

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
January 14, 2021  
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 14, 2021 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 ~~Sokol, Jr.~~ Mackeprang (corrected 1-28-2021) announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Bloomfield Monitor 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 31, 2020 and January 7, 2021 meetings were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction of the December 31, 2020 minutes that the new strain of the coronavirus is making its way into the United States.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Region 11 Emergency Manager Bobbi Risor on the update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan; 2. Thank you card from former employee Mary Ketelsen; 3. Email and "Threshing out some facts concerning the Deployment of Industrial Wind Turbines in Rural Nebraska" document from Dan Schmid with Nebraska Coalition For Responsible Energy (NCFRE); 4. Letters from NIRMA stating ASSIST Program funds were sent to Knox County in the amount of \$1,250 for bullet proof vests, \$937.50 for barricade lights and \$867.15 for high-visibility vests; 5. NACO letter stating that Executive Director Larry Dix will be retiring from actively managing NACO and MIPS beginning February 1, 2021 but will continue on with NACO on a consulting basis. Jon Cannon will become the new Executive Director.

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 \$457,253.86 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Knox County Board of Supervisors recess at 9:58 a.m. on January 14, 2021.

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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The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:01 a.m., as provided by Sec. 23-156, 23-272, 23-274 Revised Statutes of Nebraska 1943.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 2021 Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Supr. Sokol, Jr. nominated Supervisor Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr. seconded by Supr. Miller 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 2021. 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 2021.

Chairman Mackeprang called for nominations three times from the floor for the 2021 Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Supr. Liska nominated Supr. Miller.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote 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 2021. 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 2021.

Chairman Mackeprang announced the 2021 Committees as follows: **CATASTROPHIC LEAVE COMMITTEE** - the recipient employee's department head, Chairman – Supr. Kevin Mackeprang, Co. Clerk Joann M. Fischer, Sheriff Don Henery, Highway Superintendent Kevin Barta and an outside employee-Road Department; **CLAIMS** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, Danny Schlote and Jim Sokol, Jr.; **COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE** - Supervisors in Respective Districts;

**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; **FINANCING, BANKING & INSURANCE** – Supervisors Virgil Miller, Martin O'Connor and Jim Borgmann; **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 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; **SAFETY COORDINATORS** – Emergency Manager Laura Hintz and County Clerk Joann M. Fischer; **AMERICANS 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. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize Co. Treasurer Stark to invest all funds of the County for the calendar year 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to set the current salary for Veterans' Service Officer Gary Jones at \$21.72 per hour. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to designate the publishing and posting requirements of 2021 Notices of Meeting as follows: All 2021 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 Bloomfield Monitor, the Notice of Meeting for the second regular meeting of each month be published in the Verdigre Eagle; and special meeting/quorum meeting notices be published in both the Bloomfield Monitor and Verdigre Eagle. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:11 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:28 a.m. with all members present.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was held with a group of people who had attended and asked about the Harts vs. Knox County Supreme Court ruling and what action the Board was going to take. The Board will not take action without the guidance of County Attorney Thomas and discussion will be held when County Attorney Thomas is present and it is an agenda item.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussed rotary chopper attachment for the skid loader to cut brush and smaller trees in the County Road right-of-way; 2. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to purchase two flashing speed signs to be placed at the Miller Feedlot area on the Bloomfield North County oiled road. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Additional bridge projects for 2021 were discussed. Steel prices are increasing so another bridge project and another repair project will be added to the list for 2021; 4. Knox County was not selected for a bridge buyback project; 5. Ford truck repair; 6. Discussed culvert repair.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. The recessed public hearing that was held at the December 31, 2020 meeting on Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0041 for the amendment to Permit #CU0029 and the amendment to Resolution #2017-33 was reconvened at 10:58 a.m. Deputy County Attorney Holecek had researched the application and the Condominium Declaration and said that the application could be approved. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:00 a.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 01 approving Conditional Use Permit #CU0041 amending #CU0029 and amending Resolution #2017 – 33** on David Hoffman where one condominium was built and applicant requested to construct a single-family dwelling instead of an additional two-unit condominium on Lots 2 and 3, Hideaway Estates Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2021 – 01 AMENDING RESOLUTION #2017-33**

**WHEREAS**, David Hoffman has applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0041 to amend #CU0029 to construct a single family dwelling on Lot #2 in addition to the already constructed two-unit condominium on Lot #3 Hideaway Estates, Knox County, Nebraska

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on December 8, 2020, and

**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. The amended Condominium Declaration shall be recorded to reflect that it will now be a single family dwelling and one 2-unit condominium.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THAT THE DAVID HOFFMAN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #CU0041 BE APPROVED, AMENDING #CU0029 AND AMENDING RESOLUTION #2017-33 THAT WAS ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 9, 2017.**

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021.

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

Zoning Administrator Doerr continued with the following: 2. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0167 Bow Valley Elevator for a five-acre lot split in the N1/2SE1/4 of Section 25, T31N, R4W 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. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the 2020 Yearly Permits Report and the Permits-Yearly Summary. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the County Treasurer's Semi Annual Report of Summary of Collections, Disbursements and Balances for six months ending December 31, 2020 and that there were no unpaid claims against Knox County as of 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 Clerk of District Court December 2020 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 from October 1 through December 31, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set the 2021 mileage rate at the IRS rate of 56 cents per mile and the Sheriff paper rate of 59 cents per mile. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing Report of January 1 through January 13, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve and place on file the Knox County Credit Card Accounts Report as of January 1, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the following: 1. Update on the North Central District Health Department Tentative Vaccine Timeline; 2. Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 185,591.71; Antelope County Sheriff Department, house inmate, 130.00; Applied Connective Technologies, computers/programs, 3,257.59; Aumentum Technologies, rate tables, 2,944.50; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., weed tire repair, 28.65; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,994.58; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 31,625.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 18.10; Creston Fertilizer Co., chemicals, 308.48; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 12.70; Dollar General, supplies, 14.55; Eakes Office Solutions, office supplies, 9.97; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 336.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,470.25; Hampton Inn Kearney, lodging, 288.00; Heartland Energy Management, quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Herbert Feed & Grain, generator diesel, 124.80; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 1,960.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Kathy Wagner, reimburse gas, 20.18; Knox County Court, cases pending, 102.00; Knox County Sheriff, transport, 238.32; K/V Electric LLC, service call, 85.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 266.11; Liz Doerr, mileage/ink, 136.87; Loffler, copier contract, 244.20; Marvin Planning Consultants, comprehensive plan, 180.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 1,621.90; MOCIC, dues, 100.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,047.95; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 388.70; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 251.69; Postmaster, postage, 375.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,939.50; Quill Corporation, supplies, 400.05; R&K Motor Parts, van oil/wash, 10.59; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,425.61; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Showworks renewal, 225.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 319.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 70,313.42; A&D Service, tire repair, 132.00; B's Enterprises Inc., signs/lath/bits, 2,487.50; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 119.14; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 18.37; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 461.70; CHS Wausa, diesel, 495.66; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 164.26; C-Mart, gas, 160.87; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,307.19; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 13,125.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 325.24; Farmer's Pride, diesel/heating fuel, 2,713.26; Flenniken Electric, building repair, 237.03; Great Plains Communications, phone, 593.96; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repairs, 3.00; Hefner Hardware, shop tools, 175.97; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 1,730.64; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 462.50; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies/ice melt, 143.35; Key Sanitation, garbage, 120.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, grease, 11.01; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop supplies, 39.33; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 6.64; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 312.50; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel, 554.40; Nebraska Association of County Engineers, Hwy. Supt. & Surveyors, dues, 50.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 72.21; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 429.36; Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk, door opener, 196.50; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 94.38; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 775.80; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/oil/shop tools, 1,316.16; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,491.55; Sam Sukup, dirt, 225.00; Schreier Lumber, crushed concrete, 4,704.00; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 1,217.00; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 557.04; Verdigre Farm Service, gas/diesel/fluids/repairs/tires/tire repair/posts, 3,138.81; Vic's Service LLC, gas/bulb, 169.81; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.69; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., crushed concrete, 5,644.74; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel, 236.79.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 22,394.98.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.95; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93; 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, 3,946.74; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 293.86; Cory Loomis Photography, promo grant, 400.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 875.00; Diamond B Photography, promo grant, 475.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.95; Lincoln National Life ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Lisa Rohlk, promo grant, 100.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 266.40; Wild Focus Photography, promo grant, 200.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 1,081.18; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, court appointed attorney, 1,580.41; Minelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 31,763.10; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.37.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.34; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 139.47.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 1,300.37; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 532.43.

TOTALS	
General Fund	265,280.97
Road Fund	123,854.06
Flowage Easement Road Fund	22,394.98
Child Support Fund	257.88
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	322.29
C&C Development Fund	6,657.01
Inheritance Fund	36,508.06
911 Emergency Fund	145.81
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>1,832.80</u>
Total	\$457,253.86

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:39 p.m. on January 14, 2021 until Thursday, January 28, 2021 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

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9:30 a.m.

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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.

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The minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that Chairman Mackeprang announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:43 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:00 a.m. with all members present.

Correspondence reviewed was Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition information on Phase 2 in the development of a sediment management plan.

County Clerk Fischer updated the Board on the following: 1. 2021 Spelling Bee procedure and future spelling bees; 2. Redistricting of the Supervisor districts will need to be done this year using the 2020 Census information. A quote for various plans through gWorks was reviewed.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Chairman Mackeprang signed a contract between Knox County and Midwest Fence-Guardrail Systems, Inc. for the guardrail installation on the Verdel Southwest Pischelville ER Project; 2. Road employee job evaluations will be held at 1:00 p.m.; 3. The flashing speed signs have been ordered; 4. Discussed rolloff for scrap steel; 5. Ford truck turbo to be delivered; 6. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to accept the quote from Husker Steel of Columbus, NE in the amount of \$71,896.00 for a precast concrete slab bridge for Bridge #05-19N4 project in Valley Township. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 7. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to accept the quote from Husker Steel of Columbus, NE in the amount of \$14,749.00 for steel materials for the repair of Bridge #02-26W1 in Dowling Township. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. The Planning Commission will meet on February 9, 2021; 2. Discussed Cedar Ridge subdivision; 3. There was no update on the Harts v Knox County case. The matter needs to go to the Planning Commission and guidance from County Attorney Thomas will be needed; 4. If an individual wants to make changes to the regulations, there would be a \$500 fee and an application process to the Planning Commission and back to the Board of Supervisors; 5. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the December 2020 Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney Holecek updated the Board on the Diversion Program. Knox County has utilized a diversion program in the past but now will be charging a \$75 fee. The Program is for first time juvenile offenders where they will work with schools and others, they will have to pay the fee and restitution, and it is similar to probation before probation so the offense will not be put on the juvenile's record. A new fund needs to be created in the 2020/2021 Knox County Budget to allow for the Diversion fees and expenditures. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 02** setting a public hearing on February 11, 2021 for the amending of the 2020/2021 Knox County Budget to show the creation of the Diversion Program Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION #2021 – 02**

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2020/2021 Knox County Budget on September 10, 2020 at a public hearing, and

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Board of Supervisors set the 2020 Final Tax Request at a special public hearing on September 10, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, the County Attorney's Office is implementing a Diversion Program that will be offered to first time juvenile offenders who receive certain criminal charges or citations, and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the program is to keep low risk juvenile offenders out of the Criminal Justice System, and

**WHEREAS**, the County has provided these services prior and will now create a fund to offset costs of the program with an estimated revenue of \$3,000 for the remainder of the 2020/2021 fiscal year, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020/2021 Knox County Budget needs to be amended to reflect the new fund's revenue and expenditures, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 tax rate will not change with the addition of the new program as the only revenue to the program will be the diversion fees and no taxes are needed, 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 DIVERSION PROGRAM FUND with the fund number of 2355 and department number of 652, that all Diversion fees received be remitted to the Knox County Treasurer to be deposited into the DIVERSION PROGRAM FUND, that all purchases and expenditures be made through the claims process, and that the 2020/2021 Knox County Budget that was adopted on September 10, 2020 be amended as per Nebraska Revised Statute §13-511 to show the creation of the DIVERSION PROGRAM FUND noting that the 2020 Knox County tax rate will remain at 0.162297.

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED** that a public hearing be held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 for amending the 2020/2021 Knox County Budget to reflect the newly created Diversion Program Fund.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

COUNTY 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

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

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

Sheriff Henery updated the Board on the extended area that the Creighton EMS will be handling. The Creighton Fire District boundary has not changed but the Creighton EMS boundary will extend three miles south of the current boundary in Antelope County.

Chairman Mackeprang opened at 11:02 a.m. an advertised public hearing for the consideration of a reuse loan application of Camp Missouri, LLC for the purchase of CJ's at the Lake bar/restaurant at 54882 897 RD, Crofton, and a 53-pad campground. NENEDD Loan Specialist Jeff Christensen and Camp Missouri LLC members Tony and Amy Hoffman updated the Board on the loan application and another lender participating in the project. The Hoffmans currently lease the bar/restaurant. Supr. O'Connor commended the Hoffmans for creating a good atmosphere in the business and managing the business well. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:08 a.m. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve waiving the loan processing fee, to approve \$200,000 Knox County CDBG funds to Camp Missouri LLC for the purchase of CJ's at the Lake bar/restaurant and a 53-pad campground, with the loan to be a 20-year term with a fixed rate of interest. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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 \$646,612.55 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Clerk of District Court Fischer updated the Board on LB 102 that was introduced in the State Legislature where the office of the Clerk of District Court could be transferred to the State if the office becomes vacant or an incumbent clerk does not file for reelection. The bill also would do away with ex-officio Clerks of District Court as the State would take over the offices there. The County would still be required to pay the office operational expenses. Discussion was held on the number of Civil cases that increased by 30 cases last year, the minimal cost savings to counties over a five-year period, how years ago the State wanted to take over operations of Assessor's Offices but have now handed them back to the Counties because of the added costs to the State, and the cuts made to the current Clerk of District Court budget for the 2020/2021 fiscal year. The Board will submit a letter of opposition to LB 102 so as not to lose local control.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the following: 1. COVID-19 vaccination program and the scanning of new variant strains of COVID-19; 2. Information regarding aging dams.

Nick Antrobus and Jared Smith presented information on Colonial Life Insurance. Consensus of the Board was to allow Mr. Antrobus and Mr. Smith to present the information to the employees. The insurance would not be a County benefit but would be sponsored by the County as a payroll-deduction.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:03 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:41 p.m. with all members present.

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

The Board made a quarterly visit to the Knox County Jail as per Nebraska Revised Statute §47-109.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 12:57 p.m. for Road employee job evaluations. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang

reiterated that the executive session will be held for Road employee job evaluations. The Board came out of executive session at 4:19 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to close at 4:19 p.m. the executive session held for Road employee job evaluations. 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 Receipts Revenue Listing for January 14 through January 27, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND.** Bear Graphics Inc., recording paper, 731.70; Blue 360 Media, law books, 162.75; CenturyLink, long distance, 79.49; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 39.50; CNA Surety, notary bond, 40.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 483.83; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup/radios, 275.88; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/office supplies, 276.34; F&M State Bank, safe deposit box rent, 30.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 2,717.60; Kayton International Inc., skid loader rent, 1,500.00; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees, 36.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 133,069.47; MIPS, forms/shipping, 287.82; Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition, membership/phase 2, 2,900.00; Nebraska Secretary of State Business Services Division, notary renewal, 30.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 80.00; Quality Printing, personal property postcards, 268.57; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 482.20; Samantha Holecek, reimburse dues, 278.00; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 70.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 179.69; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 13.01.

**ROAD FUND.** Axles & Gears Inc. dba C & H Truck Parts, repairs, 187.96; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 217.67; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 253.60; C-Mart LLC, gas, 117.23; D & L Tire LLC, tire/tire repair, 1,281.25; Gutter Monkeys LLC, gutters, 1,711.86; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,016.20; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 145.75; KV Electric, wire shed, 5,700.00; Murphy Tractor Equipment Co. Inc., motor grader, 275,500.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 180.41; K & S Door Co. Inc., dba Overhead Door CO of Norfolk, door repair, 156.00; Pomp's Tire Service Inc., tires, 8,352.00; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Shawn Jordan, corn damage, 1,367.15; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 153.80; Walton Electronics, cb/antenna, 69.90.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 4.97; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 107.93.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NED INC., loan, 200,000.00; NENEDD, admin fees, 818.73.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 4.97; First National Bank Omaha, promo/kcda meals/subscriptions, 55.97.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Ewalt Law Office, court appointed attorney, 937.00; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, court appointed attorney, 2,299.67.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 55.42; First National Bank Omaha, ink, 29.66; Three River Telco, phone, 28.78.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 370.89; Three River Telco, phone, 192.63.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	144,031.85
Road Fund	297,456.78
Child Support Fund	112.90
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
Economic Development Fund	200,818.73
C&C Development Fund	60.94
Inheritance Fund	3,236.67
911 Emergency Fund	113.86
911 Wireless Service Fund	563.52
Total	\$646,612.55

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 4:22 p.m. on January 28, 2021 until Thursday, February 11, 2021 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  
February 11, 2021  
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 11, 2021 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.

Deputy County Clerk Rhonda Surface 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 Bloomfield Monitor 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 28, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Email from Extension Educator Megan Hanefeldt informing the Board that Kristine Kumm from Wausa has accepted the position as the Knox County 4-H Assistant.

County Clerk Fischer arrived at 9:45 a.m.

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 \$367,048.49 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 10:25 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussed results of the recent job evaluations, who will operate the patch truck and wage adjustment; 2. Discussed purchasing a spare sander truck, an excavator, and a pickup for District 5. The Board said the cost and maintenance of an excavator would not warrant purchasing one, and more research will be made on a used truck and pickup; 3. Discussed Federal funds; 4. An accident occurred where someone ran into the back of a County snow/sander truck. Discussion ensued on repairs costs and insurance reimbursement; 5. Placing an ad in the Crofton Journal for an on-call truck driver during the winter months; 6. Rolloff for the scrap metal has been filled three times so far; 7. Fuel contracts will be researched.

Chairman Mackeprang opened the One and Six Year Road public hearing at 10:48 a.m. Hwy. Supt. Barta presented information on the Road budget; highway allocation; County/Township Allocation; Road, Hard Surface, and Bridge projects completed and proposed; equipment purchased; and new personnel.

Chairman Mackeprang opened the public hearing to amend the 2020/2021 Knox County Budget.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the One and Six Year Road public hearing at 11:19 a.m.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the January Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. At a recent public hearing, the Planning Commission approved an amended Conditional Use Permit #CU0040 for Wolf Run RV Resort (John D. & Jodi K. Aschoff) to add an additional six campsites for a total of 40 campsites which will now extend into the East ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 19, T33N, R2W. The Board will hold a public hearing on March 11, 2021 for the consideration of Amended #CU0040; 3. Discussed Travis Barney's proposed subdivision.

Angie O'Connor with Avera met with the Board to discuss the annual on-site wellness program and the 2021 Services Proposal. The basic price will be the same as it was in 2019. Discussion was held on past results, proposed testing and portal updates. The on-site date will be April 21, 2021. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to approve a 2021 On-site Wellness Health Screening for Knox County employees at a cost of \$100 per participant; to allow a \$25 credit per participant towards additional laboratory testing; that those employees participating shall complete a Wellness Questionnaire through the LiveNOW Portal and if the employees do not they are not eligible to participate; that participating employees shall meet with Avera staff in a Health Coaching session to review each participant's results of the Wellness Health Screening; to approve reimbursement to those eligible employees who are enrolled in the County's health insurance benefit through HealthCare Solutions Group and participate in the onsite Wellness Health Screening and complete all of the requirements for the screening with the reimbursement to be up to \$250 of 2021 deductible paid between \$250 and \$500; for those employees who pay for child(ren) health insurance coverage through HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., reimbursement up to \$250 of 2021 deductible paid between \$250 and \$500 provided the employee participates in the 2021 Wellness Health Program; that there will be no option to opt out to a comparable wellness program; and the reimbursement of the 2021 deductible must be made by the end of the first quarter in 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 11:45 a.m. for pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held on pending litigation. The Board came out of executive session at 12:10 p.m.



Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 12:10 p.m. the executive session that was held on pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

As per the direction of County Attorney Thomas, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann that the Knox County Board of Supervisors asks the Planning Commission to review confined feeding set backs and impact easements in light of Nebraska Supreme Court Harts v. Knox County and report back to the County Board within six months. By roll call vote. Ayes All Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:54 p.m. with all members present.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Receipt Revenue List Report from January 28 through February 10, 2021. 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 2021 Knox County Weed Control Reports. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to sign a letter in opposition to LB310 and submit it to the Judiciary Committee. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Clerk Fischer and the Board discussed the 2021 redistricting of the Supervisor districts that needs to be completed before December 1, 2021. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve an agreement with gWorks for the Advance Tier of redistricting services as per the 2020 Census in the amount of \$5,650 with the cost to be paid from the Keno Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the participation in the 2021-2025 Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Justice Partnership Comprehensive Community Plan. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to accept and place on file the acknowledgment of death of Cleveland Township Chairman David Vogt and the appointment of Brad Strobe as the Cleveland Township Chairman. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to update the service agreement with Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District for the business loan programs with the hourly rate increase from \$60 to \$75. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Hanvey and assistant Stacy Miller presented to the Board a draft of a Grant Guidelines and Application for a Visitor's Improvement Fund Grant. Changes proposed was to allocate smaller increments and the grant application would be recordable in the Register of Deeds so it could list improvements of a landmark in the County. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve the new Grant Guidelines and Application for a Visitor's Improvement Fund Grant. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the budget amendment hearing at 1:19 p.m. There was no one present in opposition to the amended budget. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the Knox County Amended 2020/2021 budget that now includes the new Diversion Program Fund and noting that no changes were made to the 2020 tax request. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to add to the agenda by emergency action the Agreement to Provide Professional Consulting Services between Maximus US Services, Inc., and Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the Agreement to Provide Professional Consulting Services between Maximus US Services, Inc., and Knox County. 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 County Assessor McManigal who said her staff have been making inspections and found more RV campers being parked, there are no tags on them, and has been calling people to see if the campers are licensed. Discussion was held on setting fees for campers that are parked for an extended period of time, inspections, and finding licenses. The State Investigator will be invited to come to a Board meeting.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to go into executive session at 1:35 p.m. for HIPAA issues. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held on HIPAA issues. The Board came out of executive session at 1:43 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 1:43 p.m. the executive session held on a HIPAA issue. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to go into executive session at 1:46 p.m. for another HIPAA issue. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held on another HIPAA issue. The Board came out of executive session at 2:05 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 2:05 p.m. the second executive session held on a HIPAA issue. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 171,419.54; Applied Connective Technologies, printer/programs/quarterly, 6,023.20; Brockhaus Funeral Home, autopsy, 507.50; Chad Vanness, board meeting expense, 14.56; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,001.96; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 31,500.00; Creighton FCCLA, fees, 40.00; DAS State Accounting- Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Eakes Office Solutions, office supplies, 6.96; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 322.00; Flower Basket, spelling bee trophies, 162.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,508.06; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board,

3,120.00; Holly Wortmann, board meeting expense, 73.92; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Interstate Glass & Door Inc., repair door, 183.67; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Kari Nilson, board meeting expense, 12.32; Kasey Wagner, board meeting expense, 22.40; Kathleen Fritz, premium refund, 16.64; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 266.11; Madison County Sheriff, mental health board, 23.02; Madison County District Court, mental health board, 50.00; Mark D. Albin, mental health board, 142.50; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; Monroe Systems for Business, toners, 230.50; N&B Gas Company, propane, 1,287.00; NACO Planning & Zoning, dues, 40.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, dues, 210.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,192.90; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 101.96; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 132.34; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,939.50; Quill Corporation, supplies, 405.08; R&K Motor Parts, van oil/repairs/battery, 318.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,497.33; Sharla Hanzlik, board meeting expense, 12.32; Superior Turf Management LLC, lawn contract, 878.75; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; US Cellular, cell phones, 82.49; US Cellular, cell phones, 314.93; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/envelopes, 1,088.72; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 335.00; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 442.85.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 63,828.72; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 104.43; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 520.43; Bomgaars, shop supplies/tordon/shop tools, 897.43; CHS Wausa, diesel, 748.19; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; C-Mart, gas, 72.14; C-Mart LLC, gas, 111.03; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,814.10; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 904.14; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 13,125.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel/heating fuel, 4,911.88; Great Plains Communications, phone, 593.83; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filters/shop supplies, 153.29; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 598.00; J&K Auto, gas, 46.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies/ice melt, 255.78; Kayton International, repairs/shop supplies, 678.30; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug forms, 6.25; Midwest Service & Sales Co., clutch, 298.00; Murphy Tractor Equipment Co. Inc., filters, 988.04; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel/building maintenance, 2,058.50; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 81.41; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 479.50; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 6.59; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 125.93; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 8.16; Principal Life Insurance Co., Ins. Co. Pays, 775.80; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/oil, 1,735.67; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,030.78; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 126.49; Rohrer Welding, shop supplies, 227.81; Stanley Petroleum Maintenance Inc., repair fuel pump, 90.00; Sucha Repair, oil/repairs, 202.23; US Cellular, cell phones, 160.78; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tires, 372.92; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.69; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.13; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Nebraska Clerk of District Court Association, dues, 50.00.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,960.35; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 294.91; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 875.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.13; 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, 267.32; US Cellular, cell phones, 74.24.

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

**KENO FUND.** Key Sanitation LLC, deer dumpsters, 820.00.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.31; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 163.53.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 2,478.25; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 689.03.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	250,575.38
Road Fund	104,423.52
Child Support Fund	182.13
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	55.00
C&C Development Fund	5,572.01
Inheritance Fund	2,083.33
Keno Fund	820.00
911 Emergency Fund	169.84
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>3,167.28</u>
Total	<u>\$367,048.49</u>

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:06 p.m. on February 11, 2021 until Thursday, February 25, 2021 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  
February 25, 2021  
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 25, 2021 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 Verdigre Eagle newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that all claims, except Claim #21020169 payable to NED, Inc., 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 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Special Designated Liquor License Local Recommendation Form 200 for Corky Canvas/Corky Boards of Omaha NE for a special event at The Barn at God's Country on March 26, 2021 and an alternate date of April 2, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing Report from February 11 through February 24, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:03 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. At 10:25 a.m., the advertised bid opening was held on bridge project Verdigre Southwest C005402105P (Prischman Bridge) for a single 50 ft. steel girder jump span bridge. 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. Bids were opened in the order received: **Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville IA 51016**, \$370,319, start date June 1 and end date July 31, 2021; **Theisen Construction, Inc., Norfolk NE 68701**, \$594,477.52, start date August 2 and end date September 30, 2021; **Herbst Construction, Inc., Lemars IA 51031**, \$542,704.00, start date June 14 and end date August 21, 2021. Discussion was held on NEMA and Army Corps of Engineers permits needed. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to table until the next meeting action on the bids received for the Verdigre Southwest C005402105P (Prischman Bridge). By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. A phone conference was held with Jeff Wagner of Mainelli Wagner Associates on the FEMA Walton bridge project. Discussion ensued on replacing the existing bridge with a 136 ft. concrete slab bridge where no road improvements would be needed, flooding problems could continue, and options to replace with a larger bridge and fixing the road curves on each end of the bridge; 3. The Board members signed their respective shop inventories; 4. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 03** for the submission of documents to the State of Nebraska on the One and Six Year Road Hearing that was held on February 11, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION #2021 – 03**

In pursuant with Section 10 of LB 1302, Knox County did hold its Public Road Hearing on February 11, 2021. 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

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/

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

Passed and approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

Chairman Mackeprang opened at 11:02 a.m. the advertised public hearing on the reuse loan application of Swoboda Rentals, LLC, d/b/a The Main Spot in Verdigre.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 5. A NIRMA training will be held; 6. There was a water leak at the Wausa shed; 7. Update on the use of the scrap iron rolloff; 8. Motorgrader broken windows.

