lumber, concrete/shop supplies, 62.40; Straight-Line Striping Inc., centerline striping, 20,882.40; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 19.98; Verdigre Farm Service, gas/fluids/tire repair/gloves, 2,242.62; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tire repair, 1,174.80; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 153.80; Weldon Parts Inc., repairs, 394.47; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 43,368.25.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Western engineering Co., Bloomfield north overlay, 145,965.22.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, computer, 1,219.50, CenturyLink, long distance, 7.65; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, computer, 1,689.00, CenturyLink, long distance, 7.65; First National Bank Omaha, postage/travel/youth programs, 685.11; Stacy Miller, travel/meals, 153.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 61.69; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, court appointed attorney, 4,247.65; Northeast Nebraska News, publishing, 64.41.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 55.36.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 370.47.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	169,830.88
Road Fund	124,010.11
Flowage Easement Road Fund	145,965.22
Child Support Fund	1,353.08
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
C&C Development Fund	2,534.76
Inheritance Fund	4,373.75
911 Emergency Fund	55.36
911 Wireless Service Fund	370.47
Total	<u>\$448,710.93</u>



Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:20 p.m. on October 29, 2020 until Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 9:30 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
November 12, 2020  
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 November 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supervisor Virgil H. Miller District #3. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

Supervisor Sokol, Jr. led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Niobrara Tribune 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.

The minutes of the October 29, 2020 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1 #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$489,052.18 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:00 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:12 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Jason Muhle with KEA Contractors met with the Board regarding the workdays on the Ray Stark bridge project. The company went over the contracted workdays by twenty days with a cost according to the agreement of \$300 per day for a total of \$6,000 of liquidated damages. Hwy. Supt. Barta said that the final payment is due and needs to be adjusted because of the twenty days liquidated damages. Mr. Muhle said that they started the project early in March but there was idle time while waiting for the girders to be built. There was a delay in the girders being built because of the COVID-19 issues at the plant, and once the girders were made, there was a thirty-day wait period before they can be used plus his own crew had COVID-19 issues after the girders arrived. Also, KEA Contractors were billed for nice working days according to the agreement even though they were not able to work on the project due to the delay in getting the girder. The construction company worked ninety-nine days and were idle forty-one days. Hwy. Supt. Barta said that the engineer was not there for forty-one days so that was a cost savings. Hwy. Supt. Barta said the construction crew were exceptional workers always keeping the area picked up and that local traffic was able to get through. Discussion was held on due diligence to complete the project as well as Mike Crosley with the Santee Sioux Nation said that there wasn't a problem with the BIA on the overage of workdays and the County could decide about the charges. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to deduct \$3,000 from the final payment to KEA Contractors for going over the agreed workdays on construction of the Ray Stark Bridge in Harrison Township noting that the total amount of overage was actually twenty days and would have been a cost of \$300 per day according to the agreement with KEA Contractors, Knox County and the BIA. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #6 and #7. Nays District #5. Absent was District #3. Motion carried; 2. CJ slide project update; 3. Electrical bids will be opened at the next meeting for wiring of the new shed at the Creighton Yard; 4. ER Project update. A bid opening for new approach guard rail will be held at the next meeting; 5. FEMA bridge project updates; 6. Approximately \$351,000 will be received from the USDA for six EWP rock projects; 7. Truck repairs; 8. Bridge inspections of 148 bridges has been completed; 9. A quote from Gutter Monkeys of Pierce in the amount of \$1717.46 was received for installing gutters on the new shed at the Creighton Yard; 10. Discussed a guard rail knocked off by Wausa.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 10:38 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual while discussing a HIPAA matter. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held on a HIPAA matter. The Board came out of executive session at 11:07 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 11:07 a.m. the executive session held on a HIPAA matter. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

Jeannie and Jim Mackey of the Hideout Bar and Grill met with the Board on renewal of the prisoner food contract. Discussion was held on low prisoner count due to COVID-19, better communication is needed between the Sheriff's Office and the Mackeys, menus will be reviewed by a licensed dietitian, request to change the guaranteed costs to three days instead of two days which will be mute once the prisoners come back from Santee and increased food costs. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to renew the prisoner food contract with Jeannie and Jim Mackey dba The Hideout Bar and Grill for one year until November 1, 2021 with an increase to \$20 per prisoner per day and a guarantee of two prisoners per day. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

At 11:17 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on an Amendment to the Future Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Plan and the advertised public hearing on an Amendment to the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Map for the Lake Area Overlay District. Discussion was held on changes to the land use map and the AGT areas. Chairman Mackeprang closed the open public hearing for the Amendment to the Future Land Use Map at 11:22 a.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the Future Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Plan. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

Consultant Keith Marvin was called to discuss the Overlay District, proposed changes in the Lake Area to include any new residential or commercial uses to determine the existing slope and plasticity of the land and if the existing slope is 20% to 29%, the applicant to provide Knox County with engineering data indicating how the new structure will address the slope of the property, no structure to be constructed on slopes of 30% or greater unless suitable engineering designs show conditions, need to work with new subdivisions to eliminate dead vegetation throughout the development, and new developments as well as a development going through replatting shall be required to have two points of ingress and egress unless otherwise determined by the County Highway Superintendent and County Board that it isn't feasible, questioned if there should be requirement that buyer and seller must exchange slope information, the slope matter only pertains to the lake area at this time, who will monitor or enforce the need for a plasticity study or will the matter be one of advisement, and adding the question to the building permit form. Chairman Mackeprang closed the open public hearing on the Amendment to the Zoning Regulations and Map for the Lake Area Overlay District at 11:42 a.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to table the issue of the Amendment to the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Map for the Lake Area Overlay District until the next meeting for further discussion, proposed revisions to the Amendment to be sent to Consultant Keith Marvin and to hold another public hearing in the near future. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

Ed Knott and Justin Niewohner with Applied Connective Technologies were present to discuss updating the security camera system. The present cameras can be used and then replaced when needed with more updated cameras and there would be a higher resolution recorder installed. Discussion ensued on additional cameras needed, customizing the program to fit the County's needs, keeping the recordings, maintenance agreement of fixed costs for replacement of a camera that may fail, quarterly reviews, firm updates and access control to keep codes that would also include the automatic locking of the east and south doors in the Courthouse. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the proposals of Applied Connective Technologies for security camera updates and recording, to contract for quarterly reviews, firm updates and access control to keep codes for the camera system as well as the automatic locking programs of the east and south doors in the Courthouse with the cost to be \$3,750 annually for the Managed Security Service and Maintenance Agreement: Premium Level and \$28,667.41 for the updated security camera system. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Knox County Treasurer's Certification that fourteen Distress Warrants in the amount of \$3,791.63 that includes interest and distress warrant fee were delivered to the County Sheriff for collection. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Clerk of the District Court October Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Region 11 Emergency Manager Bobbi Risor to send Requests for Procurement for renewal/update to the Tri-County Mitigation Plan for 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the COVID-19 procedures on the Courthouse Complex. The current procedures will continue.

Sheriff Henery updated the Board on the following: 1. Discussed Sheriff Henery's request to have the State Auditor's Office come to the Courthouse to review the procedure to address Court fees and funds; 2. Update of the large fire north of Center and thanked Emergency Manager Hintz for her assistance with food and water for the firefighters.

Public comment on agenda items was given by Supr. Sokol, Jr. who said that the prisoner food contract should include that all jail standards will be met and that any future increases may warrant an advertising for bids.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. O'Connor to discuss in the future a request of a raise schedule for the Deputy County Attorney.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Chairman Mackeprang who reminded the Board that NIRMA is holding a webinar on Thursday, November 19, covering a recent Nebraska Supreme Court decision addressing tree cutting by county road departments, litigation involving county zoning decisions, handi-bus operations and ADA considerations for seat belt uses, recent developments related to law enforcement, and considerations public officials must keep in mind when entering into contractual agreements.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 175,018.28; Applied Connective Technologies, email setup/quarterly IT, 5,054.60; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, medical treatment, 235.00; Carhart Lumber , plexi glass, 228.87; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., weed tire repair, 28.65; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 40.00; Clerk of District Court, filing fee, 33.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,416.24; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; CVSOAN, dues, 110.00; DataSpec Inc., subscription, 449.00; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 240.00; F & M State Bank, ACH file fees, 240.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,485.72; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 992.00; Holly Wortmann, board expense, 112.13; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Independent Pest Management LLC, pest control, 270.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior

service, 20.00; Knox County Register of Deeds, recording fee, 22.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 61.41; Laura Hintz, firefighter meals, 218.64; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 260.15; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 35.68; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/meals/registration, 274.40; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 1,621.90; NACO, registrations, 625.00; NetCom Inc., radio install, 2,537.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,864.16; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 775.98; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 660.00; Platte Valley Communications Inc., radios, 1,330.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,896.40; Quill Corp., office supplies, 451.74; R.S. Technologies Inc., subscription, 500.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,809.75; Tauber Plumbing LLC, jail repairs, 163.03; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; University of Nebraska- Lincoln, supplies, 60.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 161.62; US Cellular, cell phones, 242.94; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 474.75; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 759.00; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 382.10.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 66,179.14; B's Enterprises Inc., signs, 4,726.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 109.81; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, drug test, 40.00; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 498.81; Burns Lumber Co, LLC, ash gro, 3,166.51; ; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 153.91; C-Mart, gas, 116.41; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,006.90; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 414.88; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 11,900.00; Dollar General, shop supplies, 22.25; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 2,993.36; Great Plains Communications, phone, 599.39; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repairs/filters, 433.86; J & K Auto, gas, 41.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 90.46; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 315.64; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 36.96; Powerplan, repairs, 2,185.34; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 775.80; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/oil/shop tools, 637.29; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,310.84; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 516.30; Straight-Line Striping Inc., centerline striping, 17,195.20; Sucha Repair, oil, 395.12; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 398.40; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop tools, 193.48.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Husker Engineering dba Husker Grading, equipment rental, 60,443.50; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 11,024.60.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, subscription, 158.14; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.95; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Postmaster, postage, 925.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 183.99.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Salaries, 1,027.56.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 267.29.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,041.67; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 224.63; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 850.00; Creighton Chamber of Commerce, Creighton bucks, 50.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.95; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 205.31; US Cellular, cell phone, 129.46.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 898.28; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 24,673.10; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 168.33; Three River Telco, phone, 28.78.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 2,674.72; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 725.57; Three River Telco, phone, 192.63.

TOTALS	
General Fund	255,091.99
Road Fund	123,697.34
Flowage Easement Road Fund	71,468.10
Child Support Fund	1,399.08
Visitor's Promo Fund	1,027.56
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	322.29
C&C Development Fund	4,601.08
Inheritance Fund	27,654.71
911 Emergency Fund	197.11
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>3,592.92</u>
Total	\$489,052.18

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:35 p.m. on November 12, 2020 until Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 9:30 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
November 24, 2020  
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 November 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Liska led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Wausa Gazette 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.