Jeff Christensen with NENEDD and Thomas and Katrina Swoboda met with the Board regarding the reuse loan application submitted for purchase of the Bohemian Lounge in Verdigre. Total project costs will be \$100,000 with the County application being \$50,000. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:11 a.m. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to waive the loan processing fee, to approve \$50,000 Knox County CDBG funds to Swoboda Rentals, LLC dba The Main Spot in Verdigre for the purchase of the Bohemian Lounge in Verdigre at a fixed interest rate of 4.5%, and the loan to be for a twenty-year term. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to allow Claim #21020169 payable to NED, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000.00 as audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 11:15 a.m. for a HIPAA issue. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held on a HIPAA issue. The Board came out of executive session at 11:26 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to close at 11:26 a.m. the executive session held on a HIPAA issue. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on COVID-19 and local ice jams as well as the conditions of area creeks and rivers.

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 December 8, 2020 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0169 Casey Anderson on a 6.88-acre tract split in the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 14, T30N, R2W 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. Sokol, Jr. to approve Administrative Plat #P0170 Joan Stewart for a five-acre tract in the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 13 and the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 14, T33N, R3W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on COVID-19 procedures, employees wearing masks in the hallways as the public is wearing masks for their safety and it wouldn't look right if the employees didn't wear masks to keep the public safe, a number of employees have received the COVID-19 vaccine, and allowing each official to set their policy of mask wearing in their offices and/or hallways. The Board highly recommends employees continue to wear masks in the hallway and when in the company of the public so as to safeguard the public and the employees, social distancing will continue, each official is in charge of setting their policy for their respective employees as to wearing masks/face shields both in their office and hallway, continue with keeping the public in the hallways and not in the offices, and, officials and their staff to honor each official's decision about wearing masks/face shields. The courts will have their own rules as to court days.

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

**GENERAL FUND.** Antelope County Sheriff, service fees, 6.00; Applied Connective Technologies, security cameras, 31,727.60; Bomgaars, supplies, 128.66; CenturyLink, long distance, 91.88; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 38.50; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 160.50; CVSOAN, registration, 60.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup/radios, 198.88; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 64.20; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 46.84; Dollar General, supplies, 105.80; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/office supplies, 890.23; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 1,717.72; Grafix Shoppe, graphics, 247.99; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 51.88; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 42.92; Jones Automotive, gun locks, 559.62; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.12; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 133,069.47; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fees, 764.66; MIPS, computer program, 1,617.90; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 56.36; NIRMA, CPR training, 240.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 211.56; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 370.49; RR Donnelley, gun applications, 46.84; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.08; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 37.32; Thomson Reuters West, law books, 1,010.00; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, sprinkler agreement, 315.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Outdoors, shot guns, 3,600.00.

**ROAD FUND.** American Textile Mills, shop tools, 774.52; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 233.37; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies/repairs, 538.99; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 268.81; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 326.10; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 34.08; Elite Diesel & Automotive Repair LLC, oil, 75.00; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,171.80; Hefner Hardware, building repairs/shop supplies, 242.14; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/oil, 2,133.76; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 263.19; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 172.56; MNC Exchange LLC, repairs, 250.28; Rader Feed & Supply LLC, oxygen, 66.50; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Shawn Sarsfield, crane training, 5,449.00; Steffens Service, gas, 47.07; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 11.18; Verdigre Farm Service, gas/diesel/shop supplies/repairs, 1,990.16; Village of Center, water/sewer, 54.00.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Midwest Fence-Guardrail Systems Inc., guardrail, 32,000.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.75.

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

**ROD PRES./MOD. FUND.** MIPS, computer program, 267.29.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Nebraska Development Network, dues, 50.00; NED INC., loan, 50,000.00; NENEDD, admin fees, 1,073.14.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.75; First National Bank Omaha, promo/kcda meals/subscriptions, 387.41; News Channel Nebraska, back road tour, 200.00; Stacy Miller, meals, 20.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** KL Alexander Properties LLC, CJ slide, 21,577.79.

**KENO FUND.** GWorks, redistricting program, 2,825.00.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 55.42; DSS Corporation, equature voice capture, 759.20.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 370.89; DSS Corporation, voice capture, 5,080.80.

TOTALS	
General Fund	177,554.02
Road Fund	14,148.51
Flowage Easement Road Fund	32,000.00
Child Support Fund	5.75
Visitor's Promo Fund	217.30
ROD Pres/Mod Fund	267.29
Economic Development Fund	51,123.14
C&C Development Fund	613.16
Inheritance Fund	21,577.79
Keno Fund	2,825.00
911 Emergency Fund	814.62
911 Wireless Service Fund	5,451.69
Total	\$306,598.27

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:59 a.m. on February 25, 2021 until Thursday, March 11, 2021 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 11, 2021  
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 11, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supervisor James Sokol, Jr. District #4. 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 Bloomfield Monitor 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 25, 2021 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 Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #4. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$397,779.82 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the County Treasurer's Return of Sale Proceedings certifying that on March 1, 2021 all delinquent real estate taxes were offered for public auction, the public tax sale is now closed and the private tax sale began and will continue from day to day until all said land has been offered. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from February 25 through March 10, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #4. Motion carried.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:07 a.m. with all members present except Supr. James Sokol, Jr., District #4.

Antelope County Commissioner Dean Smith, Antelope Road Supt. Aaron Boggs, JEO representative Brian McDonald and Road employee Casey Dietrich met with the Board to discuss a bridge on the Antelope/Knox County line where the east abutment was washed out by the 2019 flood. Discussion continued on repairing the bridge compared to replacement, FEMA funds allotted with Knox County and Antelope County splitting the costs of approximately \$14,500, some property owners in the area have land lock as the bridge is not open, the road is a low volume road, possibility of putting in a narrower bridge, and the need for an interlocal agreement. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the replacement of a truss bridge on the Antelope/Knox County line, the counties to split the remaining costs after FEMA pays 75% and NEMA pays 12.5%, the replacement bridge to be a 24 ft. x 150 ft. bridge and Antelope and Knox Counties enter into an interlocal agreement for the project. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #4. Motion carried.

Tyler Wolf with Nebraska Game and Parks met with the Board to discuss mowing of the Rec Road. The Nebraska Game and Parks will continue mowing their frontage areas. Mr. Wolf said that adjacent landowners are supposed to mow the road sides but that isn't going to happen as not everyone lives here. Also, he added that it is a liability and risk for the Nebraska Game and Parks if they continue to mow the road sides. Discussion was held on options of possibly hiring someone to mow the road or the County renting a tractor and purchasing a mower so the County could mow the road. More research will be done.

Travis Barney met with the Board regarding the approach road to his proposed subdivision/development. Also present was Herrick Township Clerk Rick Stewart. The .30-mile road leading into the area is currently a Herrick Township minimum maintenance road. Discussion ensued on getting the road back to standard for local classification, maintenance of the road currently has been done by Herrick Township and Frankfort Township, adding rock to the base and pulling in the shoulders of the road, process to reclassify the road, maintenance of the roads/streets in the proposed subdivision that will also be located in Frankfort and North Frankfort Townships, a homeowner association will be formed, and Herrick Township doesn't have the money or budget to fix the road. Mr. Barney said he would fix the road and would take care of the snow removal, but he would have to have the tax benefit/tax dollars if the township won't do it with the same condition on the roads/streets in the subdivision that lays across the three townships. Herrick Township Clerk Stewart said that Herrick Township has a gentleman's agreement that the tax money the township receives from the Kohles Acres subdivision is given back to the subdivision as it maintains the roads/streets within the subdivision. Further discussion was held on the possibility of the County winging the snow at the entrance and that an agreement is needed from the three townships regarding the funds and road maintenance.

At 11:15 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on Amended Conditional Use Permit #CU0040A for Wolf Run Resort.



Tom Domanski with the Nebraska Department of Revenue met with the Board to discuss campers situated for extended periods of time at campgrounds in the lake area. Discussion was held on the following: people are buying large campers and parking them in the leased campground lots with many not registered with the County Treasurer; non-payment of taxes or annual registrations; people are pouring concrete, building lean-tos or decks, a bar, a porch and other additions that are not being taxed; there is an increase of campgrounds/RV parks subdivisions in the lake area; that the camper must be titled where it has situs for the majority of the year; who would be in charge of enforcement; that campground owners should possibly include in their leases that all campers must be registered and licensed annually with the County Treasurer; possibly taxing the landowners who lease campground areas; types of campers; classification if the campers are considered real estate if situated for extended times; dated photos could be taken to show if campers are parked for more than thirty days; and sending letters to explain the law. Mr. Domanski said that he will discuss the matter with the Department of Revenue so assistance can be given to the County.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the open public hearing at 11:58 a.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 - 04** approving Conditional Use Permit #CU0040A Wolf Run RV Resort for the additional six campsites for a total of 40 campsites which will now extend into the E1/2NE1/4 of Section 19, T33N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska and that the Planning Commission's recommended conditions are approved. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #4. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2021 – 04**

**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, which was approved December 31, 2020 and,

**WHEREAS**, Wolf Run RV Resort (John D. & Jodi K. Aschoff) have applied for an amendment to add an additional six campsites for a total of 40 campsites which will now extend into the East ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 19, 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 February 9, 2021

**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. & Jodi K. Aschoff) Conditional Use Permit #CU0040A be approved.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

#### **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

Absent  
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

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the February Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #4. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess for lunch at 12:01 p.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:36 p.m. with all members present except Supervisor James Sokol, Jr. District #4.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Prischman Bridge Repair Bridge FEMA project. The Board discussed the bid tabulations and the price differences from the bid opening held at the February 25, 2021 meeting. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the low bid of **Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville IA 51016** in the amount of \$370,319 with a start date of June 1 and an end date of July 31, 2021 with the contingency of a Corps Permit and the approval of an improved project by FEMA/NEMA. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #4. Motion carried; 2. Garage door quotes for Verdigre Shed. Quotes received were: **Overhead Door Company of Norfolk** - \$3,697.00; **Warren Garage Door, Inc., Norfolk**, - \$4,354.00; **Schreier's Lumber Co., Verdigre** - \$4,195 for door and operator. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to accept the bid from Overhead Door Company of Norfolk in the amount of \$3,697.00 for an overhead garage door for the Verdigre Shed noting that the other doors in the Verdigre Shed are from the Overhead Door Company. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #4. Motion carried; 3. Discussed crushed concrete and asphalt patch material; 4. The gravel bid opening will be held at the ~~April 8~~ **March 23, 2021** (corrected 3-25-2021) meeting.

Noxious Weed Supt. Banks met with the Board to discuss replacing the current weed pickup. Supt. Banks said that he needs a pickup with an eight-foot box so the sprayer can go into it, the current pickup has over 200,000 miles on it, he drives about 20,000 miles each year, and that a 4-wheel drive pickup is needed. Discussion was held on available pickups at the County sheds and replacements.

Bruce and Mary Hagge met with the Board about getting a building permit for their property in the Devils Nest. Currently no building permits are being issued in the Devils Nest subdivision. Discussion was held on County regulations, court rulings, and updating declarations and covenants in the subdivision. No action was taken.

Extension Educator Megan Hanefeldt updated the Board on youth programs and new 4-H Assistant Kristine Kumm will begin working May 10.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Comment on non-agenda items was given by Sheriff Henery on a law enforcement agreement draft with the Village of Wausa. The Village's risk management company and NIRMA will be contacting each other to go over the conditions.

Deputy County Attorney Holecek and the Board discussed implementation of new software in the County Attorney's Office so it can conduct paperless business and starting new truancy programs with the schools as well as participating in more programs in the office. The current office clerk who was a part-time employee has resigned. The County Attorney's Office had been open three days a week and Deputy Holecek said that the position now needs to be a fulltime position due to the new implementations. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Chairman Mackeprang that the office clerk position in the County Attorney's Office become a full-time position. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to go into executive session at 1:40 p.m. to conduct job interviews with selected applicants for the custodian position. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #4. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held for applicant interviews for the custodian position. The Board came out of executive session at 2:13 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to close at 2:13 p.m. the executive session held on applicant interviews for the custodian position. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Supr. Borgmann left at 2:14 p.m.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board on the following: 1. Tri-County Mitigation Plan update. Holt County and Antelope County Boards have approved JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for making the updates. A BRIC grant is being applied for that would pay for 75% of the update costs with the three counties to divide and pay the remainder costs. Knox County's approximate cost would be \$7,083. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve JEO Consulting Group, Inc. to prepare the updates to the Tri-County Mitigation Plan that includes Knox, Holt and Antelope Counties. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent were Districts #4 and District #7. Motion carried; 2. Update on COVID-19. There are currently seventeen positive cases of COVID-19 variants in Nebraska that includes seven cases of the B117 (UK) variant and one case of the California variant; 3. The overall flood risk is normal because of low moisture.

After a discussion, motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt to **Resolution #2021 - 05** declaring that the Knox County Board of Supervisors supports the right and liberties of all Knox County citizens guaranteed by the United States and Nebraska Constitutions and further affirms its support for the duly elected Sheriff of Knox County and his continuing efforts to uphold those Constitutions. yes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent were District #4 and District #7. Motion carried

#### **RESOLUTION #2021 - 05**

**WHEREAS**, the Second amendment to the United States Constitution provides that it is the right of the people to keep and bear arms, and that right shall not be infringed; and

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 1-1 of the Nebraska Constitution also provides the right to keep and bear arms, specifically “for security or defense of self, family, home, and others, and for lawful common defense, hunting, recreational use, and all other lawful purposes,” and all provides that such right shall not be infringed; and,

**WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court in the District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) affirmed an individual's right to possess firearms, unconnected with service in a militia, for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Knox County Board of Supervisors to declare its support of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 1-1 of the Nebraska Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Knox County Board of Supervisors took an oath to support and defend the United States, and Nebraska Constitutions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Knox County Board of Supervisors hereby declares that we support the rights and liberties of all Knox County citizens guaranteed by the United States and Nebraska Constitutions.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board affirms its support for the duly elected Sheriff of Knox County, Nebraska, and his continuing efforts to uphold the United States and Nebraska Constitutions.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

Absent  
James Sokol, Jr., District #4

Kevin Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin Mackeprang, District #5

Danny Schlote /s/  
Danny Schlote, District #6

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

Absent  
Jim Borgmann, District #7

Further discussion was held on a pickup for the Weed Superintendent. Hwy. Supt. Barta will research purchasing a four-door pickup for the bridge crew and if there is purchase availability Hwy. Supt. Barta has approval to make the purchase as it is in the adopted budget. The current bridge crew pickup would then be used by Weed Supt. Banks.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 173,316.79; Amy Johnson, mileage, 28.56; Applied Connective Technologies, programs, 271.10; Bonnie Cash, prior service, 9.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 12,985.49; Connie J. Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; DAS State Accounting- Central Finance, backup, 121.88; DAS State Accounting- Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Dollar General, janitor supplies, 53.85; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 417.29; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 263.00; Government Forms & Supplies, office supplies, 293.62; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,460.04; Hefner Hardware, keys/locks/bulbs, 44.33; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 1,840.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; 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; Joe Wilson & Co., appraisal services, 1,000.00; Karen K. Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Kayton International Inc., skid loader broom, 380.23; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 86.96; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fees, 328.74; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 254.19; Liz Doerr, mileage/office supplies/postage, 306.02; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Madison County Sheriff, house prisoner, 700.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 248.08; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 1,637.96; N&B Gas Company, propane, 1,456.00; NACT, dues/NADA book, 265.00; NetCom Inc., radio repair, 1,122.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,445.54; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 121.40; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 95.88; Plumbing & Electric Service Inc., drain pipe, 87.50; Postmaster, postage, 5.65; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,853.30; Quill Corporation, supplies, 83.27; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filter, 76.79; 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, 11,445.95; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; Top Appraisal, appraisal services, 1,250.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 360.50; US Cellular, cell phones, 314.93; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 744.13; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 331.00; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 123.15.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 61,042.92; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 3,869.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, shop supplies, 64.85; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 127.47; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies/oil filter, 134.18; Bloomquist Plumbing & Electric, water leak, 304.00; Bohemian One Stop, gas/power steering fluid, 650.20; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 296.68; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 152.17; C-Mart, gas, 147.08; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,586.20; Cornhusker International Trucks

Inc., repairs, 1,516.76; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 13,125.00; David Bauer, prior service, 36.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel/heating fuel, 5,014.51; Great Plains Communications, phone, 603.76; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filters/shop supplies/repairs, 3,638.10; Hefner Ace Hardware, shop supplies, 2.59; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,103.60; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies/repairs, 55.34; Kayton International, Inc., repairs, 180.25; Key Sanitation, garbage, 120.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; LED Lighting Solutions, radar speed sign, 6,029.98; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 70.00; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel, 3,790.05; Nebraska Assn. of County Engineers, Highway Supt. & Surveyors, registration, 110.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 90.24; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 504.50; Power Plan, repairs, 2,025.05; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 775.80; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/oil/ shop supplies, 1,160.36; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 3,849.45; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 367.16; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 3,602.30; Schreier Lumber Co., cold bay repairs, 158.64; Sucha Repair, oil, 77.35; US Cellular, cell phones, 547.46; Verdigre Eagle, timesheets, 572.00; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel, 2,573.78; Vic's Service LLC, gas/battery, 364.09; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.31; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.13; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Salaries, 358.54, Yankton Press & Dakotan, advertising, 465.00.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Eakes Office Solutions, scanner, 2,349.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 267.29.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,873.46; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 288.26; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 875.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.13; 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, 261.46; US Cellular, cell phones, 228.90.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 2,537.83; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.60; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 140.13; 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	258,093.47
Road Fund	124,784.46
Child Support Fund	258.06
Visitor's Promo Fund	823.54
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	2,671.29
C&C Development Fund	5,627.27
Inheritance Fund	4,621.16
911 Emergency Fund	175.51
911 Wireless Service Fund	725.06
Total	\$397,779.82

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:42 p.m. on March 11, 2021 until Thursday, March 25, 2021 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 25, 2021  
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 25, 2021 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.

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 Verdigre Eagle newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that the gravel bid opening will be on March 25, 2021.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Jim and Jeannie Mackey informing the Board that the Mackeys will be closing the Hideout Bar & Grill on April 30, 2021 and the jail food contract will be terminated beginning May 1, 2021.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims, except Claim #21030194 payable to Wm. Krotter Co., 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.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that Claim #21030194 payable to Wm. Krotter Co., in the amount of \$45,678 written from the Road Fund, audited by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #6. Absent District #1. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$239,727.79 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:18 a.m. with all members present except for Supervisor O'Connor District #1.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion was held on selling the pull type broom. Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised gravel bid opening at 10:30 a.m. 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: **Spud Construction Inc.-Sand & Gravel LLC, Clearwater NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), Ewing Pit – Road Gravel \$12.49; Wash Sand Road Gravel \$14.78; **Emme Sand & Gravel Inc., O'Neill NE** – County haul gravel (pit price per cubic yard) – State Spec (Class A) \$12.80; Armor Coat \$13.45; Gravel per yard/delivered price – ALL STATE SPEC (CLASS A) West Raymond Twp., \$23.95; Washington Twp., \$20.25; **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; **Mitteis Gravel, Orchard NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$10, Armor Coat \$10.00; **Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, Orchard NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard) – State Spec (Class A) \$12.50; Bank Run \$8.00; Armor Coat \$12.50; Gravel per yard/delivered price for State Spec. (Class A): Addison Twp., \$17.25; Central Twp., \$16.00; Cleveland Twp., \$17.50; Columbia Twp., \$17.50; Creighton Twp., \$17.25; Dolphin Twp., \$17.50; Dowling Twp., \$17.75; Eastern Twp., \$18.50; Frankfort Twp., \$20.00; Harrison Twp., \$15.00; Herrick Twp., \$19.00; Hill Twp., \$17.50; Lincoln Twp., \$18.50; Miller Twp., \$17.50; Morton Twp., \$16.75; Niobrara Twp., \$17.00; North Frankfort Twp., \$22.00; Peoria Twp., \$16.25; Spade Twp., \$17.50; Sparta Twp., \$17.75; Union Twp., \$17.00; Valley Twp., \$17.00; Verdigre Twp., \$17.00; **Cedar Beef LLC, Hartington NE** – Gravel/rock per yard/delivered price: Addison Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$18.81, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$28.36; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$27.65; Central Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$20.97, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$30.52, 3/4" Crushed Rock \$31.97; Cleveland Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$20.97, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$30.52, 3/4" Crushed Rock \$31.97; Columbia Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$20.97, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$30.52, 3/4" Crushed Rock \$31.97; Creighton Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$22.05, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$31.60, 3/4" Crushed Rock \$33.05; Dolphin Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$18.81, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$28.36; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$27.65; Dowling Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$17.73, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$27.28; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$28.73; Eastern Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$18.81, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$28.36; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$27.65; Frankfort Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$17.73, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$27.28; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$28.73; Harrison Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$17.73, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$27.28; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$28.73; Herrick Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$18.81, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$28.36; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$27.65; Hill Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$19.89, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$29.44; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$30.89; Jefferson Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$19.89, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$29.44; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$30.89; Lincoln Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$18.81, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$28.36; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$27.65; Logan Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$20.97, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$30.52; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$31.97; Miller Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$19.89, 1.5" Crushed Rock

\$29.44; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$30.89; Morton Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$18.81, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$28.36; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$27.65; Niobrara Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$15.57, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$25.12; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$26.57; North Frankfort Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$16.65, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$26.20; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$27.65; Peoria Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$18.81, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$28.36; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$27.65; East Raymond Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$17.73, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$27.28; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$28.73; West Raymond Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$19.89, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$29.44; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$30.89; Spade Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$16.65, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$26.20; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$27.65; Sparta Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$16.65, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$26.20; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$27.65; Union Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$16.65, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$26.20; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$27.65; Valley Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$18.81, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$28.36; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$27.65; Verdigre Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$17.73, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$27.28; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$28.73; Walnut Grove Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$23.14, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$32.69; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$34.14; Washington Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$20.97, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$30.52, 3/4" Crushed Rock \$31.97; Western Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$20.97, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$30.52, 3/4" Crushed Rock \$31.97; **Vakoc Excavating LLC, Verdigre NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$12.75; Bank Run \$8.00; Armor Coat \$12.75; Grave per yard/delivered price – ALL STATE SPEC (CLASS A) – Bohemia Twp., \$15.00; Central Twp., \$19.00; Cleveland Twp., \$20.00; Columbia Twp., \$21.00; Creighton Twp., \$16.50; Harrison Twp., \$18.75; Hill Twp., \$20.00; Jefferson Twp., \$16.00; Lincoln Twp., \$21.00; Logan Twp., \$16.75; Miller Twp., \$16.75; Morton Twp., \$19.00; Niobrara Twp., \$17.00; Peoria Twp., \$18.00; East Raymond Twp., \$18.75; West Raymond Twp., \$18.75; Spade Twp., \$18.00; Washington Twp., \$18.00; Western Twp., \$18.00; **Backus Sand & Gravel, McLean NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$16.00; Bank Run \$7.00.

After a discussion, motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to accept all gravel/material bids as submitted and the bids will be reviewed again in July due to projected increased fuel costs. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

A bid was received in the Highway Superintendent's Office mail on March 24, 2021 from Sinclair Sand & Gravel, Inc., Spencer NE, however the bid was not brought to the Board meeting in time for the bid opening. The bid was in the possession of the County before the bid opening of 10:30 a.m. on March 25, 2021. The bid was: **Sinclair Sand & Gravel, Inc., Spencer NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per year), Specialty Product, granular clay fines \$9.75; 1" crushed gravel \$14.75; 1.5" bar screened gravel \$13.75; 1.5" conveyor screened gravel \$15.75; Fill Dirt \$6.75; Gravel per yard/delivered price: Specialty Product – East Raymond Twp., \$25.00; West Raymond Twp., \$20.00; Western Twp., \$25.00.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Discussion was held on fracture critical bridge inspections. The State is no longer conducting the inspections. Quotes received for conducting the inspections were: **Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Lincoln NE** – \$680 each for eight transfer joist bridges and \$1,740 each for seventeen bridges for a total of \$41,980; **Speece-Lewis Engineers, Inc., Lincoln NE** – \$1,330 each for twenty-nine bridges for a total of \$38,570 with the inspections to be done every two years. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the quote from **Speece-Lewis Engineers, Inc., Lincoln NE** for the inspection of the twenty-nine open fracture critical bridges at \$1,330 each for a total of \$38,570 with the cost to be built into the 2021/2022 budget. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 3. Update on the Verdigre North Federal Aid Bridge Project; 4. Fiber optic will be put in the Wausa area; 5. Discussed was the County road west of Miller's cement plant. Due to the recent rain and the number of Miller Feedlot feed trucks driving on the road, the road was in bad condition so crushed concrete was put on the road. Mark Miller said he would donate to the County gravel from his concrete plant to put on the road after it is graded; 6. Radar speed signs were placed along the Bloomfield North county oil road on each end of Miller's Feedlot; 7. County Shed inspections will be held on Thursday, April 1; 8. Routine bridge inspections of 237 bridges over a two-year period are conducted by Hwy. Supt. Barta. Hwy. Supt. Barta requested compensation in addition to his regular wage for conducting the routine bridge inspections. The matter will be further discussed at another meeting. 9. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 11:28 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 11:44 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to close at 11:44 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

The partnership with National Association of Counties and the Nebraska Association of County Officials provided a U.S. flag retirement box to each county in Nebraska. Discussion was held with Veteran Service Officer Jones on placing the box in the Courthouse foyer where the public can place their retired U.S. flags. The retired U.S. flags collected will be kept in the storage building until a time where they can properly be disposed of during a flag ceremony conducted by the veteran service posts in the County. County Clerk Fischer will draft a press release.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Administrative Plat #P0172 Timothy Suhr Estate for a boundary adjustment of 10.11 acres in the NW1/4NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 2, T29N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the February 9, 2021 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 3. A person is needed to replace Kelly Kumm on the Board of Adjustments; 4. Discussed road layers on the gWorks program.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on internet connection changes at the Lindy tower and possible radio costs, the Gavin's Point Project Interagency call, and helping the Health Department with County vaccination clinics.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from March 11 through March 24, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Clerk of District Court February Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried;

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the addition of Deputy County Clerk Rhonda Surface to the signature card of the County of Knox Business Super NOW bank account (Imprest Account - Knox County Clerk's Account) with Farmers & Merchants State Bank. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to appoint Chairman Kevin Mackeprang to the Northeast Nebraska RC&D Board to serve along with Supr. Sokol, Jr. as representatives on behalf of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2021 - 06** creating and establishing the COVID American Rescue Plan Fund as per the direction of the Nebraska State Auditor's office because of legislation signed into law by President Biden where every county in the United States will receive direct aid noting that Knox County is slated for an estimated allocation of \$1,615,940. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2021 - 06**

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, the United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act, and

**WHEREAS**, part of this Act includes State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds legislation, which specifically allocates \$65.1 billion in direct aid to every county in America, and

**WHEREAS**, President Biden signed this legislation into law on March 11, 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Counties (NACo) was instrumental in making sure that counties were provided for in this legislation, and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Treasury will make the counties' allocation in two halves with the first half to be within 60 days of the President's signature with the second half no sooner than 12 months after, and

**WHEREAS**, guidelines for the use of these funds will become known in the near future by the Federal Government, and

**WHEREAS**, the total estimated allocation (includes consolidated funds) to Knox County is \$1,615,940, and

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Board of Supervisors has been advised by the Nebraska State Auditor's office to establish the COVID American Rescue Plan Fund, and

**THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Knox County Board of Supervisors to direct the County Treasurer to establish the new fund of the COVID American Rescue Plan Fund and to direct the County Clerk to add the newly created COVID American Rescue Plan Fund in the Knox County 2021/2022 Budget.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

### COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Absent  
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

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

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

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the Special Designated License Local Recommendation Form 200 for Diane Fehringier dba Bottoms Up for a special liquor license for an event on April 17, 2021



at The Barn at God's Country. 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 said he will be contacting the other people who bid for the prisoner food contract to see if they would be interested in providing the prisoner meals. The Hideout Bar and Grill who currently have the prisoner food contract will be closing April 30. Also discussed was setting up a kitchenette in the Courthouse to make the prisoner meals.