The minutes of the November 12, 2020 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska 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 \$271,450.77 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the 2021 Printing Report as follows: Legal papers – Bloomfield Monitor and Verdigre Eagle; Papers to print Delinquent Tax List - Creighton News and Crofton Journal; Papers to print County Treasurer's Report – Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette; Notices for road work and bridge and improvements will be published in the newspaper nearest to the project or improvement. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing Report from October 29 through November 23, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to cancel Check #20110031 in the amount of \$625 written from the General Fund payable to NACO. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Renewal of Health Insurance Opt-Out Affidavits 2021 - #1 through #13. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:59 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:03 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. At 10:04 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised bid opening for EW project Pischelville Bridge south approach guardrails. There were no bids received. Engineer Jeff Wagner said that the County met their bid requirements and now that there were no bids, the County can do whatever they need to do to get the project completed. The project will be funded 100% by FEMA. Discussion was held on contacting several contractors to get quotes, negotiating costs, and the County could submit a bill for reimbursement if the County does the work; 2. Engineer Wagner updated the Board on the Walton Bridge and Prischman Bridge projects, obligation of funds and working plans; 3. Supr. Sokol, Jr. requested that a flashing speed sign be placed in the Miller Feed Lot area; 4. Update on the County Bridge Match Program. A project was submitted; 5. CJ Slide update; 6. Discussed sander truck at Bloomfield.

At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised bid opening for electrical wiring in the new shed at the Creighton Yard. Knox County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and further reserves the right to accept any bid that best serves the County's needs. One bid was received from K/V Electric LLC, Wausa NE – \$5,700 for new electrical wiring, lights, plug-ins, etc. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to accept the bid from K/V Electric LLC, Wausa NE in the amount of \$5,700 for electrical wiring, lights, plug-ins, etc. in the new shed at the Creighton Yard. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to designate the 2021 Holidays as follows: January 1, 2021 – New Year's Day; January 18, 2021 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; February 15, 2021 – Presidents' Day; May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day; July 2, 2021 – Floating Holiday in place of Arbor Day; July 5, 2021 - Independence Day; September 6, 2021 – Labor Day; October 11, 2021 – Columbus Day; November 11, 2021 – Veterans' Day; November 25 and 26, 2021 – Thanksgiving Holiday; December 24, 2021– Christmas Holiday. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4 and #6. Nays Districts #1, #5 and #7. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to reappoint Kevin R. Barta, License #S-1109, Class A, as the Knox County Highway Superintendent with a beginning date of January 1, 2021 and to adopt Resolution #2020 – 31 authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent Form 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTION SIGNING OF THE YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

**Whereas:** State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2501 through 39-2505 details the requirements that must be met in order for a county to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment, and

**Whereas:** The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each county must annually certify (by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year) the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent to the NDOT suing the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent; and

**Whereas:** The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the meeting minutes showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number and Class of License (if applicable), the type of appointment, i.e., employed or under contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another county and/or incorporated municipality), and the beginning date of the appointment, and

**Whereas:** The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the County Board authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form by the County Board Chairperson.

**Be it resolved** that the County Board Chairperson of Knox County is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-end Certification of County Highway Superintendent form.

Adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020 at Center, Nebraska.

County Board Members

Kevin Mackeprang /s/

James Sokol, Jr. /s/

Virgil H. Miller /s/

Patrick J. Liska /s/

Danny R. Schlote /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/

Martin J. O'Connor /s/

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/

(Signature of Clerk)

County Board Member Supr. O'Connor

Moved the adoption of said resolution

Member Supr. Borgmann Seconded the Motion

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Discussion was held on the request from Nick Antrobus to present information on Colonial Life Insurance products to the Knox County employees. Mr. Antrobus will be contacted to draft a letter and send it to the employees to see if there is interest in the Colonial Life Insurance products.

Insurance agent Jeff Hammer met with the Board on the renewal of the HealthCare Solutions Group health insurance. Discussion was held on the premiums, fixed rates, funds already in the accounts, lower number of claims this year, and stipend amounts. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to renew the health insurance with HealthCare Solutions Group for eligible employees with a \$30,000 specific (employer) deductible 12/18 plan with the County-paid premium be set at \$875 per month per eligible employee and \$620 per month for employee-paid coverage for child(ren) starting January 1, 2021, and further the monthly taxable stipend paid for in-lieu of health insurance to employees who have coverage under a spouse or parent's insurance or Medicare (Corrected 12-10-2020) will increase to \$340. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Extension Educator Hanefeldt and the Board discussed the upcoming changes in the Extension Office. The wage for part-time office employee Amy Johnson currently is \$20.01 per hour and she does not receive insurance benefits but will go to full-time status January 1, 2021 being eligible for insurance benefits effective and will receive a wage of \$20.46 per hour. The Board had approved on July 9, 2020 a wage increase of 45 cents per hour for most hourly employees starting January 1, 2021. Also discussed was the possibility of having the 4-H Assistant hired by February.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 11:51 a.m. to discuss HIPAA issues. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held to discuss HIPAA issues. The Board came out of executive session at 12:04 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 12:04 p.m. the executive session held on HIPAA issues. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang recessed the Board at 12:04 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:45 p.m. with all members present.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Pictures of awnings, decks and other structures on and near campers in various campgrounds in the lake area. Discussion was held on the structures, noting that some have concrete and how to tax these structures; 2. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the October Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. The proposed changes to the Lake Area Overlay District were reviewed. A public hearing will be held; 4. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to reappoint Rob Ganz, Doug de Shazer and Dean Wilken to another three-year term on the Planning Commission. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to reappoint Nick Stout and Kay Morrill to another three-year term on the Board of Adjustments. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 6. The Planning Commission will meet on December 8, 2020.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 1:11 p.m. to hold job evaluations of appointed officials. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held for job evaluations of appointed officials. The Board came out of executive session at 2:41 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 2:41 p.m. the executive session held for job evaluations. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items nor on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Antelope County Sheriff Department, house inmate, 520.00; Bomgaars, supplies, 21.84; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 43.20; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Dollar General, supplies, 16.25; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 764.45; Echo Group Inc., lightbulbs, 169.20; Elite Court Reporting, court costs, 101.30; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 2,164.88; Jane Davidson, election help, 27.00; John Thomas, mileage/meal, 269.25; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 133,069.47; Loren Hintz, election help, 27.00; Monica McManigal, reimburse vests, 31.98; Moody motor Company, pickup, 43,293.95; professional Development Academy LLC, training, 1,695.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 790.20; reserve Account, postage for meter, 4,000.00; Samantha Holecek, mileage, 179.92; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 18.30.

**ROAD FUND.** A&D Service, tires, 560.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 70.95; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies/repairs, 362.62; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, tire repair, 15.00; Bloomquist Plumbing & Electric, building update, 220.90; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., tire repairs/oil, 261.02; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 163.32; CHS Wausa, diesel, 978.04; C-Mart LLC, gas, 94.46; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 242.79; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 26.70; Downtown Auto Service, tire repair, 25.00; Gragert's Grocery, shop supplies, 21.76; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/grass seed, 2,326.82; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental/clay/dirt/haul, 9,037.50; Key Sanitation, garbage, 120.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 186.00; L.G. Everist Inc., red quartzite, 350.70; medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 110.00; Moody Motor Company, repairs, 94.70; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 167.10; Pomp's Tire Service Inc., tires, 12,528.00; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 163.49; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 125.78; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 770.94; Verdigre Farm Service, gas/diesel/fluids/repair/shop supplies, 3,124.97; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tires, 1,006.80; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.50; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 1,537.08.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 800.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 135.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, postage/travel/KCDA/subscriptions, 314.59; The Barn at God's Country, rental fee, 250.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 27.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** KEA Constructors LLC, payment 12, 44,635.83; North Central District Health Department, miles of smiles, 2,500.00.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 5.81; CenturyLink, phone, 55.28.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 369.95.

TOTALS	
General Fund	187,325.07
Road Fund	34,814.94
Flowage Easement Road Fund	800.00
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
Economic Development Fund	135.00
C&C Development Fund	591.59
Inheritance Fund	47,135.83
911 Emergency Fund	61.09
911 Wireless Service Fund	369.95
Total	\$271,450.77

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:48 p.m. on November 24, 2020 until Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 9:30 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
December 10, 2020  
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 December 10, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Supervisor Miller led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Niobrara Tribune 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.

The minutes of the November 24, 2020 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the addition that the monthly taxable stipend paid for in-lieu of health insurance to employees who have coverage under Medicare will increase to \$340.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition update on Phase 2; 2. Letter regarding Agreement on Project STP-59-5(109) Creighton East with Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska 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 \$592,412.31 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

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

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the resignation of Union Township Chairman Orvil Holz and appointment of Fauniel J. Bourn as Union Township Chairperson. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 32** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign an Agreement between Knox County and the Nebraska Department of Transportation to tie out land monuments prior to construction on Project No. STP-121-4(113)-Crofton North Control No. 32280 and tie and establish monuments after construction. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Exhibit "B"**

**RESOLUTION #2020 - 32**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR PROJECT NO. STP-121-4(113), CONTROL NO. 32280, PROJECT NAME: CROFTON NORTH.**

**Be it resolved by the Chairperson of the Board of the County of Knox, Nebraska, that:**

- 1. The County shall enter into an Agency Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project No. 32280 for the purpose of highway improvements on Highway 121 within the boundaries of Knox County.**
- 2. The Chairperson of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the County of Knox and the County Clerk is authorized to attest said execution.**
- 3. This resolution will be marked Exhibit "B" and a copy attached to each Original Agreement.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.**

**ATTEST: (Seal)**

**Joann M. Fischer /s/**  
**County Clerk**

**Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/**  
**Chairperson of the Board**

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 33** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign an Agreement between Knox County and the Nebraska Department of Transportation to tie out land monuments prior to construction on Project No. STP-59-5(108)-Jct. N-121 West, Control No. 32127 and tie and establish monuments after construction. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Exhibit "B"**

**RESOLUTION #2020 – 33**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR PROJECT NO. STP-59-5(108), CONTROL NO. 32127, PROJECT NAME: Jct. N-121 West.**

**Be it resolved by the Chairperson of the Board of the County of Knox, Nebraska, that:**

- 1. The County shall enter into an Agency Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project No. 32127 for the purpose of highway improvements on Highway 59 within the boundaries of Knox County.**
- 2. The Chairperson of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the County of Knox and the County Clerk is authorized to attest said execution.**
- 3. This resolution will be marked Exhibit "B" and a copy attached to each Original Agreement.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.**

**ATTEST: (Seal)**

**Joann M. Fischer /s/**  
**County Clerk**

**Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/**  
**Chairperson of the Board**

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 34** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign an Agreement between Knox County and the Nebraska Department of Transportation to tie out land monuments prior to construction on Project No. STP-14-4(109)-Niobrara South Bridge, Control No. 31510 and tie and establish monuments after construction. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**Exhibit "B"**

**RESOLUTION #2020 - 34**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR PROJECT NO. STP-14-4(109), CONTROL NO. 31510, PROJECT NAME: Niobrara South Bridge.**

**Be it resolved by the Chairperson of the Board of the County of Knox, Nebraska, that:**

- 1. The County shall enter into an Agency Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project No. 31510 for the purpose of highway improvements on Highway 14 within the boundaries of Knox County.**
- 2. The Chairperson of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the County of Knox and the County Clerk is authorized to attest said execution.**
- 3. This resolution will be marked Exhibit "B" and a copy attached to each Original Agreement.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.**