Public comment on non-agenda items was held on the 30 by 30 program that was adopted by the Biden Administration through Executive Order 14008, "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad" (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619) where the plan is to put 30% of the land and water in the U.S. under permanent protection by 2030. More research will be made.

Deputy County Attorney Holecek updated the Board on the interview process to fill the office clerk position in the County Attorney's Office.

**GENERAL FUND.** Armscor Cartridge Inc., ammo, 1,454.85; Blue 360 Media, law books, 162.75; Bomgaars, supplies, 71.72; CenturyLink, long distance, 93.98; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 60.75; CMart LLC, gas, 20.14; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 725.94; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 46.84; Denise Burman, gojo dispensers, 74.00; Dollar General, supplies, 41.50; Doug DeShazer, meeting/mileage, 58.60; Fire Protection Services LLC, alarm inspection/batteries, 650.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 2,847.93; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 51.88; Hagge Glass, repair door, 85.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, badges/vests, 121.47; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 42.92; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.12; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 133,069.47; Monica McManigal, mileage, 73.92; NACT, registration, 100.00; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 56.36; Netcom Inc., radio repair, 1,022.00; Pengad Inc., supplies, 20.11; Physicians Laboratory P.C., autopsy, 347.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 20.91; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,041.11; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.08; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 37.32; Security Shredding Services inc., shredding, 87.50; Top Quality Glove, gloves, 173.60.

**ROAD FUND.** Avera Creighton Hospital, drug test, 80.00; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 50.00; B's Enterprises Inc., signs/patch material/blades, 7,767.60; Bazile Creek Power Sports, brush cutter, 620.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 416.70; Bomgaars, shop supplies/mailbox/ice melt/repairs/grease, 833.06; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 280.13; CHS Wausa, gas, 1,136.15; CHS, propane, 760.87; C-Mart LLC, gas, 129.54; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 291.93; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 27.89; Downtown Sharp Shop, repairs, 15.00; First National Bank Omaha, phone upgrade/eye was station, 199.12; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,393.65; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 358.88; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 4,560.00; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 40.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 199.89; MNC Inc., repairs, 317.56; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Village of Wausa, crushed concrete, 1,500.00; Wausa Medical Clinic, drug test, 60.00; Wm. Krotter Co., pickup, 45,678.00.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 19,702.22.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.88.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 1,326.95.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.88.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 4,355.27; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, court appointed attorney, 551.20; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 2,857.34.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 55.42.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 370.89.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	142,734.77
Road Fund	67,761.97
Flowage Easement Road Fund	19,702.22
Child Support Fund	5.88
Economic Development Fund	1,326.95
C&C Development Fund	5.88
Inheritance Fund	7,763.81
911 Emergency Fund	55.42
911 Wireless Service Fund	370.89
Total	\$239,727.79

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:30 p.m. on March 25, 2021 until Thursday, April 8, 2021 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 8, 2021  
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 8, 2021 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 Bloomfield Monitor 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.

Marshall Tofte with NIRMA was present to take pictures of the officials and to interview the Board. Knox County will be featured in the NIRMA magazine, "The Interchange". Knox County contracts with NIRMA for risk management.

The minutes of the March 25, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Domina Law Group regarding voting on the Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Purdue Pharma, and its affiliated debtors on the opioid lawsuit.

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 \$416,377.52 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:31 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:43 a.m. with all members present.

Librarians from Knox County met with the Board on their annual update of activities through the year, how the County's allocation was spent, and the challenges COVID-19 created. The Board expressed their gratitude for the work the librarians have done for their communities and the County. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to approve a cost-sharing of \$4,750 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.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. At 10:52 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised bid opening for asphaltic bids. 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., Sioux City IA – MC70 - \$3.25/gallon; MC250 - \$2.81/gallon; MC800 - \$2.54/gallon; MC3000 - \$2.54/gallon; and CRS-2 – \$2.32/gallon. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the bid received from Jebro Inc., Sioux City, IA for the following asphaltic products: MC70 - \$3.25/gallon; MC250 - \$2.81/gallon; MC800 - \$2.54/gallon; MC3000 - \$2.54/gallon; and CRS-2 – \$2.32/gallon, delivery to Knox County during the 2021 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; 2. The Bohemia Township Board requested to rent the County's Retriever so they could use it on their motorgrader to pull in the township road shoulders. Discussion was held on renting out equipment like this to be used on the other entity's motorgrader, what would happen if it needed repairs when returned, and charging \$130 per hour if the County did the work with the County's motorgrader and Retriever. The Board said they wouldn't rent out individual pieces of equipment but would do the Bohemia Township road shouldering at \$130 per hour; 3. Oil crew update; 4. Bridge crew update; 5. Flagger training will be held next week for all road crew members.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing at 11:04 a.m. on Conditional Use Permit #CU0042 for Joan Stewart for constructing twelve cabins in two phases on a tract located in Herrick Township. Discussion was held on the layout of the cabin area. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:12 a.m. No one was present in opposition. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt Resolution #2021 – 07 approving Conditional Use Permit #CU0042 Joan Stewart for the construction of twelve cabins in two phases on a tract of land located in the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 13 and the NE1/4 of Section 14, T33N, R3W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTION #2021 – 07

WHEREAS, Joan Stewart has applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0042 to build twelve cabins in two phases on a Tract of Land located in the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 13 and the Northeast quarter of Section 14, all in Township 33 North, Range 3 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian, Knox County, Nebraska more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Quarter corner of Sections 13 and 14; thence S00° 04'10"E, along the line common to Sections 13 and 14 for 214.47 feet to the Southerly Right of Way of Knox County Highway 54C, also being the Point of Beginning; thence the following courses and distances along said Right of Way; thence N76°12'58"E for 119.67 feet to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave Southerly, having a radius of 879.9 feet and an arc distance of 183.28 feet; thence along the chord of said curve N82°13'25"E for 182.94 feet; thence departing said Right of Way, S00°04'10"E for 475.09 feet; thence S89°55'50"W for 505.79 feet; thence N00°04'10"W for 371.71 feet to said Right of Way; thence N76°18'21"E, along said Right of Way, for 214.27 feet to the Point of Beginning,

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on February 9, 2021 and

**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. A Zoning Permit is required before construction showing that setbacks, lot coverage, and structure height can be met.
2. Each cabin shall be plainly marked with a map of such numbers provided to the Zoning Administrator.
3. All access drives and parking areas shall be surfaced with gravel, asphalt or other material to free the site of mud.
4. One 80 square foot business sign is allowed by permit.
5. The cabins shall be compliant with all Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and Nebraska Health & Human Services standards and any other applicable agency.
6. If the second phase of construction is not begun within five years, the permit shall be reviewed before any more cabins are constructed.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** that the Joan Stewart Conditional Use Permit #CU0042 be approved.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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

2. Chairman Mackeprang opened at 11:15 a.m. the public hearing for Conditional Use Permit #CU0043 for Travis Barney for the construction of a 128 RV site campground in Frankfort Township and the public hearing on Travis Barney's Cedar Ridge Estates Preliminary Plat. Discussion was held on road maintenance and bringing roads to standards. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearings at 11:24 ~~p.m.~~ a.m. (corrected 4-29-2021) There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 08** approving Conditional Use Permit #CU0043 for Travis Barney to construct a 128 RV campground on a tract of land located in part of the S1/2SW1/4 and the SW1/4SE1/4 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 #2021 – 08**

**WHEREAS**, Travis Barney has applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0043 to construct a 128 RV site campground on part of the South half of the Southwest Quarter and the Southwest 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 more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the South quarter corner of Section 18; thence N00°02'02"W, along the East line of said S ½ SW ¼, for 560.34 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S88°58'50" for 235.73 feet; thence N00°42'18"W for 747.22 feet to the Southerly Right of Way of County Road 54C; thence the following courses and distance along said Right of Way; thence S89°20'43" for 244.47 feet to a point on said East line, said point bears N00°02'02"W a distance of 740.18' from the Point of Beginning; thence N88°25'09"E for 613.74 feet; thence departing said Right of Way, S00°55'47"E for 746.08 feet; thence S88°58'50"W for 652.27 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 14.67 acres, more or less.

**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. All access drives and parking areas shall be surfaced with gravel, asphalt or other material to free the site of mud.
3. The campground shall be compliant with all Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (septic and NPDES stormwater prevention, and Nebraska Health & Human Services standards).
4. 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.
5. No porches, decks, additions, or storage sheds, etc. will be allowed until such time that the Zoning Regulations are amended to allow it.
6. One business sign up to 80 square feet is allowed.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** that the Travis Barney RV Resort Conditional Use Permit #CU0043 be approved.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

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

3. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the Preliminary Plat submitted by Travis Barney on Cedar Ridge Estates Subdivision to be located in the E1/2SE1/4 of Section 13, T33N, R3W and the S1/2 of Section 18, T33N, R2W of the 6th Principal Meridian, Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Tom Domanski with the Nebraska Department of Revenue updated the Board on the campground issue. Discussed were tax problems, if the campground lot is leased for less than thirty days there is lodging tax collected but not on campers that are parked on the lot for a longer time; situs is considered when the camper is parked on a lot where there is at least a one-year lease and these camper owners would pay the sales tax and registration fees to Knox County; property tax is not being paid on additions to the campers; Mr. Domanski talked to a number of the campground owners and they were transparent to their operations; the issue is getting the people to pay the taxes; campground owners could pay the real estate taxes on the additions and then collect reimbursement from the camper owner through their lease; registering campgrounds with the Nebraska Real Estate Commission is required and campground owners need to be educated and do what needs to be done.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing Report from March 25 through April 7, 2021. 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 the District Court March Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve a Special Designated License Form 200 submitted by Bohemian One Stop for a special designated liquor license for an event on May 29, 2021. 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 Co. Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Collections from January 1 through March 31, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 09** declaring September 34 13 (corrected 4-29-2021), 2021 as a "LARRY DIX DAY" honoring NACO Emeritus Executive Director Larry Dix for his many accomplishments advocating County Government through the State of Nebraska and working tirelessly for all 93 counties in providing help and counsel whenever called upon. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2021 - 09 OF THE  
KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**WHEREAS**, Larry Dix was the former Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of County officials, and

**WHEREAS**, in that role, he served County Government through his effective lobbying in the State Legislature, trained many officials, both elected and appointed in their jobs serving county government, and

**WHEREAS**, he has worked tirelessly for all 93 counties in providing help and counsel whenever called upon, and

**WHEREAS**, he is well known for being an advocate for County Government throughout the State of Nebraska and was a friend to all, and

**WHEREAS**, he has been in that position for over 19 years and officially retired February 1, 2021 to become Executive Director Emeritus, and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of his years of service and benefits he gave to all counties, the Knox County Board of Supervisors hereby declares September 13, 2021 a "LARRY DIX DAY" to honor him for his accomplishments.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Knox County Board of Supervisors hereby declares "LARRY DIX DAY" on September 13, 2021.

DATED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

COUNTY 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

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.

Hwy. Supt. Barta updated the Board on the Prischman Bridge FEMA project. Chairman Mackeprang signed a contract with Dixon Construction Co. of Correctionville IA who had been approved by the Board at the March 11, 2021 meeting for the replacement of the Verdigre Southwest C005402105P Prischman Bridge.

The Board discussed the Biden Administration 30 x 30 plan. More research will be done before the Board makes a decision on the matter.

County Attorney Thomas and Deputy County Attorney Holecek updated the Board on the following: 1. A person has been hired to fill the office clerk position; 2. Update on the SID #2 lawsuit. The Supreme Court gave their opinion that vacated the judgment of the District Court and remanded the cause with directions to dismiss the cause without prejudices for failure to join indispensable parties. Co. Attorney Thomas informed the Board that the original developer of the Devils Nest did not create an architectural committee nor a homeowner association; the current owner association is not the required homeowner association because it was not created by the developer; the SID Board is neither the architectural committee or the homeowner association so they did not have the authority to enforce the covenants; the covenants of the Devils Nest Subdivision need to be updated, corrected or eliminated; and that since the original developer from the 1960s and 1970s is gone, the court could create and appoint members to an architectural committee and to a homeowners association or could eliminate the covenants entirely. County Attorney Thomas also instructed Zoning Administrator Doerr to continue not issuing building permits in the Devils Nest Subdivision until these issues are resolved.

Zoning Administrator Doerr continued with the following: 4. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the March Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr., to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0173 Thomas J. Lee for a zoning lot combination of Lots 19 and 20, Block 1, Walker's Valley View excepting a 20 ft. x 100 ft. tract in Lot 20. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 6. Administrative Plat Application #P0174 submitted by Moshi LLC/Aquiles Marcano for the zoning lot combination of Lots 31 and 32, Block 1, Devils Nest Subdivision was reviewed. As per direction of County Attorney Thomas, building permits are not being issued in the Devils Nest Subdivision due to the covenants and his recommendation that the application should not be approved for the vacating of easements between the lots. Also, because of the absence of a homeowner association and architect committee the SID Board stepped in even though they are different entities and do not have jurisdiction as they do not have anything to do

with the covenants or the building permits. Easements were created by the covenants and there isn't a homeowner association or architectural committee to sign off to vacate the easements. Zoning Administrator Doerr read a letter to the Board from Mr. Marcano. After a discussion, motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to deny Administrative Plat Application #P0174 Moshi LLC/Aquiles Marcano for the consolidation of Lots 31 and 32, Block 1, Devils Nest for zoning purposes based on the Devils Nest covenants and the easements between the lots that were created by the covenants and the Knox County Board of Supervisors does not have jurisdiction over the covenants. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 7. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0168 Lower Niobrara NRD/West Knox Rural Water System for a boundary adjustment on two tracts in the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 27, T31N, R8W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 8. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0175 Pamela S. Kotrous, PR. of the Daniel B. Kotrous Estate for a lot split of a five-acre tract in the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 27, T31N, R8W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 9. Discussed placing the road layer on the gWorks program where all roads in Knox County would be on the program as it was discovered that changes of reclassification to minimum maintenance on select roads are not on the program. More research will be done to see how much it will cost.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board on the following: 1. Hazard Mitigation Update. At the March 11, 2021 meeting, the Board had approved JEO to make the updates to the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan. In the meantime, grant requirements are that secure sealed bids are needed for the project. Another company has now submitted a bid, so the grant process dictates that there be a review all bids now. The new company did not score as highly on the proposed work as that of JEO's proposal of work, but their costs are less than JEO's proposal. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to rescind the Board's approval of JEO Consulting Group, Inc. to prepare the updates to the Tri-County Mitigation Plan that includes Knox, Holt and Antelope Counties and to address this matter at the next Board meeting. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Assisted with recent COVID vaccine clinic; 3. Conference call with Dept. of Education.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Comment on non-agenda items was given by Sheriff Henery who is attempting to find someone to prepare the prisoner meals since the Hideout Bar and Grill who had the prisoner meal contract is closing after April 30.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 2:14 p.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual while discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session is being held so as to protect the reputation of an individual. The Board came out of executive session at 2:32 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 2:33 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into another executive session at 2:33 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 is being held so as to protect the reputation of individuals. The Board came out of executive session at 2:55 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to close at 2:55 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 175,432.75; Applied Connective Technologies, programs/computer, 1,099.60; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 34.90; Clerk of District Court, state docket claims, 177.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,126.05; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account c/o HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; DAS State Accounting- Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies, 866.36; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 286.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,539.61; Heartland Energy Management, quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 2,440.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jeannoutot Plumbing, cap water lines, 131.25; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Joseph M. Smith, mental health cases, 351.50; Knox County Court, cases bound over, pending, etc., 117.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 51.08; K/V Electric LLC, wiring, 961.61; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 248.73; Liz Doerr, mileage/ postage, 176.08; Loffler, copier agreement, 244.20; Loren E Hintz, meals, 440.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 190.40; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 1,613.90; Moody Motor Co. Inc., repairs, 819.39; N&B Gas Company, propane, 644.00; NACO, registration, 250.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,845.96; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 75.18; O'Neill Shopper, publishing, 109.00; Omaha World Herald, subscription, 310.75; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 1,243.94; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,853.30; Quill Corporation, supplies, 830.69; Reserve Account, meter postage, 4,000.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,554.90; Samantha Holecek, tax foreclosures, 100.00; Schumacher Elevator Co., elevator contract, 2,536.71; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; US Cellular, cell phones, 212.16; US Cellular, cell phones, 315.89; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, publishing/subscription, 609.58.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 68,475.65; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; C-Mart, gas, 296.02; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,154.80; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 13,125.00; Crane Sales & Service, repairs, 1,172.50; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 7.38; Farmer's Pride, diesel/heating fuel, 4,875.67; Great Plains Communications, phone, 606.54; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filters/ repairs, 2,097.70; J&K Auto, gas, 42.00; Kevin Barta, title/tire fee, 15.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop supplies, 44.44; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel, 1,107.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 77.90; North Central Public Power



District, electricity, 419.81; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 25.59; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 22.55; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 775.80; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,331.02; Rohrer Welding, shop supplies/repairs, 196.05; Schreier Lumber Co., shop supplies, 9.65; State of Nebraska Motor Fuels Division, diesel tax, 965.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 310.51; Viking Lumber, shop supplies, 24.52; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.19; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 92.69; Village of Wausa, concrete, 4,320.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 20,758.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Art Kathol Appliance Inc., furnace, 18,090.50; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.13; Midwest Music Center, courtroom audio, 311.00.

**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.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 4,124.29; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 307.45; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 875.00; First National Bank Omaha, meals/subscription/gas/youth programs, 172.65; Great Plains Communications, phone and internet, 51.13; 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, 278.39; US Cellular, cell phones, 167.40.

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

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.52; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 140.13; 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	258,825.89
Road Fund	129,550.22
Child Support Fund	18,452.63
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	322.29
C&C Development Fund	6,025.37
Inheritance Fund	2,083.33
911 Emergency Fund	175.43
911 Wireless Service Fund	725.06
Total	\$416,377.52

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:55 p.m. on April 8, 2021 until Thursday, April 29, 2021 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 29, 2021  
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 29, 2021 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.

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 Verdigre Eagle newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that the hearing for Conditional Use Permit #CU0043 was closed at 11:24 a.m. and the Larry Dix Day will be September 13, 2021.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District with membership renewal information and area programs; 2. Signed contract with Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project STP-59-5(108) Jct. N-121 West, C.N. 32127; 3. Signed contract with Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project STP-121-4(113) Crofton North, C.N. 32280; 4. Governor Rickett's Proclamation that the State of Nebraska is proclaimed to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary State; 5. Copy of letter from fifteen governors including Governor Ricketts to President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. stating that the governors are not aware of any constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently conserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no authority is referenced in Executive Order 14008. (30 x 30 issue); 6. Notice from County Clerk Fischer that the Nebraska Secretary of State certified a new political party in Nebraska called "Legal Marijuana NOW"; 7. Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition notice of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Member meeting.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board on the Hazard Mitigation Plan update proposals. The advertising and bid grant requirements have now been completed. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to appoint JEO Consulting to prepare the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan update. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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 \$247,434.83 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

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

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Attempted to sell pull-type broom but there were no bids. Advertising will be done with Big Iron; 2. Discussed the summer motorgrader routes and adjustments; 3. A narrow bridge by the Weigand State Rec Area needs to be replaced; 4. Discussed replacing a rusted 60-inch x 70 ft. culvert that is located on the Corps of Engineers property near the entrance to the Bon Homme Subdivision; 5. Tiling may be needed in a slide area west of Creighton along County Oil 872 RD (old State Hwy. 108); 6. Verdigre North bridge project. Agreements need to be completed; 7. Bridge crew update; 8. Oil crew update.

Travis and Robyn Barney met with the Board regarding roads at their proposed Cedar Ridge Estates Subdivision. Also present was Herrick Township Clerk Rick Stewart. While the Barneys said they would pay for and do the work to bring the Herrick Township minimum maintenance road to standard for the change of classification back to local classification, the liability responsibility is still the Herrick Township Board's responsibility. More discussion was held on the construction, agreements and needed work to meet the Planning Commission's requirements.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the February 9, 2021 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the March 9, 2021 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Banks met with the Board regarding the 2020 Knox County Reports and Requirements. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the 2020 Knox County Reports and Requirements of the evaluation of the Knox County Weed Control. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 11:22 a.m. so as 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 so as to protect the reputation of an individual. The Board came out of executive session at 11:39 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 11:39 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. Update on the proposed Wausa Village Law Enforcement Agreement. The agreement was approved by NIRMA for format. The Wausa Village Board of Trustees will have to approve the agreement if they want Knox County to be in charge of their law enforcement; 2. A new patrol pickup will be purchased in the next fiscal year; 3. There were no bids for the prisoner food agreement. Nursing homes were also contacted to see if they would consider making the meals but many of them have difficulty finding enough help. Discussion was held on creating a kitchenette in the former boiler room.

Sheriff Henery, County Clerk Fischer and Deputy County Assessor Beckmann updated the Board on their graduation from the Professional Development Academy sponsored through the National Association of Counties. The twelve-week course was held via Zoom with the mission to make better leaders.

New County Attorney Office Administrative Assistant Angela Roskeland was introduced to the Board.

Supervisor Liska left at 12:06 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from April 8 through April 27, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #2. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Special Designated License Local Recommendation (Form 200) for Camp Missouri dba CJ's at the Lake for a special designated event liquor license. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #2. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to acknowledge the passing of long-time Dolphin Township Clerk Gary Kramer and the appointment of David Kube as Dolphin Township Clerk. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #2. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Surety Bond for new Dolphin Township Clerk David Kube. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #2. Motion carried.

Cedar County has a public transit service and has considered possibly providing transit services to the eastern part of Knox County if an agreement can be discussed. Cedar County Transit Manager Nikki Pinkelman is applying for a grant and part of the grant process was needing to know if Knox County would be willing to partner with Cedar County for expanded services. A letter of support for the grant was needed from the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a letter to express support and partnership for the Community Rides Grant Program application being submitted by Cedar County Transit. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #2. Motion carried.

County Clerk Fischer updated the Board on adding a Project Person to assist with a very detailed review of real estate recordings, the recording computer program, and the real estate books. During COVID in 2020 and to the present, the public are not coming into the offices and the proposed project has come about because of COVID so records can be easily accessed at the Courthouse via computer. Knox County is slated to receive nearly \$1.6 million for COVID related expenses and could be used towards the Project Person who would also be available to other offices when needed to help with related issues. Discussion was held on the projected time frame for the distribution that will be done in two phases, setting up a special fund with the County Treasurer and County Clerk, and working with the National Association of Counties, the Nebraska Association of County Officials and networked county clerks.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Comment on non-agenda (corrected 5-13-2021) items was given by Supr. Schlote who represents the Knox County Board of Supervisors on the Knox County Development Agency Board. Al Larsen has been the Chairman of the Agency for many years and has resigned because he is moving out of the area, so the position needs to be filled. The economic development bylaws are being reviewed.

Discussion was held on legislative bills. NorthStar Services and Region 4 will be receiving more funds through the Governor's recently approved State budget.

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

**GENERAL FUND.** Bazile Creek Power Sports, mower/bagger, 3,065.99; Big John Mfg. Co. Inc., mist blower repair, 135.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 89.72; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 60.75; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 156.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 64.20; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 46.84; Dollar General, supplies, 89.30; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 2,956.68; Government Forms & Supplies, checks, 86.77; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 51.88; Hefner Hardware, supplies, 40.98; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 42.92; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 133,069.47; NACO, registrations, 370.00; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 56.36; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 112.18; Physicians Laboratory P.C., autopsy, 461.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 211.69; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 630.68; R&K Motor Parts, filters/oil/fluids, 136.77; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.08; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 37.32; Steven Binkerd, training, 300.00; Thomsen Reuters-West, law books, 232.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 496.10; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 371.00; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 164.90; William Ouren, autopsy, 75.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Aaron Fuchtman, shop supplies, 19.99; Bauer Built Tire, tires, 3,809.72; Bazile Creek Power Sports, chainsaw repair, 209.56; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 168.36; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 192.95; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies/filters, 120.55; Bohemian One stop, gas, 731.01; Bomgaars, shop supplies/toolbox/ice melt/shop tools/grease/transfer tank, 2,063.19; Bonnie Jennings, clay, 600.00; Burns Lumber Co, LLC, ash gro, 7,428.25; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 219.11; CHS Wausa, diesel/trans oil, 1,260.25, C-Mart LLC, gas, 73.18; Cornhusker International

Trucks Inc., repairs/filter, 2,859.62; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 300.25; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 12.89; Dan Vakoc, annual rental, 500.00; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,243.00; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 15.57; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 5,705.44; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 50.42; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop supplies, 91.80; Marlene Moeller, annual rental, 500.00; Max Dvorak, shop supplies, 77.98; Mike Jelinek, shop tools, 19.99; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 261.16; Orin Pospisil, annual rental, 500.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 30.36; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/oil/shop supplies, 2,804.14; Roger Lemke, clay, 960.00; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 1,458.18; Vakoc Excavating LLC, sand, 1,220.00; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 432.35; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/printing, 130.68; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/tire repair/fluids/grass seed/chainsaw repair, 4,617.91; Vic's Service, gas, 244.62; Village of Center, water/sewer, 42.00; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 159.95; Weldon parts Inc., repairs, 2,365.41; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 27,587.90.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.61.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Flagship Publishing Inc., advertising, 400.00; Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce, membership, 285.00; 5 Star Communications Inc., advertising, 600.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 173.90.

**ROD PRES./MOD. FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., renumbering, 450.00.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 393.75.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Bank of Hartington, Bloomfield bucks, 150.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 5.61; Crofton Community Club, CCC bucks, 310.00; First National Bank Omaha, postage/gas/youth programs/subscription, 181.37; Niobrara Promoters, Niobrara bucks, 90.00; Pitzer Digital LLC, subscription, 35.00; Santee Grocery Store, gift certificates, 130.00; Stacy Miller, meals, 34.29; Verdigre Improvement Club, Verdigre bucks, 140.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Bloomfield Public Library, annual cost sharing, 4,750.00; Creighton Public Library, annual cost sharing, 4,750.00; Eastern Township Library, annual cost sharing, 4,750.00; Lincoln Township Library, annual cost sharing, 4,750.00; Niobrara Public Library, annual cost sharing, 4,750.00; Verdigre Public Library, annual cost sharing, 4,750.00

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 55.47; Three River Telco, phone, 28.78.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 371.22; Three River Telco, phone, 192.63.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	143,768.46
Road Fund	71,133.74
Child Support Fund	5.61
Visitor's Promo Fund	1,285.00
Visitor's Improvement Fund	173.90
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	450.00
Economic Development Fund	393.75
C&C Development Fund	1,076.27
Inheritance Fund	28,500.00
911 Emergency Fund	84.25
911 Wireless Service Fund	563.85
Total	\$247,434.83

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:35 p.m. on April 29, 2021 until Thursday, May 13, 2021 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 13, 2021  
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 13, 2021 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 Bloomfield Monitor 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 29, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that comment given by Supr. Schlote regarding the Knox County Development Agency Board was given as public comment on non-agenda items.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Notice of annual inspection of the Knox County Jail facility to be conducted by the Nebraska Jail Standards Board.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee except Claims #21050107 through #21050120, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims #21050107 through #21050120 will be reviewed for approval later in the meeting.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess for Board of Equalization at 10:02 a.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:08 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the quote from Plumbing and Electric Service, Hartington NE in the amount of \$8,580.00 for tiling along 872 RD (old State Hwy. 108) west of Creighton. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Discussed options to replace the Weigand Bridge, there are two large wetlands near the area that will prevent relocating the road or creating a shoefly, possible detours, and possible phase construction so one lane would be built at a time and one lane could remain open. No action was taken; 3. County Township Allocation Fund update; 4. Bridge Crew update; 5. Oil Crew update; 6. Skid loader under warranty and repaired; 7. Lazy River Acres update; 8. A call had been received about access to the minimum maintenance road near the new Travis Barney subdivision and campgrounds; 9. Moeller road project update; 10. The sweeper is listed for sale on Big Iron.

Economic Development Director Kelly Hanvey met with the Board for the distribution of the Visitor's Promo Fund and Visitor's Improvement Fund. Also presented was the proposed 2021 Knox County Gravel Grinding Map Routes which is for bicycling on gravel roads in Knox County to promote tourism.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the following Visitor's Promo Fund distribution: Bloomfield Community Club \$1,000; Harm & Tulley's Event Center \$500; Center Improvement Club \$500; Creighton Chamber \$1,000; Crofton Community Club \$1,000; Niobrara Promoters \$1,000; Wausa Smorgasbord \$500; Wausa Community Club \$500; Knox County Ag Society \$1,000; Shannon Trail \$300; Outlaw Trail Membership \$350; Niobrara State Park \$800; Lewis & Clark SRA \$1,500; Knox County Visitor Committee Media Campaign \$1,862; Knox County Visitor Committee Photography Grant \$235; and Friends of the Missouri River \$125. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the Visitor's Promo Fund distribution of \$1,000 to the Verdigre Improvement Club. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Motion carried.

Claims paid from the Visitor's Promo Fund at this meeting were \$10,950 with the remaining \$2,222 to be paid at the next meeting.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the following Visitor's Improvement Fund (brick and mortar) distribution: Bloomfield \$10,000; Crofton Baseball Assn. \$10,000; Creighton Chamber \$3,220; Creighton Historical Society \$5,000; Niobrara \$10,000; Verdigre \$10,000; Wausa \$10,000; Lewis & Clark SRA \$10,000; Center \$2,500; Winnetoon \$2,500. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims will be submitted at future meetings for this distribution.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that Claims #21050107 through #21050120 for Visitor's Promo Fund distribution, 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 \$523,483.89 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Sheriff Henery updated the Board on the kitchenette project, installation of a fire suppression hood, plumbing, and sinks, and installing a fire alarm automatic door closure on the door into the area.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 11:04 a.m. so as 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 so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 11:19 a.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to close at 11:19 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Mark Miller met with the Board with an update on the addition and expansion in the Herzog feedlot. Mr. Miller informed the Board of options given to the family of Bernice Tramp to resolve the issue of the impact easement in question. Discussion was held on valuations, current setbacks, and the process to change setbacks.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of April 28 through May 11, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign an audit services contract to conduct the Knox County audit with Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts Office for Fiscal Years 2021, 2022 and 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board changed the first meeting day in June to Tuesday, June 8, 2021 due to scheduling conflicts with upcoming workshops.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve a quote from Applied Connective Technologies for upgrading to the newer Ubiquiti AC Pro WIFI modem as the current WIFI access points in the Courthouse are now at the end of life. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, 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. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Special Designated License Local Recommendation Form 200 for the Center Improvement Club for an event at The Barn near Center on May 25 22 (corrected 5-27-2021), 2021 and such Form 200 was approved by County Clerk Fischer to meet filing deadlines with the State of Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to acknowledge the death of former Supervisor Roland "Rollie" Beran who had served District #1 from 1984 through 1994 and to extend sympathy to the Beran family. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the following: 1. People designated as backup when she is out of the County; 2. Received an OWL from NEMA that is used when holding Zoom meetings; 3. NRIN tower. Sue Krogman will attend the next Board meeting with an update; 4. Assisting with COVID-19 vaccinations; 5. Recent exercises with schools and a nursing home for emergency evacuations.

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

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 178,101.84; Amy Johnson, mileage, 14.00; Applied Connective Technologies, programs, 1,830.00; Bloomfield Auto Parts, weed repairs, 30.34; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, medical treatment, 227.00; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 43.75; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,278.60; Consolidated Management Company, meals, 29.30; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account c/o HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 30,625.00; DAS State Accounting- Central Finance, backup, 121.88; DAS State Accounting- Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dollar General, jail supplies, 118.50; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies, 627.29; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 227.50; Grager's, jail food, 120.63; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,488.84; Hefner Hardware, b&g supplies, 18.54; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 4,180.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, b&g repairs, 109.94; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Jones Automotive, gun locks, 151.84; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 254.19; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 122.84; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/registration/supplies, 218.20; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 1,613.90; NACO, registration, 2,202.46; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, training, 276.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,787.18; NENEDD, dues, 905.00; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 412.96; Northeast Nebraska RC&D, dues, 2000.00; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 1,395.03; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County Pays, 1,853.30; Quill Corporation, supplies, 489.80; Radar Feed & Supply LLC, ice melt, 697.50; Reserve Account, meter postage, 3,400.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,804.15; Secretary of State, voter id cards, 20.00; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; University of Nebraska, computer, 1,776.88; US Cellular, cell phones, 202.25; US Cellular, cell phones, 315.69; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/subscription, 1,027.30; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 343.00; Wintz Funeral Home, transport, 375.00; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, publishing/subscription, 321.13.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 67,008.22; A&D Service, tire repair, 99.50; B's Enterprises Inc., signs/posts/culvert/band, 12,442.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 168.31; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 30.25; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 704.22; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., tire repairs/furnace repair/repairs, 345.46; CHS Wausa, diesel, 1,272.84; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 150.78; C-Mart, gas, 185.65; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,042.53; Country Market, shop supplies, 6.99; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 13,125.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel/heating fuel/oil/fluids, 12,864.90; Great Plains Communications, phone, 533.31; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filters/fluids/repairs, 1,897.63; Hagge Glass, repairs, 210.00; Hefner Ace Hardware, shop supplies, 37.94; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 4,160.92; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 56.08; Kayton International, filter, 75.97; Key Sanitation, garbage, 120.00; Laflan Medical Clinic, drug test, 110.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 154.07; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Mark's Machinery Inc., repairs, 344.29; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 351.35; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 22.99; Peitz GMC Service Inc., repairs, 1,666.98; Power

Plan, repairs, 4,786.46; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County Pays, 775.80; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/oil/shop supplies, 2,874.72; R&R Wireless, phone case, 19.99; RDO Truck Centers, repairs, 82.70; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,238.68; Spencer Quarries Inc., rock, 2,415.13; Sucha Repair, oil/repairs, 286.46; US Cellular, cell phones, 463.07; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 52,418.16; Village of Center, water/sewer, 42.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.63; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies, 1.68; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 28,763.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 53.13; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 162.00; MIPS Inc, jury motor voter merge, 335.90.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Bloomfield Community Club, promo grant funds, 1,000.00; Center Improvement Club, promo grant funds, 500.00; Creighton Chamber of Commerce, promo grant funds, 1,000.00; Crofton Community Club, promo grant funds, 1,000.00; Harm & Tulley's Event Center, promo grant funds, 500.00; Knox County Ag Society, promo grant funds, 1,000.00; Lewis & Clark SRA, promo grant funds, 1,500.00; Niobrara Promoters, promo grant funds, 1,000.00; Niobrara State Park, promo grant funds, 800.00; Outlaw Trail Scenic Byway, promo grant funds, 350.00; Shannon Trail Promoters, promo grant funds, 300.00; Verdigre Improvement Club, promo grant funds, 1,000.00; Wausa Community Club, promo grant funds, 500.00; Wausa Smorgasbord, promo grant funds, 500.00.

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

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, 2021 wellness, 5,371.32.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 4,184.05; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 312.02; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 875.00; Creative Revolution Marketing Agency, updates, 150.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 53.13; 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, 282.42; US Cellular, cell phones, 142.46; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 50.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Fitzgerald Vetter Temple Bartell & Henderson, court appointed attorney, 2,117.36; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.30; GeoComm, mapping/data support, 1,152.06; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 140.35.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** GeoComm, mapping/data support; 7,709.94; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 532.43.

TOTALS	
General Fund	265,807.40
Road Fund	220,641.94
Child Support Fund	551.03
Visitor's Promo Fund	10,950.00
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	322.29
County Insurance Fund	5,371.32
C&C Development Fund	6,098.14
Inheritance Fund	4,200.69
911 Emergency Fund	1,298.71
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>8,242.37</u>
Total	\$523,483.89

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:59 a.m. on May 13, 2021 until Thursday, May 27, 2021 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  
May 27, 2021  
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 27, 2021 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.

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 Verdigre Eagle newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the May 13, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction the special event liquor license for the Center Improvement Club was to be May 22, 2021.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Thank you from Shannon Trail Promoters for their receipt of Visitor's Promo funds; 2. Letter from Department of Natural Resources advising of a Community Assistance Visit with Zoning Administrator Doerr to discuss the County's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program; 3. Letter from Kelly Friedrichsen regarding taxes, questions if tax dollars were spent on several projects, and township issues.

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 \$342,309.26 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 10:21 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 10** Interlocal Agreement between Antelope County and Knox County - Ashfalls North - for the replacement of Bridge C005416205 on the Knox/Antelope County line. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION #2021-10 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA AND KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA ASHFALLS NORTH**

WHEREAS: Knox County, Nebraska and Antelope County, Nebraska desire to replace the county line bridge number C0055416205 that was damaged in the March 2019 flooding. The site is located approximately 0.5 miles east of the intersection of 870 Avenue and 517 Road.

WHEREAS: Antelope County has secured \$102,323.70 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to repair the damage to the structure. These funds will be put toward the cost of replacing the bridge with a new structure. The remaining costs of designing, permitting, and constructing a new bridge will be split equally between Antelope and Knox Counties.

WHEREAS: Any additional right-of-way required for construction will be obtained by the County in which the needed land is located at the sole expense of that County.

BE IT RESOLVED: That Antelope County, Nebraska is hereby requested to act for Knox, Nebraska and to program for Construction, have design plans prepared, and obtain necessary permits for replacement of structure C005416205.

and which includes Preliminary Engineering, permit preparation, and construction engineering

the ESTIMATED costs of such improvement:

<b>Preliminary Engineering</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>
<b>Permit Preparation</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>
<b>Bridge and Road Construction</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>
<b>Construction Engineering</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
<b>FEMA Funding</b>	<b><u>\$(102,323.70)</u></b>
<b>Estimated Total Cost to Be split by the Counties</b>	<b>\$743,676.30</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Chairman of the Antelope County Board is authorized to sign any document in furtherance of this agreement on behalf of Knox County and Antelope County and that both entities hereby approve the contemplated construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That sufficient funds of Antelope County and Knox County are now, or will be, available and are hereby pledged in the amount and at the required time to proceed with a 2021 project construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Antelope County, Nebraska is responsible for approximately \$371,838 of Costs. That Knox County, Nebraska is responsible for approximately \$317,838 of Costs. Final actual costs for each county will be determined upon completion of construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That Antelope County secure the services of JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for Preliminary Engineering, permit preparation, and Construction Engineering Services.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, Nebraska.

ATTEST:

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ANTELOPE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

BOARD MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Moved the adoption of said resolution.

Roll Call: \_\_\_\_\_ yea \_\_\_\_\_ nay

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021, at Center, Nebraska.

ATTEST: (Seal)

THE BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
County Clerk

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Chairman

BOARD MEMBER: Supr. Sokol, Jr.,  
seconded by Supr. Miller

Moved the adoption of said resolution.

Roll Call: 7 yea 0 nay

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

2. Antelope County would like to patch and micro surface the Ashfalls Road that extends by two miles into Knox County. The road is in need of repair as nothing has been done for nine years. There may be cost share funds available from the State. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to send a letter to Mr. Paul Kieper with Nebraska Department of Transportation for request of State Recreational Road Funding for Knox County's two-mile portion of the Ashfalls roadway to have a project to patch the pavement as needed and to have a micro surfacing placed on the entire width of the pavement and acknowledging that Antelope County will also request the same for their portion of the Ashfalls roadway. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Discussed the results of the recent NIRMA safety inspection of the County sheds and recommendations to remedy issues; 4. The Bohemia Township Board requested a portion of 888 Road be vacated and abandoned. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 11** directing Hwy. Supt. Barta to conduct a study for the vacation and abandonment of a .32-mile portion of 888 Road (Platted road #5 across Government Lot 3 in the S1/2SW1/4 of Section 2, T31N, R7W in Bohemia Township. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2021 - 11**

WHEREAS the Bohemia Township Board has requested to vacate and abandon a portion of 888 Road as follows:

A .32-mile portion (1,680 feet) of 888 Road (Platted Road #5) located across Government Lot 3 in the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S1/2SW1/4) of Section 2, T31N, R7W 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 .32-mile portion (1,680 feet) of 888 Road (Platted Road #5) as described above.

Passed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

## 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

5. Bridge crew update; 6. Discussed the Weigand Bridge. The bridge had a hole in the deck and has been patched with a steel plate. The bridge needs to be replaced as soon as possible; 7. Oil crew update; 8. Discussion was held on four ten-hour days in a work week for the oil crew. Additional hours will be needed on Fridays to get projects completed, holidays will count as eight hours, and vacation and sick leave will be at ten hours. The Board said the process of four ten-hour days in a work week for the oil crew will be allowed for one month to see how it works and will be reviewed at that time to see if it will be continued; 9. The NIRMA sign audit was done on May 5. Bridge Foreman Jelinek is scheduled to attend an upcoming bridge inspection class and Bridge crew member Chris Rohrer will also attend if there is an opening in the class; 10. Update on Center West bridge project. Discussion was held on a slab bridge or use of an alternative option; 11. Tiling west of Creighton to be completed; 12. Ordered a truck load of H-pile from Husker Steel as the cost continues to increase; 13. Applications are being taken until June 1, 2021 for the advertised road position.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board on the following: 1. A schedule of meetings of the Department of Natural Resources and NEMA that will be held on the 2022 Nebraska State Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan was handed to the Board; 2. Upgrading of the Lindy communication tower was discussed and quotes were reviewed. The upgrades would include mutual aid antennas. After a review of the quotes, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to accept the quote from Platte Valley Communications, Grand Island NE in the amount of \$11,523 for wiring, network and switch equipment and to accept a quote from Applied Connective Technologies, Albion NE in the amount of \$1,264.10 for internet equipment and recurring internet and firewall services at \$85 per month. 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 March and April Permits Reports. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the April 13, 2021 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0176 Oak View Ranch, Inc. for boundary line adjustment of part of the W1/2 of Section 23, T31N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0177 Greg Johnson on a six-acre tract split in the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 8, T30N, R8W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to pay the renewal of the gWorks Zoning tab at \$2,575 and the Assessor's tab at \$5,190 with the cost to be paid from the KENO Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to go into executive session at 11:47 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of individuals when discussing personnel and HIPAA issues. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of individuals when discussing personnel and HIPAA issues. The Board came out of executive session at 12:14 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to close at 12:14 p.m. the executive session held on personnel and HIPAA issues. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the Special Designated Liquor License Local Recommendation Form 200 for Center Improvement Club for a special event on June 25, 2021 at The Barn. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the Special Designated Liquor License Local Recommendation Form 200 for Z's Lindy Country Club for a special event on July 9 and 10, 2021 at the Lindy Country Club. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the Notice of Project Letter of Credit Amendment for Viento Funding II, LLC on the current wind farms. 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 May/June 2021 NIRMA Interchange magazine that featured Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing from May 12, 2021 through May 26, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Committee updates were given by Chairman Mackeprang on Region IV and legislation, Supr. Miller on Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging, Supr. Schlote on Home Instead and the need for rural in-home care, County Clerk Fischer on a recent NACO Budget Workshop, legislation and the upcoming distribution of the ARPA funds.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Comment on non-agenda items was given by Sheriff Henery on the kitchenette project, use of the state-wide radio system now, using repurposed State Patrol radios, high-band is being phased out and handheld radios may be coming to be used in the Courthouse when a dispatcher has to leave the dispatch center for a brief moment. Deputy County Attorney Holecek informed the Board she is applying for a grant for the CMS system through the Crime Commission that would help the County Attorney's Office to obtain new computers and the office to become paperless.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 12:46 p.m. so as 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 executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 1:05 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to close at 1:05 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, IT wiring, 1,005.69; Big John Mfg. Co. Inc., sprayer repair, 135.00; Bomgaars, mulch/plant food/fitting, 352.99; CenTec Cast Metal products, grave markers, 1,471.70; CenturyLink, long distance, 90.60; Creston Fertilizer Co., weed chemicals, 1,734.56; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 781.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 64.20; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 46.84; Don Stoural, mileage, 10.35; ESRI, ARC GIS maintenance, 400.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage/jail food, 3,162.34; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 51.88; GWorks, GIS Assessor annual, 8,200.00; James Hames, mileage, 28.75; James Scott, mileage, 19.55; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 42.92; Knox County Sheriff, transport prisoner, 228.56; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 133,069.47; LeRoy Buchholz, mileage, 13.23; LeRoy Clausen, mileage, 14.95; Loren Hintz, meals, 770.00; NACO, registrations, 35.00; Postmaster, postage, 100.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 492.21; RR Donnelley, gun applications, 88.30; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.08; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 162.50; Verdigre Farm Service LLC, gas, 8.03; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 294.80.

**ROAD FUND.** Ag Heaters - Ag & Industrial Equipment, building repair, 176.87; B's Enterprises Inc., culverts, 9,020.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, rock, 298.90; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 309.91; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 100.52; Bloomfield Tire & Oil, tire repair, 20.00; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 181.19; C-Mart LLC, gas, 118.96; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 352.20; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 22.10; First National Bank Omaha, office supplies, 96.82; Hagge Glass, repairs, 245.00; Husker Steel, steel, 39,886.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 176.90; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 1,100.00; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test 110.00; Mike Jelinek, culvert supplies, 21.98; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 169.81; NMC Inc., repairs, 2,667.84; Northern Materials LLC, equipment rental, 14,907.75; Rohrer Welding, shop supplies, 259.79; TB & K Construction Inc., equipment rental, 1,120.00; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 1,552.04; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/tire repair/fluids/grass seed/repair, 2,912.69; Vic's Service, gas/def, 454.46; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 15,246.14; Yankton Fire & Safety Co., inspection, 30.00; Yonke Trucking, san/dirt, 216.00.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 7829.22

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.67.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** City of Bloomfield, improvement funds, 10,000.00; City of Creighton, improvement funds, 8,220.00; City of Crofton, improvement funds, 10,000.00; First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 173.90; Lewis & Clark SRA, improvement funds, 10,000.00; Village of Center, improvement funds, 2,500.00; Village of Niobrara, improvement funds, 10,000.00; Village of Verdigre, improvement funds, 10,000.00; Village of Wausa, improvement funds, 10,000.00; Village of Winnetoon, improvement funds, 2,500.00.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 150.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.67; First National Bank Omaha, postage/gas/youth programs/subscription, 541.60; NEDA, dues, 150.00; Stacy Miller, reimburse meal, 70.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney 3,892.41; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, court appointed attorney, 3,321.22; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 595.00; Scott Veldhouse, kitchen labor, 6,000.00.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 55.47; First National Bank Omaha, mapping supplies, 74.10; Three River Telco, phone, 28.78.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 371.22; Three River Telco, phone, 192.63.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	153,358.50
Road Fund	91,773.87
Flowage Easement Road Fund	7,829.22
Child Support Fund	5.67
Visitor's Improvement Fund	73,393.90
County Insurance Fund	500.00
Economic Development Fund	150.00
C&C Development Fund	767.27
Inheritance Fund	13,808.63
911 Emergency Fund	158.35

911 Wireless Service Fund  
Total

563.85  
\$342,309.26

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:07 p.m. on May 27, 2021 until Tuesday, June 8, 2021 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 8, 2021  
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 Tuesday, June 8, 2021 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 Bloomfield Monitor 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 27, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Domina Law Group regarding opioid lawsuit; 2. Copy of letter from twenty governors including Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts to President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. calling for the President's immediate action on the crisis at the southern border.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that 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 \$536,477.06 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess for Board of Equalization at 10:01 a.m.

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

As Hwy. Supt. Barta was attending a workshop, Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz met with the Board on the following: 1. Bridge Crew update; 2. Oil Crew update; 3. Creighton City Administrator Nelson questioned if a different access road could be made into the county yard as the trucks are breaking up the street leading to the county yard. Discussion was held on the large number of trees that would have to be removed, utility lines in the ditches near the county shed, and the possibility of lower costs if the County would repair the street instead of building a new access road. Research will be made on the matter; 4. Update on the FEMA Prischman bridge project. Construction equipment is being moved in so the project can begin on June 14, 2021; 5. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 10:31 a.m. so as 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 so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 10:59 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 10:59 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to hire Dustin Crosley of Niobrara for the road department employee position. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4 and #5. Nays Districts #1, #6 and #7. Motion carried.

Sue Krogman with NRIN and Mike Epley with Platte Valley Communications met with the Board about the formerly discussed microwave communication tower, an alternative option using a fiber optic line, grants, monthly costs, information on the fiber optic line installed in the western part of Nebraska and the fiber optic option would be a better fit for Knox County. The Board directed Ms. Krogman to draft a proposal with communication to be made with Emergency Manager Hintz on the proposal.

At 11:14 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing for the Cedar Ridge Estates Subdivision Final Plat. Travis and Robyn Barney were present to give information regarding construction of roads in the subdivision, the township road to be improved and brought to state standards, communicated with Cedar-Knox PPD for the electricity into the subdivision and that the homeowner association is in place. Zoning Administrator Doerr said the Planning Commission has approved the subdivision plat. Chairman Mackeprang closed the open public hearing at 11:22 a.m. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the Final Plat of Cedar Ridge Estates and the Subdivision Agreement. 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. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the May 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 #P0178 Joseph Merchant for a 4.19-acre lot split in the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 15, T33N, R2W. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.; 3. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application ~~#P0178~~ #P1079 (corrected 6-24-2021) Bronson Pahl for a boundary line adjustment of three tracts in the NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 4, T29N, R5W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. A person is needed to fill Kelly Kumm's position on the Board of Adjustments. Travis Barney was present and said he would volunteer to be a member of the Board of Adjustments. The appointment will be placed on the

June 24, 2021 agenda; 5. A public hearing for the review of livestock regulations will be held this evening (June 8) during the Planning Commission meeting.

Discussion was held on the recommendation from County Attorney Thomas on cancellation of Check #21050205 payable to the City of Crofton in the amount of \$10,000 written from the Visitor's Improvement Fund. A Visitor's Improvement Fund grant application was submitted by the Crofton Baseball Association for a bleachers project and the grant was approved by the Visitor's Committee and the Board of Supervisors pending a copy of the City's minutes or a resolution as the check was made payable to the City of Crofton. Crofton City Mayor Sharol Lawhead had informed Economic Development Director Hanvey that the matter had not been on the City's May agenda and that the City was not able to write a check directly to the Crofton Baseball Association as they are not a non-profit organization. Crofton City Mayor Lawhead was present and informed the Board of Supervisors that the City Council had approved at their June 7, 2021 meeting that the funds could come to the City of Crofton to be spent at the baseball field for the bleachers project if the Baseball Association presents the original bills to the City to be approved and paid by the City. The Board did not cancel Check #21050205 and the check will be held by the County Clerk's Office until the City of Crofton sends in a copy of their June 7, 2021 Council meeting minutes and approved resolution.

Sheriff Henery updated the Board on the following: 1. The kitchenette is completed except for the ancil unit; 2. A parked County patrol pickup was sideswiped by the operator of a telehandler moving a hot tub down the street. The operator's insurance will pay for the repairs; 3. Sheriff Henery will be providing traffic assistance and will be running in the Kolache Days celebration torch run this weekend; 4. A new deputy will begin part-time employment this week and will go full time July 8, 2021; 5. Discussed the Wausa Law Enforcement Agreement with Knox County. It will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Fritz discussed the NIRMA deductible for the upcoming fiscal year. The Board will leave the deductible as is.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from May 27 through June 4, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

December 31, 2021 was erroneously omitted from the 2021 Designated Holidays List. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to add to the 2021 Designated Holidays List December 31, 2021 in observance of 2022 New Year's Day. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 12** for allocation of the 2021-2022 Knox County 911 Wireless funding. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2021 - 12**

Resolved, that pursuant to the order of the Nebraska Public Service Commission Application 911-042.04, dated May 25, 2021, the Knox County 911 Wireless funding of a net of \$53,022.98 for the 2021-2022 funding year shall be allocated:

25% for maintenance, 911 telephone service costs, dispatcher wages, and other eligible costs  
75%, or remaining eligible funds at end of fiscal year, set aside for funding future 911  
equipment and software upgrades and purchases

Further resolved that any set aside funds 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

### COUNTY 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

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to appoint County Treasurer Cathy Stark to the Financing, Banking and Insurance Committee. 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 District Court May Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to cancel Check #21050143 payable to Big John Manufacturing Co. Inc. in the amount of \$135 written from the County General Fund. 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 Certificate of Pledged Securities Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Committee updates were given by Chairman Mackeprang on a recent "30 x 30" town hall meeting held in Norfolk and given by Governor Ricketts.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. Schlote who said that the Board needs to address the "30 x 30" conservation easement issue. Research will be made as to resolution drafts.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 174,459.66; Applied Connective Technologies, programming & email, 300.10; Bomgaars, wheelbarrow, supplies & weed supplies, 132.42; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Chad Vanness, board meeting expense, 14.56; James Peschel dba Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 36.00; Knox County District Court, justice claims, 167.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,011.51; Connie J. Janecek, prior service, 15.00; Consolidated Management Company, meals, 17.48; County of Knox Employees Benefit Account dba HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 30,625.00; Crofton Journal, ad, 179.56; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Donna Hays, jail supplies & jail food, 224.67; Eco Water Systems, bottled water & salt, 649.45; Gragert's, jail food, 1,233.28; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet & tower phone, 1,409.12; Holly Wortmann, board meeting expense, 36.96; Hometown Leasing, office equipment, 76.18; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 350.00; Jacqueline E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; JoAnn Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; JoAnn P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Karen K. Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Kasey Wagner, board meeting expense, 22.40; Kevin R. Barta, mower gas, 15.50; Kristine Kumm, travel expense, 21.28; The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 266.11; Liz Doerr, mileage, 20.72; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Microfilm Imaging Service, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer programming, 1,613.90; MIPS, Inc., scanning, 11,825.00; Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards, dues, 100.00; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training, training, 276.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity & tower electricity, 1,765.56; ONE Office Solution, contract service, 1,599.22; Post Office, postage, 451.00; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 1,939.50; Quill, supplies, 978.80; 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, 11,547.17; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Sharla Hanzlik, board meeting expense, 12.32; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; Tri State & Irrigation LLC, sprinkler materials, 136.80; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 218.46; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 630.90; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, \$64,846.45; B's Enterprises, Inc., culvert, blade bolts & shop supplies, 23,899.24; Baur Built Inc., LLC, tires, 645.20; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 81.25; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 611.83; Bomgaars, shop supplies & grease, 448.01; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; Carhart Lumber Co., cement & bridge supplies, 37.73; Cedar County Treasurer, reflectometer repair, 188.75; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; C-Mart, gas, 205.02; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,877.15; Cornhusker International Trucks, Inc., repairs, 1,466.86; Country Market, shop supplies, 21.43; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. % Health Care Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 13,125.00; David Bauer, prior service, 36.00; Frevert Excavating LLC, equipment rental, 990.00; Great Plains Communications, phone, 546.31; Grossenburg Implement, Inc., filters, fluid, repairs & shop supplies, 2,833.18; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,403.43; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 1,202.50; Husker Steel, steel, 92,429.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 5.99; Larry Pilar, prior service 21.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 113.24; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., oxygen/acetylene, 383.70; N & B Gas Co., furnace, 3,213.40; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 50.66; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 267.58; Northeast Nebraska News Company, ad, 17.00; Omaha Slings, Inc., crane supplies, 843.37; Pitzer Digital, LLC, ad, 30.00; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 775.80; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,057.91; Roger's Auto Repair, repairs, 18.00; Ronald Bourn, gravel/haul, 2,349.08; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 25.50; Travis Sucha, fill dirt, 1,350.00; U.S. Cellular, phone, 573.69; Village of Niobrara, water & sewer, 38.69; Village of Verdigre, water, sewer & garbage, 92.69; Wausa Medical Clinic, drug test, 60.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 20,687.46.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 53.13; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

**ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND.** MIPS, microfilming & computer programming, 267.29.

**C & C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 4,187.56; C-Mart, travel expense, 14.55; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 312.30; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account %HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 875.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 53.13; The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 282.66; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 160.06.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, jail kitchen appliances & paint, 1,611.96; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Schreier Lumber, jail kitchen materials, 3,129.51; Scott Veldhouse, labor – jail kitchen, 500.00.