**ATTEST: (Seal)**

**Joann M. Fischer /s/**  
**County Clerk**

**Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/**  
**Chairperson of the Board**

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:58 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:12 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the quote from Husker Steel, Columbus NE, in the amount of \$39,886 for steel materials necessary to repair both abutments on Bridge #C05443620 located 1.4 miles east of Junction 883 RD and 547 AVE. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Discussed crushed concrete that is available for sale at \$18 per ton near Crofton; 3. Discussed getting crushed concrete from Schreier Lumber; 4. Inspections were completed on 80 bridges that are 20-foot and under; 5. Electrical wiring is completed in the new shed at the Creighton Yard; 6. Update on the EWP project payment received from the USDA; 7. Update on Pischelville Bridge ER guardrail project. Midwest Guardrail inquired about the project; 8. CJ Slide update. Additional guardrail is needed; 9. Update on the Lazy River Acres Road. Supr. Liska and Hwy. Supt. Barta updated the Board on the feasibility study being done by the Army Corps of Engineers, coming up with a "fix" until the Corps of Engineers completes the study, road possibly could remain open for another month, and the perpetual EWP easement that is in that area.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 10:40 a.m. to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 11:06 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 11:06 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Thomas and Deputy County Attorney Holecek met with the Board regarding the 45-cent per hour cost of living raise that was approved by the Board on July 9 for most hourly or non-exempt employees and requested the same raise be given to Deputy County Attorney Holecek for 2021. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded Supr. O'Connor to approve a 45-cent per hour raise to Deputy County Attorney Samantha Holecek beginning January 1, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none.

County Attorney Thomas met with the Board on a possible public mask mandate for the Courthouse. Governor Ricketts has relaxed the restriction on Courthouses to mandate the public to wear masks in the Courthouse/Annex buildings and qualifying for CARES ACT reimbursement. Discussion ensued on how to manage a mandate, the length of time should be until further notice, if mandated the matter to be reviewed at the first Board meeting per month, not requiring children under five years of age to wear a mask, employees to wear masks if more than two are in a vehicle together, office staff should wear a mask within the office if there are more than two employees in that office, and, public can still use email, mail, the drop box, or telephone to conduct business such as was done earlier this year. Motion by Supr. O'Connor to require the public to wear masks within the Courthouse and Annexes except for children under five years of age or for those in the public who provide a medical note saying they cannot wear a mask due to a medical disability, employees to continue to wear masks in the hallways, going to other buildings on the Complex or any place where the public may be as well as in the offices in the buildings on the Courthouse Complex except when eating and drinking, in the jail area shower, or if there is only one employee in the office, with the mandate to be in force until further notice and the matter to be visited at each first Board meeting of the month. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 11:45 a.m. on possible litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held on possible litigation. The Board came out of executive session at 12:00 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 12:00 p.m. the executive session held on possible litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file JEO's proposal in the amount of \$85,000 for updating the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan noting that Region 11 Emergency Manager Bobbi Risor is applying for a BRIC Grant that would cover 75% of the total cost with the remaining 25% to be covered by Knox, Holt and Antelope Counties. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Clerk of District Court Fischer met with the Board on updating the televisions in the Boardroom with a Kramer device as well as adding a sound system in the Boardroom. Also discussed that the heating and cooling is not working in the Courtroom, possible solutions, the inability to hear in the Courtroom even with the new sound system because the heating/cooling units are located above the suspended ceiling in the Courtroom and making too much noise, and there may be a need to install new more efficient units as the current units are thirteen years old. Heartland Heating will be contacted.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Zoning November Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Zoning Administrator Doerr is working with Region 11 Emergency Manager Bobbi Riser on the application for the BRIC Grant to help fund the cost of updating the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan; 3. Planning Commission met on December 8. A group of investors are re-developing elk pens in the lake area; 4. Need to set up time to work with Keith Marvin on the lake area updates.

There was no public comment on agenda items nor on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 168,094.33; Applied Connective Technologies, contract services/ program/server backup, 2,931.60; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 21.65; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 125.09; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 39.50; C-Mart LLC, gas, 19.77; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 12,845.43; Connie J. Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 1,045.17; DAS State Accounting, teletype, 448.00; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, office supplies, 540.67; Gary D. Marshall, prior service, 12.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,531.37; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 1,260.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 75.00; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; Jo Ann Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Julie K. Rayer, prior service, 12.00; Karen K. Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Knox County Sheriff, subpoena, 38.57; K/V Electric LLC, wiring, 489.62; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fees, 328.74; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 260.15; Liz Doerr, mileage, 74.18; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Madison County Sheriff, house prisoner, 150.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 120.75; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 1,621.90; N&B Gas Company, propane, 722.70; NACO, dues, 2,055.86; National Sheriff's Association, dues, 68.00; Netcom Inc., radio parts, 82.50; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,817.87; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 323.47; NSA, dues, 240.00; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 63.00; Postmaster, postal service, 3.72; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,896.40; Quill Corporation, supplies, 420.58; Rader Feed & Supply LLC, ice melt, 837.00; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly bill, 6,680.00; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,304.36; Roland R. Beran, prior service, 24.00; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 157.50; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 139.44; US Cellular, cell phones, 654.14; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 291.00; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., janitor supplies, 472.05.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 64,088.80; B's Enterprises Inc., sign posts/cones/coats/blades/bits, 29,346.40; Bauer Built LLC, tires, 2,596.33; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 120.11; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 253.70; Bomgaars, shop supplies,