**KENO FUND.** gWorks, GIS website, 7,765.00.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 7.38; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 140.35; Special Ts & More, Inc., youth shirts, 1,487.50.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 532.43.



	TOTALS	
General Fund		265,962.76
Road Fund		246,921.10
Child Support Fund		134.13
ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund		267.29
C & C Development Fund		5,934.32
Inheritance Fund		7,324.80
Keno Fund		7,765.00
911 Emergency Fund		1,635.23
911 Wireless Service Fund		<u>532.43</u>
	Total	\$536,477.06

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:32 p.m. on June 8, 2021 until Thursday, June 24, 2021 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 24, 2021  
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 24, 2021 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.

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 Verdigre Eagle newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction of the Administrative Plat Application for Branson Pahl was #P0179.

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 \$743,117.55 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 10:30 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussed cell phones and costs. Some employees are using their personal phones; 2. Update on the County Township Allocation; 3. Update on Prischman FEMA bridge project; 4. Bridge Crew update; 5. Oil Crew update; 6. Discussion was held on selling the overhead hoists at the Bloomfield, Wausa and Verdigre Yards and possibly the one at the Creighton Yard; 7. Update on the end of the 2020/2021 budget; 8. Motion by Supervisor Schlote, seconded by Supervisor Miller to accept the report brought by Knox County Highway Superintendent Barta for the vacation and abandonment of a .32-mile portion (1,680 feet) of 888 Road (Platted Road #5) located across Government Lot 3 in the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S1/2SW1/4) of Section 2, T31N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., in Bohemia Township, Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried; 9. Supervisor O'Connor made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Borgmann that the following Road Resolution be published in the Verdigre Eagle newspaper on July 8, 15 and 22, 2021. Also, a copy of said Resolution be sent by certified mail to current adjoining landowners namely Terry and Geri Swett and Paul Sheckler, Debra Frank, Robert Sheckler, Roger Sheckler and Beth Francis. The date of hearing on this matter being set for Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2021 - 13**

**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 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021 directed the County Highway Superintendent to make a study of the use of a portion of a platted Bohemia Township road described as follows:

A .32-mile portion (1,680 feet) of 888 Road (Platted Road #5) located across Government Lot 3 in the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S1/2SW1/4) of Section 2, T31N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of vacating and abandoning the above-mentioned portion of 888 RD in Bohemia Township, Knox County, Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2021, County Highway Superintendent did file his report in writing as to such road, containing a recommendation that said portion of 888 RD in Bohemia Township be vacated and abandoned, and

**BE IT, THEREFORE RESOLVED**, by the County Board of Supervisors of Knox County that a public hearing be had as provided in Section 39-1724, Nebraska Revised Statutes (Re-issue of 2004), in the Supervisors' Meeting Room in the Courthouse at Center, Nebraska on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021 at the hour of 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of determining a .32-mile portion (1,680 feet) of 888 Road (Platted Road #5) located across Government Lot 3 in the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S1/2SW1/4) of Section 2, T31N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., in Bohemia Township, Knox County, Nebraska, be vacated and abandoned.

Passed, approved and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Chairman

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr., to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0180 Elizabeth Bigley for the lot combination of Lots 25, 26A and a part of vacated ditch, 26B (East Portion), and 27, Block 1, Walker Valley View noting that no construction can be made on the vacated ditch/area that is designated as a road on the Walker Valley View plat. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the May 18, 2021 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to appoint Travis Barney to fill Kelly Kumm's unexpired term on the Board of Adjustments noting the term will expire November 31, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Antelope County hired a person to fill Mrs. Doerr's position there as Zoning Administrator.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve a law enforcement contract between the Village of Wausa and Knox County from June 15, 2021 and ending June 15, 2022. By call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Sheriff's Report on Collection of Taxes on fourteen Distress Warrants. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on employee wages for 2022 as it is budget preparation time and increasing the starting wage. The Finance, Banking and Insurance Committee will review the information and bring the matter back to the Board on July 8, 2021.

Motion was made by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021-14** to transfer budget authority from the General Miscellaneous function within the General Fund Budget to the County Attorney function and the Emergency Manager function within the General Fund due to unforeseen circumstances and proposed expenditures exceeding the budget authority allocated. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays None. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2021 - 14**

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen circumstances, proposed expenditures exceed budget authority allocated for the County Attorney function and the Emergency Manager function within the General Fund Budget, and

WHEREAS, budget authority in the General Miscellaneous function, also an office function of the General Fund Budget, is adequate to allow for transfers to meet current fiscal year expenditures, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an additional two thousand sixty-two dollars and 7 cents (\$2,062.07) of budget authority is hereby allocated to the County Attorney function and seven hundred twenty-one dollars and 22 cents (\$721.22) of budget authority is hereby allocated to the Emergency Manager function, all from the General Miscellaneous function within the General Fund Budget.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021.

#### **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. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept and place on file the resignation dated May 13, 2021 from long-time Addison Township Treasurer Robert L. Kuhl and the appointment of Roy W. Johnson, Jr. as the Addison Township Treasurer and further noting Mr. Kuhl passed on June 10, 2021. 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 surety bond for Addison Township Treasurer Roy W. Johnson, Jr. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to appoint Krista Nix as the point person effective July 6, 2021, for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) that were included in the American Rescue Plan Act. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to create the SLFRF Committee with members to be Chairman Mackeprang, Supr. Sokol, Jr., County Clerk Fischer, SLFRF point person Krista Nix, County Treasurer Stark, Hwy. Supt. Barta and Sheriff Henery. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the "30 x 30 issue". The matter was tabled until the next meeting so more information can be gathered to include in a resolution.

Committee updates were given by Chairman Mackeprang, Supr. Borgmann and Supr. Schlote on the recent NACO County Board of Equalization and County Board Workshops.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue List Report for June 8 through June 23, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the following: 1. The proposal between Platte Valley Communications and Applied Connective Technologies for the upgrade to the Lindy tower has been sent to JEO for ~~hazard mitigation~~. Also, the hazard mitigation report was sent to JEO for review. (Corrected 7-8-2021); 2. Lightning strikes one evening caused two grass fires in the Center area.

County Assessor McManigal returned to the Board to discuss WRP valuations. The WRP waste acres had been valued at \$70 per acre but increased to \$710 per acre which is the valuation of the remainder WRP acres. This was done due to three sales in Knox County. County Assessor McManigal said a number of owners of WRP acres have been calling about the increased valuation. The Board concurred with County Assessor McManigal to change the WRP waste acre valuations back to \$70 per acre and to review the matter next year at which time there may be more sales to consider.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to go into executive session at 1:00 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 1:30 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to close at 1:30 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, IT/computers, 8,301.20; Aumentum, T1 support, 17,181.00; Bomgaars, jail supplies, 79.98; Cathy Stark, mileage, 280.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 92.81; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 66.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, subscription, 40.00; D&L Tire LLC, tires, 2,260.92; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 46.84; Dollar General, supplies/jail supplies/jail food, 133.35; Eakes Office Plus, office supplies/chair/copier, 7095.55; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage/jail food, 8,143.00; Furnas County Sheriff, summons, 18.00; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 51.88; Hagge Glass, replace windows, 430.00; Hefner Hardware, building & grounds supplies, 45.15; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging, 459.80; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 35.00; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 42.92; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.12; Knox County Court, cases bound over, 234.00; Knox County Register of Deeds, recording, 10.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 12.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to Road Fund, 133,069.47; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 36.96; Loffler, printer contracts, 733.37; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 114.24; MIPS, computer program/tax statements, 10,962.69; NACT, registration, 125.00; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 56.36; NIRMA, insurance, 63,414.00; PIP Marketing, registration holders, 899.82; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 705.88; Platte Valley Communications Inc., radio prep, 192.70; Postmaster, postage, 4,289.60; PowerTech, generator service contract, 1,400.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,187.25; R&K Motor Parts, weed camera/parts/oil/filter, 585.46; Reserve Account, meter postage, 15,000.00; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 37.32; Scott-Merriman Inc., deputy logs, 162.00; UNL Eastern Nebraska Research & Extension Center; contact, 5,660.99; Verdigre Eagle, envelopes, 1,100.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage/hall rent, 575.00.

**ROAD FUND.** B's Enterprises Inc., culvert, 9,490.00; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 35.31; Bloomfield Tire & Oil, tire swap/repair, 65.00; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., repairs, 143.40; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 121.43; CHS Wausa, diesel, 1,390.17; C-Mart LLC, gas, 60.20; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 307.43; Emme Sand & Gravel Inc., gravel/haul, 5,073.84; First National Bank Omaha, decals/first aid/charger/repairs/lodging/safety glasses, 936.90; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,364.00; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies/repairs, 68.07; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 1,711.21; Husker Steel, bridge, 169,470.00; Jebro Inc., mc3000/mc250, 51,718.31; Joe Merchant, equipment rental, 9,750.00; LCL Truck Equipment Inc., repairs, 208.27; Mitteis Gravel, gravel, 2,689.90; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 126.58; NIRMA, workers comp/liability/insurance, 82,858.00; Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk; door, 3,697.00; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 74.97; Plumbing & Electrical Services Inc., equipment rental, 7,830.00; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/shop tool, 1,177.53; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 457.43; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul/equipment rental, 82,625.97; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/shop supplies/grass seed/tordon, 3,207.76; Vic's Service, gas, 273.90; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 5,568.39.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.80; Maximus Inc., cost allocation, 485.00; Postmaster, postage, 868.00.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, firespring giving day, 51.80.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 173.90.

**ROD PRES./MOD. FUND.** Bear Graphics Inc., binders, 834.00; Eakes Office Solutions, scanner, 2,369.00.

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

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.80; First National Bank Omaha, dues/office supplies/meals, 168.90; Nebraska Travel Association, dues, 150.00; Wausa Community Club, Wausa bucks, 180.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 6,436.13; Stratton, DeLay, Doe, Carlson, Buettner & Stover, court appointed attorney, 711.20.

**KENO FUND.** Hefner Hardware, refrigerator, 682.99.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, handouts, 1,380.55.

TOTALS	
General Fund	285,529.51
Road Fund	442,584.97
Child Support Fund	1,358.80
Visitor's Promo Fund	51.80
Visitor's Improvement Fund	173.90
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	3,203.00
County Insurance Fund	500.00
C&C Development Fund	504.70
Inheritance Fund	7,147.33
Keno Fund	682.99
911 Emergency Fund	<u>1,380.55</u>
Total	\$743,117.55

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:30 p.m. on June 24, 2021 until Thursday, July 8, 2021 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 8, 2021  
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 Thursday, July 8, 2021 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 Bloomfield Monitor 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 27, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that the hazard mitigation report was submitted to JEO for review as well as the proposal between Platte Valley Communications and Applied Connective Technologies for the upgrade to the Lindy tower was sent to JEO.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Secretary of the Interior announcing Knox County would receive PILT funds in the amount of \$42,797; 2. Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice letter stating the Knox County Jail was in full compliance; 3. Executive Order No. 21-08 issued by Nebraska Governor Ricketts on STOP 30 X 30 – PROTECT OUR LAND & WATER.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that 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 \$449,751.19 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess for Board of Equalization at 10:01 a.m.

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 15** requesting the Nebraska Department of Transportation to act on behalf of Knox County to administer Federal funds on Project ER-54(23), Control Number 32330. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM-EMERGENCY/PERMANENT REPAIRS

Knox County

### **Resolution No. 2021-15**

Project No. ER-54(23)

Control No. 32330

DDIR Site: L54-01

**Whereas:** Certain transportation facilities have been designed as being eligible for Federal assistance from the Department of Transportation through the Emergency Relief Program (ER) of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and

**Whereas:** Major highways and bridges in Nebraska that are part of the Federal-Aid highway system suffered widespread serious damage as a result of flooding beginning on March 12, 2019 (Disaster # NE 19) and were in need of emergency or temporary repair, or restoration; and

**Whereas:** The Nebraska Department of Transportation, as a recipient of the previously described Federal assistance, is charged with oversight of the expenditures of said funds; and

**Whereas:** The County has completed all repair work on an eligible Federal-Aid route to restore essential traffic.

**Whereas:** The project has met all contract provisions as required by 23 CFR Part 633A; met the Davis-Bacon wage requirements; and abided by the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) requirements, American with Disability Act (ADA) requirements, "Buy America" Provisions, FHWA 1273 and prohibitions against the use of convict labor (23 U.S.C. 114); and

**Whereas:** The State has completed the required NEPA document, along with resource agency and concurrences, and no new right of way (ROW) was needed for completing permanent repairs; and

**Whereas:** All permanent repairs were completed following the flooding and are eligible for 80% Federal share reimbursement; and

**Whereas:** The total emergency repair reimbursement is \$376,467.98 and no further costs relating to this project will be incurred or submitted to the State.

**Whereas:** the total permanent repairs reimbursement is \$79,319.80 and no further costs relating to this project will be incurred or submitted to the State.

**Be It Resolved:** That the Nebraska Department of Transportation is hereby requested to act on behalf of Knox County to administer Federal funds.

**Be It Further Resolved:** That the Chairman of the County Board is authorized to sign this Resolution on behalf of said Board.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021 at Center, NE

By Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska.

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Chairman

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/

County Clerk

Board Member Supr. Sokol, Jr.

Moved the adoption of said Resolution and seconded by Supr. O'Connor.

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 Nay

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

2. Discussed leased John Deere tractor; 3. Discussed engineering of the Weigand Bridge project. Costs for the emergency repair will be taken from the Inheritance Fund; 4. Bridge Crew update; 5. Oil Crew update; 6. FEMA Prischman bridge project update; 7. Equipment repairs; 8. Discussed bidding for new motorgrader.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0181 Bank of Madison Ag for a boundary adjustment in the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 6, T32N, R8W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on increasing the starting wage for office employees and for the road department. Increasing the starting wage would make the need to change the wages of nine full-time employees and two new hires in the Courthouse as well as Road employees. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the increase of the beginning wage to \$16 per hour for office employees excluding the Sheriff's Office, approve the wage increase packet of 6% as presented with the increase to be effective July 1, 2021 running through December 31, 2022 for office employees not receiving a deputy wage, for the Road employees noting there will be no further seasonal increases, and new hires to be eligible to receive a 50-cent increase every six months for a two-year period. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nay District #4. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board to discuss wages for the dispatchers/jailors and the deputies and requested \$1.50 per hour increase for the dispatchers/jailors and \$1.00 per hour increase for the deputies. The kitchenette is operational, so the dispatchers/jailors are cooking the meals for the prisoners now. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to give a \$1.00 per hour increase to the dispatchers/jailors and \$1.00 per hour increase to the deputy sheriffs with increases effective July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 11:28 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:53 p.m. with all members present.

SLFRF Point Person Krista Nix updated the Board on guidelines, possible projects for the ARPA funds and what may be needed in each of their districts.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 1:01 p.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 2:01 p.m. with all members present.

The Board met with the appointed officials to discuss wages. Discussion was held on duties and each appointed official was asked for their wage projection. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 2:25 p.m. so as to protect the reputation of individuals while discussing wages and duties of appointed officials. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of individuals while discussing wages and duties of appointed officials. The Board came out of executive session at 2:48 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 2:48 p.m. the executive session held on discussion of wages and duties of appointed officials. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Hwy. Supt. Barta's base salary to increase by 2.5% starting January 1, 2022 and the following wage increases for the other appointed officials effective July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022: Emergency Manager Hintz 50 cents per hour; Veteran Service Officer Jones 50 cents per hour; Weed Superintendent Banks 50 cents per hour and Zoning Administrator Doerr \$3 per hour. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing for June 24 through July 7, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to reappoint James Hames 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. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve a Special Designated Liquor License Application for Bohemian One Stop for an event at The Barn at God's Country on August 21, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to accept the Special Designated Liquor License Application that was approved by Knox County Clerk Fischer for the Center Improvement Club for special events on July 24 and 25, 2021 at The Barn at God's Country. 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 Revised Sheriff's Report on Collection of Distress Warrants for personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Knox County Treasurer's Report of Collections of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes FY 2019 and Prior. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Audit Engagement Letter for the upcoming annual audit by the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts' Office. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 16** for the transfer of funds through the claims process from the General Fund to the Road Fund in the amount of \$133,069.47 in July and in August to cover incurred expenses in the Road Fund until the 2021/2022 budget is set. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2021 – 16**

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2021-2022 County Road budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 Knox County budget will not be adopted until September 2021, and

WHEREAS, transfers are needed from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund until the 2021-2022 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 \$133,069.47 in July 2021 and \$133,069.47 in August 2021 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 2021/2022 Knox County Budget will be reduced by the \$266,138.94 and the remaining balance of the 2021/2022 total transfer to be prorated accordingly from September 2021 through June 2022.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

#### **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. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann 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. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the KEYBANK N.A. Standby Letter of Credit Services amending the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit Number S322191 on Viento Funding II Inc. on behalf of Elkhorn Ridge Wind, LLC in Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Report by the Knox County Treasurer of Collections, Disbursements and Balances for six months ending June 30, 2021 and also that there were no unpaid claims against Knox County as of June 15, 2021. 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 County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected April 1 through June 30, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021-17** directing the Knox County Treasurer put back any interest made on the investments of the Flowage Easement Road Fund, the County Insurance Fund, the Economic Development Fund and the KENO Fund into the respective funds and interest not to be credited to the General Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2021 – 17**

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Revised Statute §77-2315 says that interest received on any bank accounts and investments authorized by this section and section 77-2340 shall be credited to the General Fund, or to a fund to be used exclusively for the purposes contemplated by the provisions of section 23-120, in the discretion of the county board, and



**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Revised Statute §77-2315 also says that, provided, if such interest is received on a fund which shall not have been commingled with any other fund for investment purposes, then any interest received shall be credited to the fund from which the investment shall have been made, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the County Board's discretion whether any fund shall be commingled or invested from an identifiable account and that interest on those investments would go back to those funds and not to the General Fund, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Knox County Board of Supervisors directs the Knox County Treasurer that interest made on the investments of the Flowage Easement Road Fund, the County Insurance Fund, the County Economic Development Fund, and the KENO Fund be put back into the respective fund and not to be credited to the General Fund.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

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/  
Knox County Clerk

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

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 18** directing the Knox County Treasurer to credit to the General Fund any interest accrued in the COVID American Rescue Plan Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2021 – 18**

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Revised Statute §77-2315 says that interest received on any bank accounts and investments authorized by this section and section 77-2340 shall be credited to the General Fund, or to a fund to be used exclusively for the purposes contemplated by the provisions of section 23-120, in the discretion of the county board, and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID American Rescue Plan Fund was created as Knox County is slated to receive approximately \$1,618,000 from the U.S. Treasury because of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and

**WHEREAS**, the first amount of \$809,196.50 was received on June 7, 2021 and it was deposited into the newly created fund by the Knox County Treasurer and invested with NPAIT in an interest bearing account for Knox County, and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Treasury has declared that the interest from the ARPA funds can be used by the counties for general purpose and does not need to be kept in the COVID American Rescue Plan Fund, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Knox County Board of Supervisors directs the Knox County Treasurer to credit to the General Fund any interest accrued in the COVID American Rescue Plan Fund.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2021.

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/  
Knox County Clerk

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

Deputy County Attorney Holecek updated the Board on the Diversion Program and a grant that is being applied for that would pay for a portion of the wages of County Attorney Administrative Assistant Roskeland.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the recent fires in Boyd County and the use of a plane to put down fire retardant. Also, Knox County received gloves, masks, gowns, shovels, rakes and hygienic cleaning kits.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Comments on non-agenda items was given by Knox County Clerk Fischer that North Central District Health Department is proposing holding a scrap tire collection in area counties.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 177,238.30; Applied Connective Technologies, programming/email/ upgrades, 2,358.59; Bazile Creek Power Sports, mower oil change, 120.92; Bloomfield Auto Parts, oil, 47.35; Bomgaars, weed repairs, 20.45; C-Mart, mower gas, 16.02; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,224.71; County of Knox Employees Benefit Account dba HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 30,625.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 52.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios, 154.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 258.10; Eco Water Systems, bottled water, 390.00; Gragert's, prisoner food, 753.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet & tower phone, 1,366.83; Heartland Energy Management, quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Hometown Leasing, office equipment, 76.18; JoAnn P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Knox County Court, transcript, 86.90; Kristine Kumm, travel expense, 10.08; Landmark Surveying Associates, surveyor fee, 633.96; The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 260.15; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 184.84; Megan Hanefeldt, travel expense, 89.60; MIPS, computer programming, 681.16; Northeast Nebraska Area on Agency on Aging, fiscal match, 6,556.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity & tower electricity, 2,485.37; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 141.60; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 1,896.40; Quill, supplies, 1,445.16; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,702.49; Steven Banks, meeting dues, 15.00; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; United States Treasury, PCORI fee, 146.30; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 199.60; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/cards, 798.95; Village of Center, curbstop repair, 699.47.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, \$69,397.99; B's Enterprises, Inc., signs, 790.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs/weed trimmer/supplies, 355.70; Bomgaars, shop supplies/repairs, 475.02; Brian Sandoz, insurance reimbursement, 57.37; Carhart Lumber Co., shop supplies, 7.56; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 148.91;

C-Mart, gas, 76.06; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,224.36; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. % Health Care Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 13,125.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 34.80; DWarriner Clearing & Grading LLC, gravel/haul, 1,782.00; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 2,707.00; Great Plains Communications, phone, 544.63; Grossenburg Implement, Inc., filters/fluids/repairs/shop supplies, 1,104.91; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 1,875.97; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 7,122.50; Jake Dendinger, equipment rental, 560.52; Jebro Inc., road oil, 31,584.78; Kayton International, repairs, 25.75; Key Sanitation, garbage, 120.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 148.68; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 44.34; Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 55.88; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 35.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 45.94; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 281.66; Pitzer Digital, LLC, publishing, 4.00; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 775.80; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filters/shop supplies, 665.64; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,411.03; Ronald Bourn, gravel/haul, 2,130.92; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 2,521.00; U.S. Cellular, phone, 811.87; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 5,615.67; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 32.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.50; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 27,582.23.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 55.85.

**ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, microfilming/computer programming, 268.88.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 112.50.

**C & C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 4,581.24; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 342.40; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account %HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 875.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 55.85; Knox County Economic Development, reimbursement, 50.00; The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 43.10; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 104.69; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 309.23; Stacy Miller, mileage, 20.70; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 150.82.

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

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.73; CenturyLink, phone, 55.47; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 133.64; Three River Telco, phone, 28.78.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 371.22; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 538.92; Three River Telco, phone, 192.63.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	256,854.22
Road Fund	182,455.03
Child Support Fund	55.85
ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund	323.88
Economic Development Fund	112.50
C & C Development Fund	6,538.99
Inheritance Fund	2,083.33
911 Emergency Fund	224.62
911 Wireless Service Fund	1,102.77

Total \$449,751.19

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 3:21 p.m. on July 8, 2021 Thursday, July 29, 2021 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 29, 2021  
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 29, 2021 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.

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 Verdigre Eagle newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the July 8, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was an email from Attorney David Domina regarding the opioid litigation.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller 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 \$287,926.49 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:01 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. Chairman Mackeprang opened a public hearing at 10:31 a.m. for the vacation/abandonment of a portion of 888 RD in Bohemia Township. Bohemia Township Chairman Wendell Rohrer was present. The portion being vacated/abandoned is being affected by the water table in that area; 2. Update on ER, EWP, FEMA, and Ray Stark Bridge projects; 3. Discussion was held on mowing roadsides. A notice to remind landowners to mow roadsides will be placed in the county papers and on Facebook; 3. Chairman Mackeprang closed at 10:52 a.m. the public hearing on the vacation/abandonment of a .32-mile portion of 888 RD in Bohemia Township. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska that the publisher's affidavit of publishing notice be filed with the minutes and as part of this record. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. 4. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 19** to vacate and abandon a .32-mile portion (1,680 feet) of 888 RD (Platted Road #5) located across Government Lot 3 in the S1/2SW1/4 of Section 2, T31N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska and that a copy of the Resolution be mailed to each of the Bohemia Township Board members by certified mail. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2021 - 19**

**WHEREAS**, upon the public hearing duly held, after proper notice given, it appears that it would be in the public interest to require the vacation and abandonment of the following portion of 888 Road (Platted Road #5) located in Bohemia Township, Knox County, Nebraska described as follows:

A .32-mile portion (1,680 feet) of 888 Road (Platted Road #5) located across Government Lot 3 in the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S1/2SW1/4) of Section 2, T31N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

**BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk mail a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Township Board of Bohemia Township in Knox County, by certified mail, filing her receipts therefore as part of this record. Passed and approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Chairman

Chairman Mackeprang opened at 10:52 a.m. the advertised public hearing for the liquor license application of The Barn at God's Country.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 5. Supervisor Liska made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Sokol, Jr. that the following Road Resolution be published in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper on August 5, 12, and 19, 2021. Also, a copy of said Resolution be sent by certified mail to current adjoining landowners namely Duane and Judy Tinsley, Rick and Connie Droescher, and Ramon and Dorothy Brandt. The date of hearing on this matter being set for

Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2021- 20**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 39-1722, Nebraska Revised Statutes, the County Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020 directed the County Highway Superintendent to make a study of the use of a portion of a platted Raymond Township road 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., Knox County, Nebraska

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of vacating and abandoning 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, and

**WHEREAS**, on October 29, 2020, County Highway Superintendent did file his report in writing as to such road, containing a recommendation that said Bass Drive be vacated and abandoned, and

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Board of Supervisors delayed setting a hearing date until a survey could be completed which has now been done by Landmark Surveying and Associates, and

**BE IT, THEREFORE RESOLVED**, by the County Board of Supervisors of Knox County that a public hearing be had as provided in Section 39-1724, Nebraska Revised Statutes, in the Supervisors' Meeting Room in the Courthouse at Center, Nebraska on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 at the hour of 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of determining whether 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., in Raymond Township, Knox County, Nebraska, be vacated and abandoned.

Passed, approved and adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Chairman

6. Request was received to place portable speed radars on the County road by Lindy; 7. A request was received for the County to assist taking down ten cottonwood trees. The trees that are not dead, are located on the owner's property on his side of the right-of-way. The matter will be reviewed to see if the trees are creating a hazard or hanging over the road intersection.

Jared Reiners with Congressman Adrian Smith's office in Grand Island met with the Board with updates from Washington D.C.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 8. A letter was sent to Senator Gragert on LB 406 with the hope that it will help with the Rec Road and the Lazy River Acres road; 9. Bridge Crew update; 10. Oil Crew update; 11. Lazy River Acres Road update; 12. FEMA bridge updates; 13. Culvert placed east of Bloomfield.

At 11:26 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing on The Barn At God's Country LLC liquor license application. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the application for The Barn At God's Country LLC dba The Barn At God's Country located at 53174 Hwy 84, Center NE for a Class IB Liquor License. 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. Miller to place on file the June Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Planning Commission June 8, 2021 meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0182 1213 Properties, LLC on a boundary adjustment on Lots 12, 13, 14 and 25, Stewart's Prairie Ridge. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. The Board received the Report of the Knox County Planning Commission of a review of confined feeding setbacks and impact easements in light of Harts v. Knox County. The Board has thoroughly reviewed the Report and accepts its recommendation to make no changes to the Livestock Setbacks and Impact Easements.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. Overview of LB 51 that takes effect August 28, 2021. LB 51 has a major impact on law enforcement, and training and hiring of law enforcement officers; 2. Discussed law enforcement in the City of Crofton as the police chief in Crofton resigned and is working in Bloomfield.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue list for July 8 through July 28, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote 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 Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve an additional 1% over the 2 1/2% basic limitation allowable increase to restricted funds for the 2021/2022 budget process. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board set Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for review of the 2021/2022 office budget drafts with officials.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to accept the Special Designated Liquor License Application that was approved by Knox County Clerk Fischer for Jerry's Hilltop LLC for a special event on August 5, 2021 at The Barn At God's Country. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve a Special Designated Liquor License Application for Bohemian One Stop at Eagle View Group Lodge at the Niobrara State Park for a special event on August 25, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

After a discussion, motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 21** opposing the Federal Government's "30 x 30" Land Preservation goal. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-21**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OPPOSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S "30 X 30" LAND PRESERVATION GOAL**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Knox is a legal and political subdivision of the State of Nebraska for which the Board of Supervisors ("Board") is authorized to act; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Knox contains about 729,600 total acres of land situated in Northeast Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Knox contains about 11,243.66 acres of WRP land, 2,059.65 acres of State Park, 329 acres of Conservation Easement Acres, 26,905 acres of CRP, as well as 25,350.31 acres of tribal, state rec and take land; and

**WHEREAS**, designating lands as wilderness does not assure its preservation. Left in an undisturbed or natural state, these lands are highly susceptible to wildland wildfires, insect infestation and disease, all of which degrades the natural and human environment; and **WHEREAS**, the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economic condition, and culture of the County, its business and its citizens depend on private land ownership and the use of these resources; and

**WHEREAS**, many of Knox County's businesses and its citizens are involved in or otherwise depend on industries that utilize private lands and their resources, including livestock grazing, crop production, recreational industries, hunting and other outdoor recreation; and **WHEREAS**, these industries are important components of the Nebraska economy, and are major contributors to the economic and social wellbeing of Knox County and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., issued Executive Order 14008 entitled Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619); and

**WHEREAS**, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Biden directed the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and other senior officials, to develop program to conserve at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030, which is called the "30 x 30" program; and

**WHEREAS**, under the 30 x 30 program, some 680 million acres of our Nation's lands would be set aside and permanently preserved in its natural state, preventing the productive use of these lands and their resources; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no constitutional or statutory authority for the President, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, or any other federal agency to set aside and permanently preserve 30 percent of all land and water in the United States, and no such authority is reference in Executive Order 14008; and

**WHEREAS**, placing private lands into permanent conservation status will cause dramatic and irreversible harm to the economies of many states, including Nebraska, and in particular rural counties, such as Knox County, whose citizens depend on private lands for their livelihoods; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 14008 at 216(a) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with other relevant federal agencies to "submit a report to the Task Force within 90 days of the date of this order recommending steps that the United States should take, working with State, local, Tribal and territorial governments, agricultural and forest landowners, fisherman and other key stakeholders, to achieve the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our land and waters by 2030."

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

1. The Board opposes the 30 x 30 program, including its objective of permanently preserving 30 percent of the Nation's lands in its natural state by 2030, or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use of millions of acres of our lands.
2. The Board further opposes the designation of lands in Knox County as wilderness, wilderness study areas, wildlife preserves, open space, or other conservation land, thereby restricting public access to such lands and preventing the development and productive use of these resources on or within such lands.
3. The Board supports the continued private ownership of land in the County, recognizing the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber, food and fiber.
4. The Board recognizes and supports the State of Nebraska's water rights system, and other state laws and programs governing water rights and water use and opposes any federal designation of waters and

watercourses within the County that would impair or restrict water diversions and uses authorized under Nebraska law.

5. The Board supports reasonable national, regional and global greenhouse gas emissions policies and goals that are comprehensive, practical, cost-effective and do not unnecessarily single out specific industries or activities but opposes the use of global climate change as an excuse to set aside large tracts of land as preserves or open spaces to fulfill that 30 x30 program's objectives.
6. The Board also maintains that any lands or other rights that are acquired to fulfill the 30 x 30 program's objectives should be acquired only from willing landowners and for the payment of full and fair market value for all rights and interests acquired, and not through regulatory compulsion, and only after analyzing and considering the impacts of such land acquisitions on the well-being, health, safety, welfare, economy and culture of Knox County, its businesses, and its citizens. The Board also maintains that any lands put under conservation easement will make payments to Knox County equal to what the property taxes would be if this land was still in private ownership and management, considering the highest land use.
7. The Board shall send a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Interior and all other relevant Federal and State agencies.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY OF KNOX

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
County Clerk

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Supervisor / Chairman

Discussion was held on the ever-increasing problem with cybersecurity. The Board reviewed information from Applied Connective Technologies on the IronScales Program that would eliminate some of the problems. NIRMA will be holding a cybersecurity training on August 25, 2021 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for Knox County office employees. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Miller that all office employees are required to attend the NIRMA Cybersecurity training on August 25 except for the Sheriff employees who have already attended the training, and further employees who will be absent due to vacation or other scheduled meetings must request a leave of absence from the training from the Board. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, 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 \$340/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: 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 \$340/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 - \$2,226.11/month; 3 Supervisors - \$2,126.11/month; 3 Supervisor - \$2,126.11/month + \$340 opt out stipend; County Assessor - \$5,315.27/month; Deputy Assessor - \$23.01/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month; 1 Clerk/Appraiser - \$18.55/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month; 1 Clerk/Appraiser - \$17.91/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month; County Attorney- \$5,315.27/month; Part-time Deputy County Attorney - \$2,546.80/month (no insurance); 1 Administrative Assistant - \$16.00/hour + \$340 opt out stipend/month; County Clerk, Election Commissioner & Ex-Officio Register of Deeds - \$5,315.27/month; Deputy County Clerk - \$23.01/hour; 1 Recording Clerk - \$17.91/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$17.91/hour; Clerk of District Court - \$5,315.27/month; Deputy Clerk of District Court - \$23.01/hour + \$340 opt out stipend/month; County Sheriff - \$7,050.70/month + \$120 uniform allowance/month & \$50 phone/internet/month; 911 Coordinator - \$21.48/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Chief Deputy Sheriff - \$4,650.39/month + \$39.64/hour for other hours + \$120 uniform allowance/month + \$340/month opt out stipend; 1 Deputy Sheriff - \$4,556.60/month + \$38.75/hour for other hours + \$120 uniform allowance; 1 Deputy Sheriff - \$4,171.23/month + \$35.38/hour for other hours + \$120 uniform allowance/month; 1 Deputy Sheriff - \$3,828.33/month + \$25.35/hour for other hours + \$120 uniform allowance/month (benefits start September 1); 8 Part-time Deputy Sheriff - \$25.35/hour (no insurance); 1 Administrative Assistant - \$19.50/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Head Jailer - \$25.25/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 2 Jailors - \$20.92/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Jailer - \$20.08/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Jailer - \$19.69/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month + \$340 opt out stipend/month; 1 Jailer - \$19.67/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Jailer - \$18.15/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; County Surveyor - \$83.33/month; County Treasurer - \$5,315.27/month; Deputy County Treasurer - \$23.01/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$18.82/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$17.50/hour; 1 Part-time Office Clerk - \$16.00/hour (no benefits); 1 Office Manager - \$21.69/hour; ARPA Point Person - \$22/hour (benefits start September 1); Custodian - \$17.49/hour; Emergency Manager- \$4,220.67/month + \$340 opt out stipend/month; Highway Superintendent - \$6,023.60/month + vehicle benefit; 1 Office Manager - \$23.01/hour; 1 Office Clerk- \$17.91/hour; 1 Bridge Crew Foreman/Crane Operator - \$22.64/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Oil Foreman - \$22.09/hour + \$35

clothing allowance/month; 1 Substitute Oil Foreman - \$22.09/hour; 1 Mechanic - \$26.98/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month + \$340 opt out stipend/month; 2 Motorgrader Operators - \$19.78/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month + \$340 opt out stipend/month; 7 Motorgrader Operators - \$19.78/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Motorgrader Operator - \$18.50/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 2 Truck Drivers - \$19.78/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Truck Driver - \$19.78/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month + \$340 opt out stipend/month; 1 Truck Driver - \$19.03/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Truck Driver - \$18.50/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Truck Driver - \$16.96/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; Part-time Zoning Administrator - \$29.73/hour + \$45 cellphone allowance/month & \$25 internet allowance/month (no insurance); Veterans Service Officer - \$22.22/hour; Weed Superintendent - \$21.26/hour summer months + \$35 uniform allowance/summer months (no insurance); Development Agency Director (interlocal agreement) - \$3,458.33/month; 1 Part-time Office Clerk - \$15.06/hour (no insurance).

SLFRF Point Person Krista Nix updated the Board on the ARPA Funds and the additional economic development funds that will be available.

Committee update was given by Supr. Schlote on the Governor's scheduled visit along with at least eleven State Senators (corrected 8-12-2021) to Knox County on August 25 to tour the economic development area under LB 406. The Governor will be flying into the Creighton airport and Supr. Schlote thought that the Board should make their presence known.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by County Clerk Fischer who said the auditors will be in the Courthouse next week to conduct the annual audit.

The Board made a quarterly visit to the Knox County jail as per Nebraska Revised Statute 47-109.

**GENERAL FUND.** Bear Graphics, freight, 38.09; Bomgaars, fuel conditioner, 18.99; Business Radio Licensing, radio license renewal, 105.00; Carrot-Top Industries Inc., flags, 278.26; CenturyLink, long distance, 77.39; Classic Carpet Care, mop rental, 50.75; CMart LLC, gas, 76.21; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 57.87; Creston Fertilizer Co. Inc., chemicals, 1,397.96; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, subscription/publishing, 550.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup/radios, 352.88; Das State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 46.84; Dollar General, jail supplies/jail food, 46.65; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 225.12; Farm and Home Publishers, plat books, 500.00; Farmers & Merchants Company, notary bond, 40.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage/jail food, 3,512.54; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 51.88; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, supplies, 37.95; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 45.16; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.12; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 133,069.47; K/V Electric LLC, wiring, 330.62; Loffler, printer contracts, 447.74; Madison County Treasurer, probation officer, 11,851.25; Microfilm Imaging System, scanner rent, 40.50; Nebraska Secretary of State, notary, 30.00; Nebraska.gov, driver's license request, 7.00; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing/subscriptions, 140.75; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 138.01; Platte Valley Communications Inc., radios, 4,154.20; Pocket Press LLC, pocket law books, 269.70; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 277.18; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filter, 53.29; Ramada, lodging, 109.00; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 37.32; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 87.50; US Cellular, cell phones, 3.85; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 1,063.00; Yankton Fire & Safety Co. Inc., inspections, 144.50.

**ROAD FUND.** Avera Medical Group, drug test, 25.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 90.49; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 48.15; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies/oil/filters, 484.97; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 743.88; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 387.13; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., shop supplies, 34.95; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 76.96; CHS Wausa, diesel, 929.63; CHS Crofton, propane, 203.13; C-Mart LLC, gas, 453.96; Country Marker, shop supplies, 27.12; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 115.79; Dollar General, shop supplies, 3.90; Dustin Crosley, mileage, 287.28; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 7,633.16; First National Bank Omaha, shop supplies, 136.32; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 2,661.50; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 25.98; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 4,238.58; Jake Dendinger, equipment rental, 560.01; James Carlson, clay, 1,220.00; Jebro Inc., mc3000/crs-2, 27,776.90; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 76.02; Marcel Kramer, clay, 600.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., oxygen/acetylene/shop supplies, 457.29; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 141.36; Powerplan, repairs, 3,211.71; Rohrer Welding, shop supplies, 257.35; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Sam Sukup, dirt, 120.00; Sioux City Truck & Trailer Inc., repairs, 351.32; Sucha Repair, shop supplies, 231.40; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 34.91; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 50.00; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/shop supplies/grass seed/filter, 2,539.08; Vic's Service, gas, 500.02; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 159.95; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 35,715.92; Yankton Fire & Safety Co., inspection, 358.75.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 9,738.43.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 4.84; Eakes Office Solutions, new copier fee, 55.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 544.61.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 173.90; News Channel Nebraska, hometown video, 3,120.00.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Name Redacted, reimburse treatment, 810.00.

**COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND.** Art Kathol Appliance Inc., jail kitchen plumbing, 2,512.83; First National Bank Omaha, labeler, 79.99; K/V Electric LLC, jail kitchen wiring, 4,255.76; Mike Stone Plumbing, jail kitchen sink, 655.62; Schreier's Lumber Company, kitchen doors and supplies, 579.47.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 1,069.10.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 4.84; First National Bank Omaha, dues/gas/postage/supplies/meals, 891.33; Northeast Nebraska News Co., subscription, 37.00; Tiers of Joy, leadership meal, 57.51; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 34.11.



**INHERITANCE FUND.** Joseph M. Smith, special county attorney, 1,930.32; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 1,868.40.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 34.15, Motorola Solutions Inc., system support, 375.30; Police Legal Sciences, lesson plan, 57.60, Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 392.76; Motorola Solutions Inc., system support, 4,315.89; Police Legal sciences, lesson plan, 662.40; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70; 911 Emergency, fix allocation, 56.51.

TOTALS	
General Fund	160,252.54
Road Fund	93,053.87
Flowage Easement Road Fund	9,738.43
Child Support Fund	685.45
Visitor's Improvement Fund	3,293.90
County Insurance Fund	810.00
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	8,083.67
Economic Development Fund	1,069.10
C&C Development Fund	1,024.79
Inheritance Fund	3,798.72
911 Emergency Fund	484.76
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>5,631.26</u>
Total	\$287,926.49

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:45 p.m. on July 29, 2021 until Thursday, August 12, 2021 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  
August 12, 2021  
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 Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Present were, Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Virgil H. Miller District #3, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent were Supervisors Patrick J. Liska District #2 and James Sokol, Jr. District #4. 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 Bloomfield Monitor 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 29, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the addition that at least eleven State Senators will also be attending with Governor Ricketts on August 25 to tour the economic development area under LB 406.

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 Districts #1, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$800,735.40 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Clerk of District Court July Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the Special Designated Liquor License Application that was approved by Knox County Clerk Fischer for Center Improvement Club for a special event on August 28, 2021 at The Barn At God's Country. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:16 a.m. with all members present except District #2 and District #4.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Bridge Crew update; 2. Oil Crew update; 3. FEMA Prischman bridge project update; 4. Discussion was held on making a new driveway into the Creighton County Yard. The new driveway could be put on the west side onto the County road and used by truck traffic. The current driveway would be left as is for pickup traffic; 5. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #22-2021** where the Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors is authorized and designated to execute all documents necessary or proper on subordinate conditions on the Verdigre North Federal Aid Bridge project and Knox County will use all reasonable efforts to comply with all material requirements as set forth in the Restoration Agreement between the United States, with the material terms of the Indemnification and Resource Protection Agreement to be executed by Knox County, and, that the Warranty Easement Deed in "Exhibit A" will remain in full force and effect subject only to the rights of Knox County acquired under the County Road Project Instrument and the Temporary Construction Easement as modified by the Subordination Conditions. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION #2021 - 22**

**WHEREAS**, a historic bridge known as the Verdigre North Federal Aid Bridge Project, BRO-7054(19), CN 31821 located on 885 Road across the Verdigre Creek will be replaced, and

**WHEREAS**, Knox County, Nebraska, has three permanent easements for road and bridge purposes covering 2.33 acres recorded on July 23, 2019 at Deed Book 145, pages 444-447, pages 448-451, and pages 452-455, and

**WHEREAS**, Knox County needs to transfer these three easements back to Duane R. Liska and Peggy S. Liska, in order to obtain the same property in fee, that is, absolute ownership, in order to meet requirements of the Wetlands Reserve Program, and as administered by the Nation Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) of the United States Department of Agriculture, and

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors is authorized and directed to make, execute, and deliver a quitclaim deed to those three easements to Duane R. Liska and Peggy S. Liska, husband and wife, and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Knox, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, also referred to as Knox County, with assistance from the Nebraska Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as NDOT) will acquire in fee title, a 2.33-acre part of the property from Liskas needed to construct, operate and maintain the new County road bridge replacing the obsolete existing county road bridge, and

**WHEREAS**, to complete construction of the Project, Knox County will also acquire from the Liskas a temporary construction easement and slope easement of 1.19 acres, for temporary use during construction, in addition to the 2.33 acres acquired in fee but located within the 468.10 acres described in a Wetland Reserve Program easement deed recorded in Book 133, pages 201-219 of the Deed Records of Knox County, and

**WHEREAS**, Knox County needs the consent of the Liskas and the United States to acquire fee ownership of the 2.33 acres and modification of the Wetlands Reserve Program Warranty Deed Easements, and

**WHEREAS**, Knox County needs to agree to the subordination conditions of the United States to obtain the consent of the United States, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors is authorized and designated to execute all documents necessary or proper to the following subordinate conditions:

- a. Knox County's fee acquisition for County Road right-of-way, as set forth in the County Road Project Instrument and the Temporary Construction Easement, is comprised of a fee acquisition for County Road right-of-way and a temporary construction workspace.
- b. The fee acquisition for County Road right-of-way granted to Knox County by the Liskas as filed of record and referenced above, is an approximate 85 feet wide permanent servitude to be used as a County road right-of-way.
- c. The United States subordinates the Wetlands Reserve Program easement, as provided in the Warranty Easement Deed, to the fee acquisition for County Road right-of-way of Knox County no greater than what is described in those instruments, a strip of land 85 feet wide, being situated in that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Section 17, Township 31 North, Range 6 West, West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian, Knox County, Nebraska and marked as "Exhibit B" and incorporated herein as though set forth word by word.
- d. Furthermore, Knox County's aforesaid temporary construction workspace will be limited to the are as described in "Exhibit C".
- e. The sole purpose of the subordination by the United States, as set forth in this Subordination Agreement, is to allow Knox County to construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, inspect, repair, or replace a County bridge and connecting roadway.
- f. The aforesaid County bridge and connecting roadway shall be constructed so as not to materially interfere with the rights, title, and interests that the United States acquired under the Warranty Easement Deed.
- g. After completion of the construction phase of the aforesaid County bridge and connecting roadway, Knox County shall only have the rights of ingress and egress over and across lands under aforesaid right-of-way.
- h. Knox County shall only use the aforesaid temporary construction workspace during the construction phase of the aforesaid County bridge and connecting roadway project.
- i. Knox County agrees to reasonably repair any damages which may arise to vegetative cover resulting from the construction, maintenance and operation of it's the aforesaid roadway and bridge.
- j. Knox County recognizes the Rights of the United States including the right to impound water over the right-of-way, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Knox County will use all reasonable efforts to comply with all material requirements as set forth in the Restoration Agreement between the United States and with the material terms of the Indemnification and Resource Protection Agreement to be executed by Knox County, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Warranty Easement Deed in "Exhibit A" will remain in full force and effect subject only to the rights of Knox County acquired under the County Road Project Instrument and the Temporary Construction Easement as modified by the Subordination Conditions.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

#### 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

Absent  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

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

Absent  
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: 6. Discussion was held on leave without pay. Some employees are taking leave without pay while they have accrued vacation time and/or sick time. NIRMA presented a personnel workshop recently where they said it was not permissible to have employees taking time without pay if they have accrued vacation/sick time or PTO. The Personnel/Handbook Committee will be meeting in September to review personnel matters that need to be added or changed to the Knox County Personnel System and Knox County Employee Handbook; 7. A recent meeting on LB 406 was held and a study will be done in this area along with other tourism areas in the State.

Governor Ricketts will be here flying into the Creighton Airport on August 25 to tour Knox County. State senators and other entity representatives will be touring Knox County.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the July Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried; 2. Update on the August 10, 2021 Planning Commission meeting. Discussion was held on campground regulations and public hearings; 3. Chairman Mackeprang opened at 10:44 a.m. a public hearing on Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0044 submitted by Lazy U LLC for construction of a campground, walking trails, disc golf and fishing for recreation on 400 acres near the Niobrara River. Present were Jeff Uhlir and Troy Uhlir. Discussed were concerns about campers in the area when it would be rifle hunting season, however, the Uhlirs would like to allow campers in the campground into the fall and winter if necessary. The Board and the Uhlirs discussed the proposed resolution and possibly deleting number eight of the conditions on the Resolution draft that said the campground will be open April 1 until October 31. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:01 a.m. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0044 Lazy U LLC for construction of a campground, walking trails, disc golf and fishing for recreation on 400 acres and to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 23** noting that condition number eight on the Resolution draft that said the campground will be open April 1 until October 31 be deleted and not part of the adopted Resolution. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2021 – 23**

**WHEREAS,** Lazy U LLC has applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0044 to construct a 30 RV site campground, walking trails, disc golf, and fishing for recreation on the East Half of the East Half (E1/2E1/2) of Section Ten (10), Township Thirty-two (32) North,; and West Half of the Northwest Quarter (W1/2NW1/4) and Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section Eleven (11), Township Thirty-two (32) North, all in Range Eight (8) 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 July 13, 2021, and

**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. All access drives and parking areas shall be surfaced with gravel, asphalt or other material to free the site of mud.
3. The campground shall be compliant with all Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (septic and NPDES stormwater prevention), and Nebraska Health & Human Services standards.
4. 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.
5. No porches, decks, additions, or storage sheds, etc. will be allowed until such time that the Zoning Regulations are amended to allow it.
6. One business sign up to 80 square feet shall be placed at the right of way and shall include the 911 address.
7. A Zoning permit is required before constructing the bath house or camper storage building. If the camper storage building is not constructed within five years of approval of the Conditional Use Permit, a review of the permit by the Planning Commission is required.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** that the Lazy U LLC Conditional Use Permit #CU0044 be approved.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

### **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

Absent  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

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

Absent  
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

Nick Antrobus and Jared Smith with Colonial Life insurance presented information about dental insurance with a vision rider. They will present premium costs after reviewing the County's current dental/vision policy information and enrollment.

Emergency Manager Hintz presented a map showing the levels of drought in Knox County.

Discussion was held on COVID procedures on the Courthouse campus and it was decided to continue with the current procedures where social distancing should be done and wearing masks is optional.

There were no Committee updates.

Official updates were given as follows: 1. SLFRF Administrator Krista Nix updated the Board on the additional economic development grant that is available and options for use of the funds; 2. Deputy County Attorney Holecek informed the Board of the new truancy plan she has been working on with the school superintendents. Also, Madison County is applying for a grant that would help pay part of the County Attorney's Administrative Assistant's wages; 3. Zoning Administrator Doerr told the Board that her replacement in Antelope County has resigned after working a short time so Mrs. Doerr is back to assisting Antelope County until they find another person; 4. Chief Deputy Henery informed the Board of COVID grants available through the State that would help replace equipment and laptops in the Sheriff's Department.

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

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2021-24** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION SIGNING OF THE COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE 2021**

### **Resolution No. 2021 - 24**

**Whereas:** State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 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 the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification.

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

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 at Center, Nebraska.

County Board Members

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

Danny R. Schlote /s/

Martin J. O'Connor /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/

Virgil H. Miller /s/

County Board Member Supr. Borgmann  
Moved the adoption of said

resolution

ATTEST: (Seal)

Motion

Joann M. Fischer /s/

Absent

(Signature of Clerk)

adopted.

Member Supr. O'Connor Seconded the

Roll Call: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 2

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 11:42 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out at 12:02 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to close at 12:02 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 185,226.82; Applied Connective Technologies, quarterly IT/email/ upgrades, 4,939.60; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, tire repair, 25.00; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 71.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,426.71; Consolidated Management Company, meals, 101.19; County of Knox Employees Benefit Account dba HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 30,625.00; Creighton 59 LLC, mower gas, 18.01; Creston Fertilizer Co., chemicals, 1,766.64; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 440.38; Dollar General, jail supplies, 30.50; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/office supplies/paper, 856.04; Eco Water Systems, bottled water, 468.00; Gragert's, prisoner food, 860.92; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet & tower phone, 1,297.61; Hometown Leasing, office equipment, 76.18; JoAnn P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Knox County Fair Board, fair entrance, 40.00; Kristine Kumm, travel expense, 21.28; Landmark Surveying Associates, surveyor fee, 2,864.70; The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 260.15; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage,

137.72; Marvin Planning Consultants, comprehensive plan and regulations, 200.00; Megan Hanefeldt, travel expense, 370.72; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer programming, 681.16; Moody Motor Co. Inc., repairs, 838.45; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, training, 250.00; Norfolk Daily News, subscription, 211.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity & tower electricity, 3,184.74; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 105.07; NSA, registration, 100.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 14.79; Postmaster, postage, 990.00; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 1,896.40; Quill, supplies, 746.44; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,771.16; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 210.12; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 375.49; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 447.31; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 975.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 76,654.19; A&D Service, tire repair, 214.50; Bauer Built Inc., repairs, 595.89; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 175.09; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs/oil/filters, 242.18; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 691.56; Bonnie Jennings, clay, 450.00; Carhart Lumber Co., shop supplies, 67.62; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 242.52; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,777.36; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 7,922.65; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. % Health Care Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 11,375.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 326.16; Dustin Crosley, mileage, 287.28; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 3,503.35; Great Plains Communications, phone, 544.63; Grossenburg Implement, Inc., filters/fluids/repairs/equipment rental, 2,698.71; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 59.06; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,584.89; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental/asphalt/haul, 11,990.00; Jebro Inc., mc3000/mc250, 103,270.07; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 23.96; Kayton International, repairs, 555.90; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 119.20; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 42.93; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 306.51; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 40.75; Powerplan, repairs, 977.70; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 818.90; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,944.28; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 178.87; Roger's Auto Repair, oxygen/acetylene, 157.00; Spencer quarries Inc., red rock, 2,144.52; Sucha Repair, repairs/shop supplies, 239.16; U.S. Cellular, phone, 634.56; Vakoc Excavating LLC, sand, 1,500.00; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/shop supplies/fluid, 3,047.02; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.44; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies/mailbox post, 29.43.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Dixon Construction Co., bridge contract, 266,482.79.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.12; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 156.69; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Salaries, 1,423.17.

**ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, microfilming/computer programming, 268.88.

**COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND.** Salaries, 3,520.00.

**C & C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,458.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 256.51; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account %HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 875.00; Craig Schroeder, leadership speaker, 804.76; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.12; The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 5.96; NENEDD, registration, 15.00; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 233.44; Stacy Miller, gas, 14.52; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 155.88.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, court appointed attorney, 1,562.88; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.03; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 109.53.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 2,771.48; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 563.03.

TOTALS	
General Fund	269,045.97
Road Fund	246,640.88
Flowage Easement Road Fund	266,482.79
Child Support Fund	288.81
Visitor's Promo Fund	1,423.17
ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund	323.88
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	3,520.00
C & C Development Fund	5,913.62
Inheritance Fund	3,646.21
911 Emergency Fund	115.56
911 Wireless Service Fund	3,334.51
Total	<u>\$800,735.40</u>

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:05 p.m. on August 12, 2021 until Tuesday, August 17, 2021 for a special budget meeting and until Thursday, August 26, 2021 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

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  
August 17, 2021  
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 Tuesday, August 17, 2021 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.

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 Bloomfield Monitor and Verdigre Eagle 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 2021/2022 was held. County Clerk Fischer and SLFRF Point Person Nix presented the proposed budget as per the submitted budget drafts from the officials and department heads. Also presented were options for the 2021 tax levy.

Deputy County Clerk Surface met with the Board to discuss the recent inspection of the buildings and sidewalks.

The Board met with the following officials prior to lunch: County Clerk Fischer, County Attorney Thomas, Deputy County Holecek, Economic Development Director Hanvey, County Assessor McManigal, Zoning Administrator Doerr, County Treasurer Stark, Emergency Manager Hintz, County Court Clerk Boggs, and Weed Superintendent Banks.