1,056.85; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 153.94; C-Mart LLC, gas, 40.54; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,844.21; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 196.69; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 15,300.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 124.31; David L. Bauer, prior service, 36.00; Dollar General, shop supplies, 10.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 1,877.57; First National Bank Omaha, gas/meal/room, 103.37; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 990.00; Great Plains Communications, phone, 608.23; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filter/shop supplies, 1,218.54; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 24.64; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 1,098.10; Hrbek Construction, trucking/equipment rental, 562.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 328.19; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel, 881.10; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 62.44; NMC Exchange LLC, shop supplies, 72.34; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 390.89; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 26.47; Powerplan, repairs, 11.07; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 775.80; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,192.02; Ronald Bourn, gravel/haul, 3,360.00; Schreier Lumber, crushed concrete, 612.00; Sucha Repair, oil, 115.76; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 3,569.52; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 119.80; Viking Lumber, shop supplies, 76.91; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.06; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop tools, 16.09; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 11,992.91.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 59.85; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 63.53.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 7.82; Des Moines Stamp Company, stamp, 151.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.95; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93; Maximus Inc., cost allocation, 1,750.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Salaries, 952.70.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 267.29.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,041.67; CenturyLink, long distance, 7.82; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 224.63; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 850.00; Creative Revolution Marketing Agency, website, 6,373.77; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.95; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 205.31; US Cellular, cell phones, 115.46.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Circle A Construction, CJ's slide, 167,582.71; Dale Guenther, inheritance tax refund, 670.56; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.18; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 139.47.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 2,230.48; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 532.43.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	253,084.43
Road Fund	151,598.98
Flowage Easement Road Fund	123.38
Child Support Fund	2,166.70
Visitor's Promo Fund	952.70
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	322.29
C&C Development Fund	10,918.67
Inheritance Fund	170,336.60
911 Emergency Fund	145.65
911 Wireless Service Fund	2,762.91
Total	\$592,412.31

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:50 p.m. on December 10, 2020 until Thursday, December 31, 2020 at 9:30 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
December 31, 2020  
9:30 a.m.

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Supervisor Schlote led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Wausa Gazette 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.

The minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Davis Brown Law Firm regarding payment to Circle A Construction, Inc.; 2. NIRMA letter regarding a NIRMA ASSIST grant application submitted by Hwy. Supt. Barta that was approved for flashing barricade lights and hi-visibility sweatshirts; 3. NIRMA letter regarding a NIRMA ASSIST grant application submitted by Chief Deputy Daniel Henery that was approved for bullet-resistant vests.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann 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 \$240,109.08 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:58 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:09 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Update on NIRMA ASSIST grant application that was approved for flashing barricade lights and hi-visibility sweatshirts; 2. Update on ER-BS-10920 Verdel Southwest Guardrail project. An estimate of \$36,200 was received but negotiated to \$32,000 with the break down as \$10,000 mobilization, \$14,000 guardrail, and \$8,000 road maintaining. The project costs will be reimbursed through ER project funds; 3. CJ slide update. The project is completed and the final bill is mandated to be paid to a loan company; 4. Equipment repairs; 5. Letters were sent to twelve landowners who have fences or cattle panels attached to bridges; 6. The One and Six Year Road Hearing will be held on February 11, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.; 7. Safety inspections will be held in March or April; 8. Job evaluations of Road employees will be held on January 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.; 9. Discussed possible bridge replacement vs. repair on a bridge on a Lincoln Township minimum maintenance road; 10. Discussed mowing roads and equipment; 11. Bridge buyback program application approvals will be announced via webinar; 12. HIPAA update; 13. The new maintainer is in Sioux City and may be delivered here next week;

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to reappoint Supr. Virgil Miller as Knox County's Representative to the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging's Governing Board. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 35** authorizing Knox County to enter into an agreement for the participation in Region 4 Behavioral Health System under the Interlocal Cooperation Act of the State of Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2020 - 35**

Whereas, LB302 passed by the 1974 Legislature of the State of Nebraska created the Nebraska Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services Act forming Regional Mental Health authorities.

Whereas, Knox County, Nebraska does participate in said Region 4 Behavioral Health System, the designated regional mental health authority within northeast Nebraska.

Be it therefore resolved that the Chairperson of the Knox County Board of Supervisors be and hereby is authorized to enter into an agreement for the participation in Region 4 Behavioral Health System under the Interlocal Cooperation Act of the State of Nebraska.

Passed and approved this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2020.

Knox County Board of Supervisors

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Chairperson

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
County Clerk

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the County Treasurer's Certificate of Pledged Securities ending December 31, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Resolutions by Board of Directors of Depository Banks and Resolutions Approving Depository and Securities for Bank of Hartington, Brunswick State Bank, Commercial State Bank, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Madison County Bank and Midwest Bank, and Application for Investments of Funds for Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) and Union Bank & Trust. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Extension Educator Megan Hanefeldt met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Knox County Extension programming and financial summaries for 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Long time Extension Office Manager Mary Ketelsen who is retiring effective January 1, 2021 was recognized for her many years of service to Knox County. Extension Board President Holly Wortmann presented her with a bouquet of flowers from the Extension Board and Supr. Sokol, Jr. presented her a clock from Knox County. A walk-through cake and coffee reception was held in the Annex #1 meeting room after the meeting.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to accept and place on file the resignation of Hill Township Chairman Melvin Barger and the appointment of Jeffrey M. Barger as Hill Township Chairman. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to accept and place on file the acknowledgment of death of Hill Township Treasurer Marlin Kumm, the change of office of Randy Hanson from Hill Township Clerk to Hill Township Treasurer and the appointment of Gary Eckmann as Hill Township Clerk. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the surety bonds of \$250 for Hill Township Clerk Gary Eckmann and \$2,000 for Hill Township Treasurer Randy Hanson. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the October 13, 2020 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0166 Craig Steffen of a five-acre tract split in the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 21, T31N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. There will be no Planning Commission meeting in January.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing Report from December 10, 2020 through December 31, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Thomas updated the Board on the Supreme Court ruling on the Harts v County of Knox case. Also discussed was Board options, the Planning Commission will need to work through some of these items, changes will need to be determined so Consultant Keith Marvin can add them to the Comprehensive Plans, and process for issuing impact easements in the future.

Chairman Mackeprang opened at 11:00 a.m. an advertised public hearing for the amendment of Zoning Regulations and the Zoning Map for the Lake Area Overlay District. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:04 a.m. There was no public present in opposition. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 36** approving Section 4.15 LA Lake Area Overlay District amendment to the Zoning Regulations and to approve the Zoning Map for the Lake Area Overlay District. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2020 - 36**

**WHEREAS**, the duly appointed Planning Commission of Knox County, Nebraska, with the assistance of its consultant Marvin Planning Consultants, has prepared an amendment to the Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations, for Knox County, Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has reviewed the amendment and the zoning map of the Lake Area Overlay District 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 AMENDMENT AND ZONING MAP FOR THE LAKE AREA OVERLAY DISTRICT BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED:**

#### **Section 4.15 LA Lake Area Overlay District**

##### **4.15.1 Intent:**

Knox County has established this overlay for the purpose of guiding future development as a planned area. In addition, Knox County desires to ensure proper construction in key parts of the overlay area in order to protect the future value of construction of new structures as well as nearby existing structures.

##### **GEORGRAPHIC AREA:**

The LA Overlay District shall apply to those areas in the northern portions of Knox County near Lewis and Clark Lake from near Devils Point to the Gavins Point Dam. See the Future Land Use and Official

Zoning Maps for actual location.

#### **4.15.2 Permitted Uses:**

The following principal uses are permitted in the LA District.

1. All permitted uses contained in the underlying base zoning district unless specifically noted in these regulations.

#### **4.15.3 Conditional Uses:**

The following uses are subject to any conditions listed in this Resolution and are subject to other conditions relating to the placement of said use on a specific tract of ground in the LA Overland District as recommended by the Planning Commission and approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

1. All conditional uses contained in the underlying base zoning district unless specifically noted in these regulations.
2. Mixed uses within a development provided the development is accompanied by a Planned Unit Development.

#### **4.15.4 Accessory Uses:**

The following Accessory uses are allowed as follows:

1. All accessory uses contained in the underlying base zoning district unless specifically noted in these regulations.

#### **4.15.5 Special Criteria:**

The following special criteria are established for the protection of specific future investments within the Knox County Lake Area:

1. Any new residential or commercial uses shall determine the existing slope and plasticity of the land.
  - a. If the existing slope is 20% to 29%, the applicant should provide Knox County with engineering data indicating how the new structure will address the slope of the property, if available.
  - b. If the plasticity is considered either medium or high, the applicant should provide Knox County with engineering data of how the structure will address the existing soil conditions, if available.
  - c. Structures constructed on slopes of 30% or greater, should supply suitable engineering designs indicating:
    - i. The soil is not in a condition which promotes future landslides.
    - ii. The new structure will be engineered to be anchored to the slope and will not slide down the slope.
    - iii. The new structures construction and location will not jeopardize any existing structures down slope or adjacent to the new structure.
    - iv. Engineering data should be supplied if available.
  - d. Any required engineering design shall be sealed by a civil engineer.
2. Any new commercial development shall locate along the south side of Highway 54C.
3. New commercial uses may be allowed within some areas as a mixed-use development; however, any mixed-use development shall be processed as a planned unit development as found in this Resolution.
4. Mobile home and Recreational Vehicle Parks shall be located a minimum of 300 feet from any existing residential development. These facilities shall be screened from residential uses/developments and roadways by either natural landscape or newly planted vegetative screen.
5. New developments within this overlay district should determine with Knox County any roadway improvements needed, as well as the anticipated daily trips in and out of the development.
6. If individual wells and septic systems are to be used in new developments/subdivisions, the develop shall show how they will mitigate existing soil conditions.
7. If individual wells and septic systems are not possible, together, then the development/subdivision shall either create a centralized water system or hook into the rural water district.
8. The minimum lot size within this overlay district shall be ½ acre unless soil conditions dictate larger lots.
9. New subdivisions and developments and/or the Homeowners Association shall be required to eliminate dead vegetation throughout the development.
10. New developments, as well as developments going through replatting shall be required to have two points of ingress and egress unless otherwise determined by the County Highway Superintendent and County Board that this is not feasible.



Danny R. Schlote /s/  
 Danny R. Schlote, District #6



ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

There was no public comment on agenda items

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. O'Connor and Hwy. Supt. Barta on requests for additional ingress and egress for the new campgrounds at Wolf Run and tracts being sold in the lake area.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. O'Connor, Zoning Administrator Doerr and County Assessor McManigal about a recent two-hour Zoom meeting with Consultant Keith Marvin on updates to campground and lake area regulations in the Comprehensive Plans. Supr. O'Connor, Zoning Administrator Doerr, Planning Commission member Doug de Shazer, County Assessor McManigal, Deputy County Assessor Beckmann and Mr. Marvin reviewed the campground regulations and proposed changes.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Chairman Mackeprang who informed the Board that Knox County received \$117,547.03 from the Nebraska Coronavirus Relief Fund for reimbursement of COVID-19 payroll/fringe benefits expenses from March through May 2020. Deputy County Clerk Surface had submitted the application on behalf of Knox County. More applications are being submitted for reimbursement of additional payroll/fringe benefits for the period after May and for reimbursement of COVID personal protective equipment costs.

Chairman Mackeprang opened at 11:19 a.m. the advertised public hearing on Conditional Use Permit #CU0041 to amend #CU0029 and to amend Resolution #2017-33 David Hoffman. The original Conditional Use Permit was for the construction of two two-unit condominiums to be built on Lot 3, Hideaway Estates. One condominium was constructed however Mr. Hoffman wants to amend the condominium declarations to reflect that it will now be a single-family dwelling and one two-unit condominium. Discussion ensued on who would own the ground under the single-family dwelling, changes to the condominium declaration and what would happen if the single-family dwelling was to be sold separately in the future. Mr. Hoffman was called to ask him about some of the Board's concerns. The public hearing will remain open and the matter is tabled until Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. for further research and information.