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

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

Officials who met with the Board after lunch were: Veteran Service Officer Jones, Clerk of District Court Fischer, Sheriff Henery, Hwy. Superintendent Barta, Extension Educator Hanefeldt and SLFRF Point Person Nix.

The review of the presented proposed budgets revealed that the officials/department heads kept their budget drafts low or manageable. The 2021 valuation is \$2,238,960,962 that is \$10,157,503 less than last year. Tentatively \$50,000 was added to the Miscellaneous Equipment line in the Road Fund. This is the last year for payment from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund for the Bloomfield South project and the final payment from the 911 Emergency Fund to the Inheritance Fund for equipment purchased in 2015. The Board proposed making a transfer of \$303,240.92 from the Inheritance Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund for the first loan payment for the Bloomfield North project and a transfer from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund in the amount of 150,000 as tax relief. The proposed levy is 0.161837 that is 0.00046 decrease from last year's levy.

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 3:07 p.m., August 17, 2021 until Thursday, August 26, 2021 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  
August 26, 2021  
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 August 26, 2021 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.

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 Verdigre Eagle newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the August 12 and August 17, 2021 meetings 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 \$326,807.74 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:01 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:06 a.m. with all members present.

In Hwy. Supt. Barta's absence, Office Administrator Katie Fritz met with the Board on the following: 1. Oil Crew update; 2. Bridge Crew update; 3. Motorgrader bid specifications are being drafted for bid letting; 4. Niobrara Yard employee Dustin Crosley will be using the extra oil pickup to drive to the Creighton Yard to assist the Oil Crew; 5. Former motorgrader employee Max Dvorak offered to drive the truck and belly dump gravel trailer during the summer; 6. The Board discussed who should conduct the bridge inspections.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Planning Commission July 13, 2021 meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Board of Adjustments December 2, 2019 meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue Lists from July 29 through August 11 and August 12 through August 25, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to set the uniform allowance for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 for the Weed Superintendent at \$35/month for the months of May through October and for full time employees in the following offices: Road employees \$35/month; Sheriff's Office – Sheriff and Deputies \$120/month and Dispatchers/Jailors \$60 per month; and Assessor's Office - \$20/month. 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 2020/2021 Office inventories. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

At 10:28 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the public hearing for the vacation/abandonment of a portion of Bass Drive in the Lazy River Acres Subdivision in Raymond Township. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 10:31 a.m. Present was Rick Driescher. A letter from Ramon Brandt in support of the vacation/abandonment was read into record. It was then moved by Supervisor Liska, seconded by Supervisor Miller that the publisher's affidavit of publishing notice herein, be filed with these minutes and as part of this record. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Liska, seconded by Supervisor Miller to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 25** to vacate and abandon 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.

## **RESOLUTION #2021 - 25**

**WHEREAS**, upon the public hearing duly held, after proper notice given, it appears that it would be in the public interest to require the vacation and abandonment of the following portion of Bass Drive in the Lazy River Acres subdivision located in Raymond Township, 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., Knox County, Nebraska

**BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk mail a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Township Board of Raymond Township in Knox County, by certified mail, filing her receipts therefore as part of this record.

Passed and approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

By Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Chairman

Discussion was held on providing deer dumpsters again for the upcoming deer hunting season. County Clerk Fischer will contact Key Sanitation.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 26** 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 #2021 – 26**

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 two 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 2021-2022 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

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

Insurance Agent Jeff Hammer reviewed with the Board the dental/vision insurance that the County currently provides as a benefit for eligible employees. Eligible employees can also enroll their spouse and/or child(ren) in the insurance as a premium payroll deduction.

Knox County Fair Director Jerry Nipp updated the Board on the recent 2021 Knox County Fair and future projects. Mr. Nipp said that the Knox County Ag Society requests the same amount of funds as was allocated in 2020/2021 which was \$90,000 for General Expenses and \$60,000 for Capital Improvements. The Board said Mr. Nipp and the Ag Society are doing a good job. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 27**, 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 (0.004020 levy) and \$60,000 for Capitol Improvement (0.002680 levy) for a total levy of 0.006700 for budget year 2021/2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2021 - 27**

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 (0.004020) and \$60,000.00 (0.002680) for Capitol Improvement for a total levy of 0.006700 for budget year 2021/2022.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

#### 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. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 28** 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 2021/2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2021 - 28**

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 2021/2022.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

#### 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

Krista Nix with the County Clerk's Office and County Clerk Fischer presented the updates to the Knox County proposed 2021/2022 budget where accommodation was added for anticipated grants noting that this will not change the proposed tax request of \$3,623,458.91 which is nearly \$27,000 less than last year. The proposed levy is slightly lower being 0.161837 compared to last year's levy of 0.162297. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the changes to the proposed Knox County 2021/2022 budget draft showing that with the drop of the valuation of over \$10.1 million the proposed budget still shows a decrease of nearly \$27,000 for the tax request and the proposed levy to be slightly lower than the 2020 levy. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. The 2021/2022 Budget hearing and the 2021 Levy hearing will be held on September 9, 2021 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Ariel Larsen with the North Central District Health Department updated the Board on the alcohol and tobacco compliance checks done in Knox County recently. In Knox County, all twenty-six alcohol vendors checked passed but three out of twenty-three checks for tobacco sale compliance failed. Also presented was the information "Cannabis on the Youth Brain". Attempts to legalize marijuana in Nebraska continues.

Deputy County Clerk Rhonda Surface and SLFRF Administrator Krista Nix updated the Board on quotes for laptops. The ARPA funds can be used for laptops or other equipment that may be needed to do County work from home due to allow telework in case of a COVID outbreak. Some of the current computers need updated programming or need to be replaced. Quotes for Dell laptops were received from Applied Connective Technologies in the amount of \$915 and from PrecisionIT in the amount of \$919. Discussion was held on the process of who has final approval of using the ARPA funds. The Board decided the SLFRF Committee will review and present recommendations to the County Board for their final approval. The Board did approve the purchase of eight laptop computers from Applied Connective Technologies in the amount of \$915 each along with docking stations with the possibility of a Dell deal registration savings discount with the costs to be paid from the ARPA funds.

Deputy County Clerk Surface updated the Board on the NIRMA Cybersecurity training held on August 25. The Board had made it mandatory that all officials/department heads and employees attend the training and those who did not had to have an approved absence from the Board. A number of the Sheriff's Office employees had already taken the training in February 2021, so they did not have to attend this training. Those officials and employees who had been excused from the August 25 training will have to take the training on either of two dates available in September. The consensus of the attendees was that it was a very good training.

Long time County Treasurer Cathy Stark submitted to the Board her letter of retirement effective September 30, 2021 and her recommendation that Deputy County Treasurer Lori Ebel be appointed to complete the term that expires January 2023. Mrs. Stark has worked in the County Treasurer's Office over the course of 43 years with 34 of those years being the Knox County Treasurer. Deputy County Treasurer Lori Ebel submitted her letter of formal application for appointment to the Knox County Treasurer's position. Mrs. Ebel has been employed in the County Treasurer's Office for 38 years with 34 years as Deputy. The Board commended County Treasurer Stark for her dedicated service to Knox County. As per Nebraska Revised Statute 32-563, when a vacancy occurs before the election of a successor, the functions of the County office shall be exercised by appointment of the deputy if there is one. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the retirement letter of long time Knox County Treasurer Stark with such retirement effective September 30, 2021 and to appoint Deputy Knox County Treasurer Lori Ebel to the position of Knox County Treasurer effective October 1, 2021 to complete the term ending January 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Officials' updates were as follows: 1. Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the increasing COVID numbers in the North Central District Health Department; 2. Deputy County Attorney Holecek informed the Board that Administrative Assistant Angela Roskeland submitted her resignation as she will be taking a job in Creighton; 3. Krista Nix updated the Board on the new Facebook page of "Knox County Nebraska Courthouse". Job postings will be placed on the Facebook page and on the website.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. Schlote, Supr. Sokol, Jr. and Chairman Mackeprang on the recent visit by the Governor Ricketts and State Senators who visited many sites in northern Knox County pertaining to LB 406. (Corrected 9-9-2021) Discussion ensued on the many good points made, the Senators were surprised by the area, suggestions were made during the visit and one was a boat dock at the Weigand area but little mention of the roads leading to Weigand, expansion of Highway 81, and some people said they liked that the area as is and didn't want to see it to become commercialized. A week-long study will be done at the Ponca Tribe Headquarters in Niobrara during the second week in October and the public is invited to participate. Suggestions from this study session will be submitted to the State Senators.

**GENERAL FUND.** Bob Barker Company Inc., supplies, 42.71; Bomgaars, keys/wipes/roundup/trimmer, 511.28; CenturyLink, long distance, 68.48; Classic Carpet Care, mop rental, 52.00; Consolidated Management Company, meals, 12.68; Creston Fertilizer Co. Inc., chemicals, 1,405.12; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 233.52; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 64.20; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 46.84; Derrick Barr, meeting/mileage, 72.04; Doug DeShazer, meeting/mileage, 58.60; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies, 412.25; Farm and Home Publishers, plat books, 375.00; F&M State Bank, annual ACH fee, 240.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage/jail food, 5,290.81; Grafix Shoppe, graphics, 386.14; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 51.88; Hagge Glass, repair lock, 185.00; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging, 539.70; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 45.16; Jody McFarland, meeting/mileage, 41.80; John Thomas, reimburse dues, 255.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 133,069.47; Neil Clausen, meet/mileage, 56.36; Nick Stout, meeting/mileage, 70.92; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 246.14; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filter, 209.73; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.08; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 74.64; Travis Barney, meeting/mileage, 70.92; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/printing, 1,016.02.

**ROAD FUND.** Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 67.06; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 85.70; CHS Crofton, diesel, 1,072.07; C-Mart LLC, gas, 293.09; Dustin Crosley, mileage, 116.48; First National Bank Omaha, meals/motel/repairs, 1,602.29; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 6,120.00; Jebro Inc., road oil, 86,872.26; LTL Holdings, gas, 154.61; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 157.71; NMC Inc., repairs, 959.34; Pro Crane Services LLC, equipment rental, 6,072.50; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filters, 493.38; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Steffens Service, gas, 15.02; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul/equipment rental, 38,215.99; Vic's Service, gas, 216.22; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 25,236.38.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 4.28.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Flagship Publishing Inc., publishing, 400.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 173.90.

**ROD PRES/MOD FUND.** Mobile Binders, books/binders, 6,811.48.

**COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND.** Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning, mini split, 4,792.00.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 255.75.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 4.28; First National Bank Omaha, dues, ga, postage, supplies & meals, 897.94; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 5.61.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 34.15.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 392.76.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	145,239.49
Road Fund	167,796.10

Child Support Fund	4.28
Visitor's Promo Fund	400.00
Visitor's Improvement Fund	173.90
Rod Pres/Mod Fund	6,811.48
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	4,792.00
Economic Development Fund	255.75
C&C Development Fund	907.83
911 Emergency Fund	34.15
911 Wireless Service Fund	392.76
Total	<u>\$326,807.74</u>

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:16 p.m. on August 26, 2021 until Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for the Knox County 2021-2022 Budget Hearing and Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request with the regular meeting to follow.

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 9, 2021  
9:00 a.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors met in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of Thursday, September 9, 2021 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 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.

At 9:03 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised Budget Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the 2021/2022 Knox County proposed budget.

At 9:03 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised special public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the Final 2021 Tax Request.

SLFRF Administrator Nix and County Clerk Fischer gave information on the 2021/2022 proposed Knox County budget and the proposed 2021 tax request.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the open budget hearing at 9:14 a.m. There was no one present in opposition to the proposed budget.

Chairman ~~Sokol, Jr.~~ Mackeprang (corrected 9-30-2021) closed the open special hearing on the Final 2021 Tax Request at 9:14 a.m. There was no one present in opposition to the proposed final tax request/levy for 2021/2022.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors followed the 2021/2022 Budget Hearing and the Final 2021 Tax Request Hearing.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Bloomfield Monitor 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 26, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the addition that Governor Ricketts and State Senators visited many sites in northern Knox County pertaining to LB 406.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice stating the Knox County Jail was in compliance with the Minimum Jail Standards; 2. Letter from Nebraska Dept. of Natural Resources regarding a site tour for the Community Assistance Visit on the County's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller 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 \$452,260.68 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the August 26 – September 8, 2021 Receipts Revenue List. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve and adopt the presented 2021/2022 Knox County Budget noting the valuation decreased by \$10,157,503, the property tax request was decreased by nearly \$27,000 from last year and the 2021 levy decreased by 0.00046. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021- 29** for the Adoption and Appropriations of the 2021/2022 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## KNOX COUNTY RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION #2021 - 29

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August with revisions completed on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021, 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, 2021 to June 30, 2022, 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, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

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 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

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

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 30** setting the 2021 property tax request at \$3,623,458.91 with a levy of 0.161837 per \$100 of assessed value. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2021 - 30**  
**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 2021-2022 property tax request be set at \$3,623,458.91.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by .73%.
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 \$0.163033 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Knox County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.161837 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 \$25,760,131.16 (does not include \$1,100,000 for cash reserve in the General Fund), which exceeds last fiscal year's operating budget by 10.04%.
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 14, 2021.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Budget Cover Page and the Budget Message of the adopted 2021/2022 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2021 - 31** to make monthly transfers through the claims process from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2021 – 31**

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2021-2022 Knox County Road budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 Knox County budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$1,438,952.12 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 2021-2022 budget was adopted to cover incurred expenses for July and August, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2021-16 directing the Knox County Clerk to transfer through the claims process \$133,069.47 in July, 2021 and \$133,069.47 in August, 2021, 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 \$1,172,813.18 needs to be transferred from September 2021 through June 2022 from the General Fund to the Road Fund, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2021/2022 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: **\$117,281.39 for September 2021, and \$117,281.31 for October, November and December of 2021, and January, February, March, April, May and June of 2022.**

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
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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. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 - 32** to transfer through the claims process \$262,488.98 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund to be used as the final loan repayment (tenth repayment) for the Bloomfield South Road project with the transfer to be made during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2021 – 32**

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

WHEREAS, the tenth loan repayment will be in the amount of \$262,488.98 with a transfer from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund during the 2021/2022 fiscal year, and

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2021/2022 Knox County budget, and



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the **transfer of \$262,488.98 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Fund through the claims process during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year** to be used as a full loan repayment (final repayment) for the Bloomfield South Road project.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
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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. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 33** to transfer through the claims process \$45,500.00 from the Knox County General Fund to the C & C Development Fund for the 2021/2022 Budget Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2021 – 33**

**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 \$15,000 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 2021/2022 Knox County budget is approved, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of \$45,500.00 during the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 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, \$11,720 for the payment of the premiums of a County-paid single health insurance policy, \$530 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, \$2,970 for the County-paid retirement rate and \$5,208 for the County's share of FICA/MEDICARE (Social Security).

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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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. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2021 - 34** to transfer through the claims process \$303,240.92 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund to be used as the first loan repayment for the Bloomfield North Road project with the transfer to be made during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2021 – 34**

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approved at their February 13, 2020 meeting, a road project named "Bloomfield North" project where the County would oil 7.4 miles between Hwy. 84 and Hwy. 12 on 543 Ave. North

of Bloomfield would be milled, graded and oiled with hot-mix by Western Engineering Co., Inc., Harlan, IA, in the amount of approximately \$2.37 million, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board approved at their August 26, 2021 meeting to pay for the Bloomfield North project from the Flowage Easement Fund, as a loan to be repaid over 10 years or earlier 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 2020/2021 fiscal year with the final cost of the project being \$3,032,409.17 making a total of \$303,240.92 due each year for 10 years, and

WHEREAS, the first loan repayment in the amount of \$303,240.92 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund will be made in the 2021-2022 Knox County Budget and will continue thereafter until the loan is paid, and

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2021/2022 Knox County budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the **transfer of \$303,240.92 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Fund through the claims process during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year** to be used as a partial loan repayment for the Bloomfield North Road project.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

#### KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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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. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 - 35** to transfer through the claims process \$453,240.92 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year as tax relief noting that \$303,240.90 of the \$453,240.92 will be used for the first loan repayment for the Bloomfield North road project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2021 – 35**

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 2021-2022, and

WHEREAS, transferring \$150,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund would create that needed tax relief, and

WHEREAS, transferring \$303,240.92 from the Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund would then be transferred to the Flowage Easement for the Bloomfield North project and create that needed tax relief, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Knox County Board of Supervisors approve the **transfer of \$453,240.92 through the claims process from the Knox County Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund during the 2021/2022 fiscal year as tax relief.**

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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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. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2021 - 36** to transfer through the claims process \$25,468.73 from the 911 Emergency Fund (Fund 2910) to the Inheritance Fund to be used as the fifth and final loan repayment for the purchase of enhanced upgraded 911 equipment with the transfer to be made during in the **2021/2020 2021/2022** (corrected 9-30-2021) Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2021 – 36**

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 four 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 \$25,468.74 in September 2020

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2021/2022 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the **transfer of \$25,468.73 from the 911 Emergency Fund (Fund 2910) to the Inheritance Fund through the claims process during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year** to be used as the fifth loan repayment (final payment) from the 911 Emergency Fund for the purchase of enhanced upgraded 911 equipment.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

### KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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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. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 37** to transfer through the claims process \$12,308.37 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year to comply with Public Service Commission requirements. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2021- 37**

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 2021/2022 budget to be in compliance with Public Service Commission requirements, and

WHEREAS, there was \$12,308.37 in the 911 Wireless Service Fund that accumulated during the 2020/2021 fiscal year, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2021/2022 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer through the claims process of \$12,308.37 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

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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

Discussion was held on cyber security. It will be helpful to secure the County website and email addresses by having a .gov domain which will help stop impersonators or spoofing. The .gov domain is now free so the Nebraska Secretary of State and Applied Connective Technologies recommend the change. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a letter for the .Gov Domain Registration to request a .gov domain so as to secure the County's website and email addresses and that the email addresses be changed to knoxcountyne.gov. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess for Board of Equalization at 10:01 a.m.

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. The Herrick Township Board requests that a portion of right of way adjoining Lot 13 in Stewart's Prairie Ridge be vacated and abandoned. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 38** directing Hwy. Supt. Barta to conduct a study for the vacation/abandonment of a part of the right of way lying easterly of Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2021 – 38**

WHEREAS the Herrick Township Board has requested to vacate and abandon a part of the right of way adjoining Lot 13 in Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision as follows:

A part of the right of way lying easterly of Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision located in Section 22, T33N, R3W 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 of a part of the right of way adjoining Lot 13 in Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision as described above.

Passed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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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. Discussed complaint of road maintenance; 5. Purchase of small trailer was discussed; 6. Radiator went out of asphalt grinder; 7. Bloomfield motorgrader losing oil so will be taken in for repair and is under warranty. A loner machine will be brought in; 8. Discussed time frame for purchasing a motorgrader and a snowplow truck.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the August Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. The Planning Commission will be meeting September 21; 3. Discussed flood inspection letter; 4. Antelope County has hired a Zoning Administrator.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to add to the agenda by emergency action an executive session to discuss possible litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 10:34 a.m. to discuss possible litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held on possible litigation. The Board came out of executive session at 10:47 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 10:47 a.m. the executive session held on possible litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Hanvey updated the Board on the Star Wars committee visit. Work will begin October 11 on the study of the area and a public meeting will be held the end of that week at the Niobrara State Park Lodge. Motel rooms are needed for those working on the study.

Great Plains representatives John Barrett, Chris Wolf and Joe Wanski met with the Board on Broadband and to ask the County to contribute some of their ARPA funds for the addition of fiber optic to homes and businesses in Bloomfield, Verdigre and Crofton. Great Plains is applying for State funds and needs matching funds. Discussion was held on LB388, ACAM funds, infrastructure funds, and the spending process of state funds. No action was taken.

Officials' updates were as follows: 1. SLFRF Administrator Nix updated the Board on a request from North Central District Health Department for 7% of ARPA funds from the counties in the District. No details were given in the request as to what projects the District is needing the funds for. Also Mrs. Nix is assisting the Sheriff's Office to apply for a \$105,000 state law enforcement grant with 0% match. Discussion was held on possible projects for the County's ARPA funds; 2. Deputy County Attorney Holecek said that they will be interviewing applicants for the administrative assistant position. Only a few applications were received; 3. Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on pediatric cases of Covid that have increased especially in Omaha and Lincoln.

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

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 183,688.56; Amy Johnson, mileage, 132.10; Applied Connective Technologies, computer/warranty, 1,896.90; Automated Dairy Specialists, hand sanitizer, 65.00; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, tire repair, 20.00; Bob Barker Company Inc., supplies, 17.50; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Carhart Lumber Co., sand, 4.79; Chad Paulsen Construction, repair building & roof, 10,000.00; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 35.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,386.75; Connie Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employees Benefit Account dba HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; Health Reimbursement, opt out stipend, 340.00; CVSOAN, registration, 60.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, paper, 261.13; Eco Water Systems, bottled water/cups, 538.75; Gragert's, jail food, 493.73; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet & tower internet, 1,291.29; Hansen Locksmithing LLC, keys, 35.00; Hometown Leasing, office equipment, 76.18; J&K Auto, mower gas, 17.50; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; Jeannoutot Plumbing, shower drains, 229.19; JoAnn Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; JoAnn P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Karen K. Reisberg, prior service, 21.00; Knox County Court, cases bound over, 237.00; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees, 122.66; Kristine Kumm, travel expense, 231.84; Landmark Surveying Associates, surveyor fee, 129.60; The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 266.11; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 29.12; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Lynn Peavey Co., BLD/ACL kits, 79.00; Madison County Clerk, judges expense, 216.10; Megan Hanefeldt, travel expense, 86.24; Micro Distributing II Ltd., test kits, 438.23; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer programming, 681.16; NACO, registration, 275.00; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, blood tests, 28.60; North Central Public Power District, electricity & tower electricity, 3,663.04; Northeast Nebraska News Co., subscription, 37.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 439.63; Postmaster, postage, 531.26; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 1,939.50; Ramada Midtown, lodging, 576.00; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly bill, 6,757.25; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,706.28; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Secretary of State, election conference registration, 40.00; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 359.12; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00; Wayne Co. Clerk, judges expenses, 4,979.28.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 81,611.51; AG & Industrial Equipment, building repair, 171.05; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 161.05; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 762.87; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 273.81; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; Carhart Lumber Co., bridge supplies, 21.57; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 152.58; C-Mart, gas, 195.52; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 6,156.62; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 420.79; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. % Health Care Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 13,125.00; Creighton Plumbing, toilet, 501.91; David Bauer, prior service, 36.00; Dustin Crosley, mileage, 109.76; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,335.25; Great Plains Communications, phone, 544.14; Grossenburg Implement, Inc., filters/fluids/repairs, 625.08; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 1,472.78; Jebro Inc., demurrage/mc250, 31,683.88; Kelly Supply Company, repairs, 19.42; Key Sanitation, garbage, 120.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 112.05; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 439.21; Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 113.24; N&B Gas Co., propane, 1,072.67; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 38.81; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 326.06; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 27.00; Power Plan, repairs, 129.37; Principal Life Insurance, insurance County pays, 775.80; R&K Motor Parts, ex, 669.07; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays 5,369.74; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 769.39; Simons Trucking & Pumping, rock/haul, 473.28; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 198.00; Village of Niobrara, water & sewer, 38.44; Village of Verdigre, Water, sewer & garbage, 90.29.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.12; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 156.69; Joann Fischer, reimbursement of credit card payment, 156.69.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Salaries, 1,280.10; Grafted Tree, badges, 23.00.

**ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, microfilming & Deeds on Line, 268.88.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Name Redacted, reimbursed portion of deductible, 250.00.

**COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND.** Salaries, 3,960.00.

**C & C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,458.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 256.51; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account %HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 875.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 156.31; Grandpa Dan's Popcorn, popcorn for Star Wars Committee, 12.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.12; The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 233.44; Stacy Miller, office supplies and food for Star Wars Committee, 56.46.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein PC, court-appointed attorney, 2,489.14; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 6.03; CenturyLink, long distance, 34.15; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 109.53; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 3,243.02; CenturyLink, long distance, 392.76; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 563.03; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

TOTALS	
General Fund	281,555.56
Road Fund	150,213.01
Child Support Fund	364.50
Visitor's Promo Fund	1,303.10
ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund	323.88
County Insurance Fund	250.00
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	3,960.00
C & C Development Fund	5,148.23
Inheritance Fund	4,572.47
911 Emergency Fund	167.42
911 Wireless Service Fund	4,402.51
Total	<u>\$452,260.68</u>

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:51 a.m. on September 9, 2021 until Thursday, September 30, 2021 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 30, 2021  
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 30, 2021 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.

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 Verdigre Eagle newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the September 9, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that Chairman Mackeprang closed the open special hearing on the Final 2021 Tax Request and that the transfer from the 911 Emergency Fund to the Inheritance Fund as a final loan payment will be made during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. District Seven Probation Year End Review; 2. Domina Law Group letter regarding opioids lawsuit and The Mallinckrodt Bankruptcy and The Purdue Pharma Bankruptcy; 3. Retirement notice for Deann Haeffner and Mary Avery with the Nebraska State Auditor's Office.

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 \$1,199,003.67 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:02 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:17 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supervisor O'Connor, seconded by Supervisor Borgmann to accept the report brought by Knox County Highway Superintendent Barta for the vacation and abandonment of a part of the right of way laying easterly of Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision located in Section 22, T33N, R3W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., in Herrick Township, Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried; 2. Supervisor O'Connor made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Borgmann that the following Road Resolution be published in the Crofton Journal newspaper on October 7, 14 and 21, 2021. Also, a copy of said Resolution be sent by certified mail to current adjoining landowner namely 1213 Properties LLC. The date of hearing on this matter being set for Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2021 – 39**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Section 39-1722, Nebraska Revised Statutes the County Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021 directed the County Highway Superintendent to make a study of the use of a portion of right of way in Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision in Herrick Township as follows:

A part of the right of way laying easterly of Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision located in Section 22, T33N, R3W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of vacating and abandoning the above-mentioned portion of right of way in Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision, Knox County, Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2021, County Highway Superintendent did file his report in writing as to such road, containing a recommendation that said portion of right of way in Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision vacated and abandoned, and

**BE IT, THEREFORE RESOLVED**, by the County Board of Supervisors of Knox County that a public hearing be had as provided in Section 39-1724, Nebraska Revised Statutes in the Supervisors' Meeting Room in the Courthouse at Center, Nebraska on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021 at the hour of 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of determining if a part of the right of way laying easterly of Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision located in Section 22, T33N, R3W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, be vacated and abandoned.