Chairman Mackeprang opened at 11:45 a.m. the advertised public hearing for Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0040 John D. and Jody K. Aschoff to construct Phase 2 to Wolf Run RV Resort in the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 18, T33N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. Discussion was held on the additional campground area layout. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:56 a.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 37** approving Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0040 for Wolf Run RV Resort (John D. and Jody K. Aschoff) to add Phase 2 (34 RV sites) to the Wolf Run RV Resort on part of the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 18, T33N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2020 - 37**

**WHEREAS**, Wolf Run RV Resort (John D. & Jodi K. Aschoff) have applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0040 to add phase 2 (34 RV sites) to the Wolf run RV Resort on part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska.

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on December 8, 2020

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Planning Commission has found that the application complies with the Knox County Zoning Regulations, and hereby makes a recommendation to approve the permit with the following conditions:

1. Each campsite shall be plainly marked with a map of such numbers provided to the Zoning Administrator.
2. Each campsite shall have two parking stalls.
3. All access drives and parking areas shall be surfaced with gravel, asphalt or other material to free the site of mud.
4. The campground shall be compliant with all Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and Nebraska Health & Human Services standards.
5. All campers shall be licensed and road ready. Any campers stored on site after 4 months shall be in a stored state with slideouts slid in.
6. No porches, decks, additions or storage sheds, etc. will be allowed until such time that the Zoning Regulations are amended to allow it.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** that the Wolf Run RV Resort (John D. & Jody K. Aschoff) Conditional Use Permit #CU0040 be approved.

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2020.

# KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5, Chairman

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

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

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

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

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the Hazard Mitigation Grant. Also discussed was the COVID-19 vaccine, the health departments are in charge of the process, and the new strain of the coronavirus making its way into the United States. (Corrected 1-14-2021)

County Clerk Fischer updated the Board on the Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) that mandated emergency paid sick leave and emergency paid family and medical leave. FFCRA expired December 31, 2020, however, the Act allows employers that were covered by FFCRA to encourage employees to be honest and stay home for COVID-19 related reasons by voluntarily offering the eighty (80) hours of emergency paid sick leave made under the FFCRA for any employees that have not used this benefit. In this scenario, public employers would assume the entire cost of the program, including the emergency paid sick leave benefits and to require employer's portion of the Social Security tax. Employers are still encouraged to follow CDC guidelines to control the spread of COVID-19, including asking employees to stay home if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, if they have tested positive for COVID-19, or if they have had close contact (i.e., within six feet for a total of fifteen minutes or more) with someone who has COVID-19). Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to extend the current Emergency Paid Sick Leave with the current conditions set out by the Federal Government and NIRMA until March 31, 2021 noting that this is an extension and to be used by employees who have not used the Emergency Paid Sick Leave benefit. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND.** Albin Law Office, mental health board, 256.50; Applied Connective Technologies, web cameras/security camera agreement, 4,075.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 111.96; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 43.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 513.97; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 65.25; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 47.43; Doug DeShazer, meeting/mileage, 59.50; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 192.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 2,592.22; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 75.00; James Egle, mental health board, 67.25; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 43.40; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.53; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 133,069.47; Landmark Surveying, survey fees/markers, 2,348.82; Madison County Sheriff, mental health board, 23.15; Madison County District Court, mental health board, 50.00; Melanie Smith, mental health board, 67.25; Midwest Radar & Equipment, supplies, 120.00; Nebraska State Fire Marshal, elevator inspection, 120.00; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 57.20; Pitney Bowes, postage meter supplies, 339.96; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 407.58; R&K Motor Parts, van oil/windshield wash fluid, 26.14; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 37.65; Ryan Stover, mental health board, 92.25; US Cellular, cell phones, 56.31; US Cellular, cell phones, 314.16; Val Olson, mental health board, 50.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 153.50; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 16.52

**ROAD FUND.** Ag & Industrial Equipment, building repair, 399.13; Avera Medical Group, drug screen, 50.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, blades, 50.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 82.02; Bomgaars, shop supplies/tordon/grease/misc./shop tools, 1,509.16; Cedar County Treasurer, equipment rental, 2,944.81; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 190.99; CHS Wausa, diesel, 889.64; First National Bank Omaha, repairs/misc., 646.65; Grossenburg Implement Inc, equipment rental, 2,466.00; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 4,624.55; Kayton International, equipment rental, 5,105.00; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop supplies, 26.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 174.13; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 730.00; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/oil/shop supplies, 1,847.50; Rohrer Welding, repairs, 157.08; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 5,281.98; US Cellular, cell phones, 171.86; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 34,092.24; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 37.52; Verdigre Farm Service, gas/diesel/fluids/repair, 1,580.48; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tire repair/DEF, 569.99; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 12,457.37.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Mainelli Wagner & Associates, engineer fees, 11,563.52; Vakoc Excavating LLC, equipment rental, 2,150.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 7.00; First National Bank Omaha, supplies, 44.97; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 54.65.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 7.00; First National Bank Omaha, postage/travel/youth programs/subscriptions, 309.68; Katie Vakoc, promo video, 30.00; Stacy Miller, mileage, 69.59; US Cellular, cell phone, 53.24.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, court appointed attorney, 2,375.20.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 55.28; Three River Telco, phone, 57.57.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 369.95; Three River Telco, phone, 385.25.

TOTALS	
General Fund	146,102.85
Road Fund	76,130.10
Flowage Easement Road Fund	13,713.52
Child Support Fund	177.90
Visitor's Promo Fund	217.30
Economic Development Fund	54.65
C&C Development Fund	469.51
Inheritance Fund	2,375.20
911 Emergency Fund	112.85
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>755.20</u>
Total	\$240,109.08

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:00 p.m. on December 31, 2020 until Thursday, January 7, 2021 where there may be a possible quorum for the swearing-in of elected officials and until Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. for a reorganizational 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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