Passed, approved and adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

2. Oil Crew update; 3. Painting of center lines on 48.5 miles of County oil was completed; 4. Discussed turning over the Rec Road to the State. The State turned maintenance of the road over to the County years ago but kept the right of way. The agreement with the State was that any cost of work done by the County on the right of way would be reimbursed by the State at 90% and the County's share of the costs would be 10%; 5. Bridge Crew update; 6. Discussion was held on State bids and the Western Star bid for a truck. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the bid from Omaha Truck Center, Inc., Omaha NE through the State Bid process for a Western Star 2022 dump/snowplow truck for District 3 in the amount of \$209,354.00. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 7. Discussion was held on purchasing a new John Deere 772G motorgrader through the State Bid process for District 6. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the bid from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company through the State bid process for a 2022 John Deere 772G motorgrader in the amount of \$342,300 less trade-in value of \$62,500 of a 2008 John Deere 770D motorgrader for a grand total purchase price of \$279,800. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Deputy County Clerk Surface presented the Employee Handbook Review Committee's recommendations of changes to the Employee Handbook. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the Employee Handbook Review Committee's recommendation of changes to the Knox County Employee Handbook on compensation and hours of work, benefits, and general personnel policies regarding use of County credit cards as follows. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## **COMPENSATION AND HOURS OF WORK**

### **Pg. 11 - Classification of Employees**

**Changed the classification for an Introductory employee regarding County benefits as follows:**

**Introductory Employee. A new employee who has not yet completed the County's introductory period. (Introductory employees are not eligible for any County benefits), as further explained in the County's explanation of benefits found later in this handbook.**

## **BENEFITS**

### **Pg. 20 – Workers' Compensation Benefits**

**The following paragraphs were added to clarify Workers' Compensation Benefits:**

**An employee receiving workers' compensation benefits in an amount determined by the workers' compensation laws in effect at the time of injury or disability will only receive payment from workers' compensation. Any employee-withheld insurances must be paid by the employee directly to the insurance company.**

**An employee receiving workers' compensation benefits cannot earn vacation and/or sick leave.**

**After an employee has returned to work, any time taken for follow-up medical and/or rehabilitation visits related to workers' compensation will be paid to the employee by workers' compensation. Hourly employees may not use earned sick and/or vacation leave for time taken before or after a follow-up medical and/or rehabilitation visit related to workers' compensation.**

### **Pgs. 23-24 – Vacation**

**The following paragraph was added to clarify vacation:**

**Vacation must be taken in lieu of time off without pay. If earned vacation has been exhausted, then vacation becomes leave without pay.**

### **Pgs. 25-26 – Sick Leave**

**The following paragraph was added to clarify sick leave:**

**Sick leave must be taken in lieu of time off without pay. If earned sick leave has been exhausted, then sick time becomes leave without pay unless the Knox County Catastrophic Leave Donation Policy applies.**

### **Pg. 24 – Holidays**

**Changed the following paragraph to remove "at a January meeting" as the Board fixes holidays at a December meeting:**

**On Arbor Day, the courthouse will be open and County employees will work as an ordinary day. In lieu of Arbor Day, the courthouse will be closed and Knox County employees will have a floating paid holiday, the date of which is to be fixed by the Board at a January meeting.**

## **GENERAL PERSONNEL POLICIES**

### **Pg. 52 – "Use of County Credit Card"**

**Added the following policy regarding the Use of a County Credit Card (before Reduction in Force):**

**(NOTE: The Personnel System will also be updated to include this policy and add the "AFFIDAVIT FOR UNAVAILABLE OR LOST RECEIPTS" and the "CARDHOLDER AGREEMENT" forms in Section 4 – Hiring, Employment and Separation.)**



## Use of County Credit Card

The following rules and regulations govern the general use of County credit cards:

1. An authorized user of a County Credit Card is the only person who may make a purchase with the card.
2. Any purchases made shall only be in connection with County employment.
3. No sales tax should be paid on any purchases, excluding meals. If sales tax is paid, then the cardholder is responsible for reimbursement of the sales tax to Knox County, unless purchase was pre-approved by the Purchasing Committee.
4. If a Credit Card receipt is lost and cannot be turned into the County Clerk's office, the authorized user will be required to complete an AFFIDAVIT FOR UNAVAILABLE OR LOST RECEIPTS.
5. Any misuse of a County Credit Card will result in the revocation of privileges to use the Card. Knox County also retains the right to take further action, whether in the form of disciplinary action, termination of employment, and/or legal prosecution, in the event of misuse and or fraud involving County funds.
6. Misuse of a County Credit Card includes the following:
  - a.) Using the Credit Card for personal purchases.
  - b.) Purchase of unauthorized items.
  - c.) Use of the Credit Card by someone other than the authorized user.
  - d.) Fraudulent or inaccurate record keeping.
7. An authorized user of a County Credit Card must complete and sign a CARDHOLDER AGREEMENT.
8. Upon separation or termination, the authorized user of a County Credit Card must return the Card to the County Clerk's Office where it will be verified that the Card was returned and sign the bottom of the CARDHOLDER AGREEMENT stating that he/she has not and will not record the Credit Card number to make any further purchases on the Card after their final date of employment with Knox County.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 8. Discussed replacing the lowboy and tractor; 9. Update on the Prischman and Walton FEMA bridge projects; 10. Weigand Bridge update; 11. The Road and Bridge Committee needs to meet to review winter road routes; 12. Ashfall road update.

Sheriff Henery updated the Board on the following: 1. Antelope County wishes to enter into a law enforcement interlocal agreement with Knox County; 2. Discussed possible law enforcement interlocal agreement with the City of Crofton; 3. Juvenile holding costs in Madison County are \$255 per person per day. Currently two juveniles are being held.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the August 10, 2021 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing for September 9 through September 29, 2021. 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 County Treasurer's Report of List of All Real Property advertised as having Delinquent Taxes in February 2021 and not sold and further, to direct the County Treasurer to proceed with issuance of tax sale certificates to the County upon any real property with delinquent taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board changed the following meeting dates due to holidays and the annual NACO Conference: first meeting in November – Tuesday, November 9; second meeting in November – Tuesday, November 23; and first meeting in December – Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

Discussion ensued on updating the COVID-19 policy. Emergency Manager Hintz had to attend another meeting so she handed out COVID-19 material for the Board to review. Also reviewed was information from the North Central District Health Department and the CDC as well as recommendations from County Attorney Thomas in addition to guidelines from Woods/Aitken LLP (NIRMA) on managing COVID-19 vaccination mandates. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set the COVID-19 Policy for Knox County Employees whereas if an employee has symptoms related to COVID-19, the employee must not come to work (and must use accrued sick leave) until they are tested for COVID-19 or no longer have symptoms; if an employee test positive for COVID-19, they should contact their County Official or Department Head immediately; if an employee tests positive for COVID-19, the employee cannot return to work for 10 days; and, if an employee has been in direct contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, the employee must wear a mask while at work for 14 days and monitor for COVID-19 symptoms during this time. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

A Committee update was given by SLFRF Administrator Nix that the laptops arrived. Also, information will be presented at the next meeting about the sound equipment update in the Boardroom.

Public comment on agenda items was given by Crofton City Mayor Sharol Lawhead on the possible law enforcement agreement. Mayor Lawhead was in the Courthouse on business and stopped to listen to the Board meeting. The Board and Mayor Lawhead discussed briefly the possible law enforcement agreement.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, radio equipment, 1,349.10; Armscor Cartridge Inc., ammo, 1,321.00; Bloomfield Bakery, training food, 32.00; Bomgaars, jail supplies/drains, 31.43; Christa Beckmann, meals, 28.26; Classic Carpet Care, mop rental, 47.00; Cmart LLC, gas, 18.30; Comfort Inn, lodging, 199.90; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 19.00; Creston Fertilizer Co. Inc., chemicals, 1,262.04; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 76.98; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup/radios, 198.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 64.20; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 46.84; Dollar General, supplies, 138.94; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 473.73; F&M State Bank, annual ACH fee, 240.00; Fire Protection Services LLC, fire alarm contract, 600.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage/jail food, 4,331.67; J&H Cleaning Services Inc., strip and wax floors, 12,000.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, faucets/plumbing supplies, 116.26; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 45.16; Kathy Wagner, gas, 22.70; Kevin Barta, mower gas, 16.25; Knox County C&C Development Fund, transfer, 45,500.00; Knox County Flowage Easement Road Fund, transfer, 262,488.98; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 117,281.39; Monica McManigal, meals/mileage, 100.79; Moody Motor Company, oil change, 61.99; N&B Gas Company, propane, 1,270.50; Neil Clausen, meet/mileage, 56.36; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 35.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 298.71; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 37.32; Samantha Holecek, reimburse dues, 120.00; Security Shredding Services Inc., shredding, 87.50; The Glass Edge Inc., replace door, 5,668.00; Thomson Reuters, subscription, 493.00; Top Quality Glove, gloves, 173.60; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 185.16; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/printing, 608.80; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 43.02; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 1,051.00.

**ROAD FUND.** B's Enterprises Inc., culverts/bands, 9,821.44; Bauer Built Inc., repairs/tires, 1,306.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 65.75; Bloomfield Auto Parts, oil/filters, 110.90; Bomgaars, shop supplies/impact wrench, 1,113.27; Bonnie Jennings, clay, 450.00; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 81.09; Chris Rohrer, meals, 35.12; CHS Wausa, diesel, 912.13; C-Mart LLC, gas, 111.05; Creighton Plumbing, toilet, 307.32; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 298.48; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 104.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 3,097.69; First National Bank Omaha, registration, 100.00; Frevert Excavating LLC, equipment rental, 907.50; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies/repairs/battery charger, 183.68; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,445.63; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 1,574.90; Jebro Inc., mc70, 21,293.25; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 71.90; Kayton International, equipment rental, 2,500.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 450.00; Mike Jelinek, cdl license, 59.50; Mitteis Gravel, gravel, 1,425.80; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 198.18; NMC Inc., repairs, 42.75; North Central Public Power District, repair line, 170.00; Omaha Slings Inc., repairs, 1,032.58; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 32.00; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 56.74; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Sucha Repair, repairs/fluids/filter, 89.69; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 447.12; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul/sand, 6,540.00; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/tire repair/repairs/fluids/grass seed, 6,042.18; Vic's Service, gas/oil/filter, 392.17; Village of Center, water/sewer, 54.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 20,974.17.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Dixon Construction Co., bridge contract, 108,030.91; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 54,893.18.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, name plate, 21.98.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Verdigre Eagle, visitor guides, 4,250.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, internet, 173.90.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 48.50.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Creighton Area Chamber of Commerce, Creighton bucks, 100.00; Crofton Journal, subscription, 40.00; First National Bank Omaha, dues/gas/postage/supplies/meals, 368.76; The Barn at God's Country, rent, 150.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 155.88; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 43.02.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Knox County General Fund, transfer, 453,240.92; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 7,163.74.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** Knox County Inheritance Fund, final loan payment, 25,468.73; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

TOTALS	
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Road Fund	85,943.98
Flowage Easement Road Fund	162,924.09
Child Support Fund	21.98
Visitor's Promo Fund	4,250.00
Visitor's Improvement Fund	173.90
Economic Development Fund	48.50
C&C Development Fund	857.66
Inheritance Fund	460,404.66
911 Emergency Fund	25,486.44
911 Wireless Service Fund	203.70
Total	\$1,199,003.67

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:15 p.m. on September 30, 2021 until Thursday, October 14, 2021 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 14, 2021  
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 Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Present were, Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, 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 Patrick J. Liska District #2. 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 Bloomfield Monitor 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 30, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller 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, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$854,472.84 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to acknowledge County Treasurer Ebel's appointment of Susan Beckman as the Deputy County Treasurer. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Fee Report of Fees Collected between July 1 through September 30, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from September 30 through October 13, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of District Court September Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:01 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:31 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Patrick J. Liska, District 2.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Shed inventory forms were given to each Supervisor for their respective road employees to complete; 2. Discussed winter motorgrader routes. The Road and Bridge Committee will meet Tuesday to discuss the routes; 3. Oil Crew update; 4. Bridge Crew update; 5. The FEMA Walton bridge bid opening will be held at the October 28, 2021 meeting; 6. Weigand bridge update. A larger deck plate is needed. It may be possible that the bridge will be shut down to one lane. Discussion ensued on a shoefly and a detour that would mean fifteen extra miles on dangerous roads; 7. Discussed turning the Rec Road back to the State; 8. Waiting for the State to pay 80% of the work done on the CJ slide; 9. Prischman bridge update; 10. Verdigre North federal aid project update; 11. Supr. Liska and Hwy. Supt. Barta attended a WebEx meeting regarding Corps of Engineers project of dredging the Ponca Creek in the Lazy River Acres area.

Chairman opened at 10:55 a.m. the public hearing on the Santee Sioux Nation dba Featherhill Express Class D Liquor License Application. Discussion was held on the proposed license area. Interim Business Manager Waylon LaPlante was called and he volunteered to come to the meeting to answer any questions. Further discussion was put on hold until Mr. LaPlante arrives.

Chairman Mackeprang opened at 11:05 a.m. the public hearing on Conditional Use Permit #CU0046 HESK LLC. for construction of a duplex. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:12 a.m. No one was present in opposition. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 - 40** approving Conditional Use Permit #CU0046 HESK LLC for construction of a duplex on a portion of the SW1/4 of Section 14, T33N, R3W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION #2021 - 40**

**WHEREAS**, HESK LLC has applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0046 to construct a duplex on:

A portion of the Southwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 33 North, Range 3 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian, Knox County, Nebraska more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the South quarter corner of Section 14; thence

N00°03'17"E, along the East line of the Southwest quarter of Section 14, for 908.03 feet to a point on the Northwesterly right of way of County Road 54C; thence S49°46'55"W, along said Northwesterly right of way, for 450.96 feet to the Easterly right of way of the Bloomfield Area Access Road; thence the following courses and distance along said Easterly right of way; thence N63°54'54"W for 96.00 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Northeasterly, having a radius of 894.93 feet; thence along said curve to the right through a central angle of 16°01'53" and arc distance of 250.40 feet; thence N47°53'01"W for 555.00 feet to the Point of Beginning and the Southwest corner of Tract 2; thence continuing N47°53'01"W for 289.00 feet to the beginning of a non-tangent curve concave Northeasterly, having a radius of 758.51 feet, and an arc length of 339.80 feet; thence along the chord of said curve N35°02'59"W for 336.97 feet; thence N20°49'06"W for 45.80 feet; thence departing said right of way N89°48'51"E for 555.00 feet; thence S28°36'50"E for 482.11 feet; thence S75°52'14"W for 373.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on September 21, 2021, and

**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 condition:

1. The units shall not be sold separately.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THAT THE HESK, LLC CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #CU0046 BE APPROVED.**

Dated this 14th day of October, 2021.

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

Absent  
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

Chairman Mackeprang opened at 11:13 a.m. the public hearing on Conditional Use Permit #CU0045 Toy Shed Storage LLC for construction of an additional self-storage building. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:17 a.m. No one was present in opposition. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 41** approving Conditional Use Permit #CU0045 Toy Shed Storage LLC. for construction of an additional self-storage building with ten units on a part of the N1/2N1/2NE1/4 of Section 23, T33N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2021 – 41**

**WHEREAS**, Toy Shed Storage LLC has applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0045 to construct an additional self-storage building with 10 units on the following described real estate:

The North ½ of the North ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Thirty-three (33) North, Range Two (2) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, **LESS** the following tracts:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section Twenty-three (23), thence S 89° 58' 05" W along the north section line a distance of 708.65 feet; thence on an assumed bearing of S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 54.82 feet to a point of beginning on the south right-of-way line of Knox County Highway 54C; thence continuing S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 605.18 feet; thence S 89° 58' 05" W a distance of 784.08 feet; thence N 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 619.10 feet back to said south right-of-way line; thence N 88° 53' 54" E along said south right-of-way line a distance of 170.76 feet; thence S 88° 26' 06" E continuing along said south right-of-way line a distance of 613.58 feet to the point of beginning; **AND** Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section Twenty-three (23), thence S 89° 58' 05" W along the north section line a distance of 708.65 feet; thence on an assumed bearing of S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 54.82 feet to a point of beginning on the south right-of-way line of Knox County Highway 54C; thence continuing S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 605.18 feet; thence S 89° 58' 05" W a distance of 670.04 feet to the West right-of-way line of Nebraska Highway 121; thence N 00° 32' 26" E along said Nebraska Highway 121 West right-of-way a distance of 594.79 feet back to said Knox County Highway South right-of-way line; thence N 89° 15' 06" W along said South right-of-way line a distance of 589.81 feet; thence N 88° 26' 06" W continuing along said South right-of-way line a distance of 85.92 feet to the point of

beginning; **AND** Also excepting that property deeded to the State of Nebraska for highway purposes in Deed Book 86 at Page 401 and in Deed Book 86 at Page 412 of records of the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office.

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on September 21, 2021, and

**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. No outside storage is allowed.
2. The structure shall be of similar color to the existing structures.
3. Under the soffit lighting shall be included on the west side of the new structure.
4. Applicant shall show compliance of diversion of water before construction begins.
5. Permanent diversion of water shall be installed during construction and in the future to control the runoff.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** that the Toy Shed Storage LLC Conditional Use Permit #CU0015C be approved.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2021.

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

Absent  
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

Chairman Mackeprang opened at 11:17 a.m. the public hearing on the Final Plat of Vested Holdings Subdivision located in Peoria Township. Craig Braunsroth was present. Zoning Administrator Doerr said the plat could be used as a survey and not as creating a separate subdivision. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:22 a.m. No one was present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the Final Plat of Vested Holdings Subdivision located in a part of the East 540 feet of the North 1,252 feet of the SE1/4 of Section 9, T31N, R3W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska and that this will not be a separate subdivision, so no Subdivision Agreement is needed. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang opened at 11:23 a.m. a public hearing on campground regulations. Supr. O'Connor requested that no action be taken as Supr. Liska was absent and that at this time additional time is needed to review the changes that would affect Supr. Liska's District as well as Supr. O'Connor's District. Discussion was held on the RV regulations, changes, taxing landowners for the improvements such as patios, decks, and concrete by the campers. Chairman Mackeprang recessed the public hearing until the October 28, 2021 meeting.

Santee Sioux Nation Interim Business Manager Waylon LaPlante arrived to answer questions regarding the Santee Sioux Nation dba Featherhill Express Liquor License Application. The Board asked what area will be covered by the license and Mr. LaPlante said the 20-foot x 26-foot building would be the only area licensed. Also, the Board asked about the time of liquor sales as the Featherhill Express is open twenty-four hours a day. Mr. LaPlante said they would follow the State's regulations that all liquor sales would end at 1:00 a.m. Also, as per the Santee Sioux Nation resolution, liquor sales would start again at 6:00 a.m. Mr. LaPlante updated the Board on the training given to beverage servers and attendants. Sheriff Henery informed the Board that the casino works with his office if someone is intoxicated and should not drive. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:47 a.m. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the Santee Sioux Nation dba Featherhill Express Class D Liquor License Application with the licensed area to only be the 20-foot x 26-foot building and that no sales of alcohol shall be made from 1 a.m. through 6 a.m. daily. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board on the following: 1. Presentation of information on the Missouri River Northeast Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) that was originally prepared in 2015 covering Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, and Knox Counties. The Nebraska Forest Service (NFS) is launching an update for the plan over the next several months and requested the Board designate an individual to participate on the Steering Committee to help with the update to ensure that pertinent changes are included in the plan and that local issues remain front and center. Emergency Manager Hintz said that she had been involved in the past. The Board designated Emergency Manager Hintz to participate on the Steering Committee for the CWPP updates; 2. Update on increasing positive cases of COVID-19 in the County as well as the health districts. Discussion was held on a third vaccine shot and the booster vaccine shot; 3. Update on the wastewater bus tour that Emergency Manager Hintz and Zoning Administrator Doerr took part in several weeks ago. Knox County and Boyd County sites were visited.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the September Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried; 2. Discussed new template land use chart that Consultant Keith Marvin is using in Antelope County.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:05 p.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:45 p.m. with all members present except Supervisor Patrick J. Liska District #2.

Zoning Administrator Doerr continued with the following: 3. Discussion was held on minimum lot sizes in the Commercial Corridor District, DEQ approval is needed for tracts less than three acres and that a platted subdivision in that area has lots that are one-half acres. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to request Consultant Keith Marvin to review changing the minimum lot size in the Commercial Corridor District south of Hwy. 54. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

SLFRF Administrator Nix updated the Board on the Applied Connective Technologies quotes and proposals for installing a sound system and larger television screens in the Board Room and the Basement Conference Room. Applied Connective Technologies will be contacted for more information and a possible demonstration.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve KENO operation under the County's KENO's jurisdiction to Creighton Community Country Club Inc. dba as Creighton Community Country Club. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

Committee update was given by Deputy County Clerk Surface on the costs of the recent concrete repairs.

Officials' update was given by Deputy County Attorney Holecek who informed the Board of the SID #2 court case and recent SID #2 election. Also, Corrie Key is the new Administrative Assistant in the County Attorney's Office.

There was not public comment on agenda items nor on non-agenda items.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 1:49 p.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 2:03 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 2:03 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 199,432.62; Applied Connective Technologies, programs/emails, 357.88; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 24.00; Cathleen Stark, prior service/office supplies, 36.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 75.57; Chad Vanness, mileage, 29.12; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 15,238.74; Comfort Inn & Suites, lodging, 237.00; County of Knox Employees Benefit Account dba HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; Creston Fertilizer Co., gas, 733.80; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup/radios, 198.88; Des Moines Stamp, stamps, 357.00; Dollar General, supplies, 25.50; Eakes Office Solutions, office supplies/cabinet, 472.69; Eco Water Systems, bottled water, 162.50; Gragert's, jail food, 580.08; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet & tower internet, 1,288.30; Hefner Hardware, supplies, 100.73; Holly Wortmann, mileage, 36.96; Hometown Leasing, office equipment, 76.18; J&K Auto, mower gas, 54.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, supplies, 49.46; JoAnn P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Joann M. Fischer, reimburse title & license fee, 15.00; Knox County Flowage Easement Road Fund, Bloomfield North 1<sup>st</sup> payment, 303,240.92; Kristine Kumm, travel expense, 106.96; The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 268.10; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage/meal, 311.04; Loffler, copier contract; 268.62; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer programming, 681.16; Moody Motor Co. Inc., truck, 49,759.58; Nebraska Planning & Zoning Association, registration, 190.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, registration, 120.00; Nebraska Sheriff's Association, dues; 240.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity & tower electricity, 2,257.16; Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services, holding juvenile, 306.25; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 184.25; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 177.72; Platte Valley Communications Inc., repairs, 2,137.21; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 1,939.50; Quill Corporation, supplies, 862.05; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filter, 483.01; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 13,598.84; Sharla Hanzlik, mileage, 24.64; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 187.16; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 358.16; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 507.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 72,457.37; A&D Service, tire repair, 205.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 186.17; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 113.99; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 618.84; Carhart Lumber Co., shop supplies, 24.87; CHS Wausa, diesel, 903.32; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart LLC, gas, 366.65; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,456.32; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. % Health Care Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 13,125.00; Dollar General, shop supplies, 15.25; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 5,511.00; Great Plains Communications, phone, 541.24; Grossenburg Implement, Inc., filters/fluids/repairs, 2,309.03; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 1,436.91; Inland Truck Parts & Service, repairs, 568.12; J&K Auto, gas, 38.00; Jebro Inc., mc3000, 46,466.76; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 27.47; Kayton International, joy stick, 810.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 113.24; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 4.43; Midwest Radiator & Exhaust, repairs, 65.00; Mitteis Gravel, gravel, 642.70; N&B Gas Co., propane, 726.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 294.02; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 53.97; Power Plan, repairs, 184.31; Principal Life Insurance, insurance county pays, 775.80; Pro Crane Services LLC, equipment rental, 5,913.50; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filters/shop supplies, 1,067.46; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement county pays, 4,754.19; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 17.67; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 1,703.00; Straight-Line Striping

Inc., centerline striping, 25,537.15; US Cellular, cell phones, 388.96; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.63; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fees, 847.50.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 4.73; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.03; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 162.00.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Salaries, 1,016.55.

**ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 268.88.

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

**COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND.** Salaries, 3,190.00.

**C & C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,458.33; CenturyLink, long distance, 4.73; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 256.51; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account %HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 875.00; Creative Revolution Marketing Agency, renewal, 348.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.03; The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 233.44; Stacy Miller, mileage, 16.68; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 155.88.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Art Kathol Appliance Inc., plumbing, 14,301.65; Doerr & Klein PC, court appointed attorney, 3,857.23; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson, court appointed attorney, 782.21; Joseph E.W. Abler, special court appointed attorney, 57.68; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.25; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 109.15.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 563.03.

TOTALS	
General Fund	627,825.58
Road Fund	193,592.38
Flowage Easement Road Fund	847.50
Child Support Fund	217.76
Visitor's Promo Fund	1,016.55
ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund	323.88
County Insurance Fund	250.00
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	3,190.00
C & C Development Fund	5,448.66
Inheritance Fund	21,082.10
911 Emergency Fund	115.40
911 Wireless Service Fund	563.03
Total	\$854,472.84

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:03 p.m. on October 14, 2021 until Thursday, October 28, 2021 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  
October 25, 2021  
1:00 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 Monday, October 25, 2021 at 1:00 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 were 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 posted on the Knox County Nebraska Courthouse Facebook Page, the Knox County Website, notices were emailed to all Knox County city and village clerks for them to post in their respective cities/villages, and notices were posted in the Knox County Courthouse and Annex #1, the Center Post Office and the Farmers and Merchants State Bank in Center.

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 October 14, 2021 meeting minutes will be done at the October 28, 2021 regular meeting.

The purpose of the emergency meeting was to work with vendor gWorks to review options for redistricting of the Knox County Supervisor Districts according to the 2020 U.S. Census.

Discussion was held on whether a redistricted Supervisor district would be required to have a County shed in it. County Attorney Thomas' research of the Nebraska Revised Statutes showed that a county shed does not need to be in a district and the Board could assign supervision of the sheds to Supervisors without regard to residence.

No action was taken at this emergency meeting.

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:57 p.m. on October 25, 2021 until Thursday, October 28, 2021 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  
October 28, 2021  
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 28, 2021 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.

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 Verdigre Eagle newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Thank you card from former County Treasurer Cathy Stark.

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 \$312,682.86 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 10:18 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Bridge Crew update; 2. Oil Crew update; 3. Bridge inspections done by the County are now completed as well as Speece Lewis Engineering has completed the inspections of the fracture critical bridges; 4. Center line painting may be completed next week depending on the weather; 5. Crofton truck snowplow operator ad was printed in papers recently; 6. Mechanic Crosley asked to purchase a portable bead breaker as he fixes motorgrader and truck tires. The approximate cost is \$1,800. For Mechanic Crosley's safety, the Board said to purchase the portable bead breaker; 7. Kreg Mitteis said he may be adding 50 cents a yard to his gravel bid due to higher fuel costs; 8. Discussion was held on contracting propane due to projected cost increases.

At 10:32 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on the vacation/abandonment of the right-of-way adjacent to Lot 13 in Stewart's Prairie Ridge.

At 10:32 a.m., the advertised bid opening was held for the construction of a 130-foot, three-span continuous concrete slab bridge on a zero-degree skew and other related incidental work on the Verdigre Southwest, C005402505P bridge 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 set forth in Nebraska Revised Statute §23-3110 to §23-3114. Knox County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Bids were opened in the order they were received: **Herbst Construction, Inc., LeMars IA**, \$749,734, start date - November 29, 2021, end date - 90 working days; **Dixon Construction, Correctionville IA**, \$819,849, start date - May 2, 2022, end date - August 31, 2022 (will need 121 calendar days to complete); **KEA Constructors, LLC, Milford NE**, \$889,380.10, start date - November 15, 2021, end date - 95 working days; **JJK Construction, LLC, Ceresco NE**, \$801,478.53, start date - November 15, 2021, end date - 95 calendar days after beginning work; **Simon Contractors, North Platte NE**, \$954,725, start date - March 27, 2022, end date - June 30, 2022. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to take no action on this date and to review the bids again at the November 23, 2021 meeting. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 10:50 a.m. so as 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 so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 11:10 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 11:10 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Nick Antrobus with Colonial Life insurance presented information on dental/vision insurance. The Board took no action and will review the information.

Ryan Robinson with Applied Connective Technologies met with the Board via Microsoft Teams to demonstrate components of a proposed sound system with new larger Smart television screens. Also discussed was new software, someone could bring their own device to make a presentation by using the Smart televisions and software, possibility of recording hearings, livestream meetings, and set up through Facebook or YouTube as for Covid-19 matters.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. At 11:30 a.m. the Board continued the public hearing from the October 14, 2021 meeting regarding RV campground regulation changes. Discussion was held on licensing RVs in the campground; 2. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0184 Mike Zerbe on the 5.94-acre tract split in the SE1/4NE1/4 and NE1/4SE1/4 in Section 8, 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. There will be no Planning Commission meeting in November.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:08 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:35 p.m. with all members present.

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

The Board discussed redistricting of the Supervisor Districts according to the 2020 U.S. Census. The Board met with gWorks via Microsoft Teams to review options so to be in compliance with Federal laws. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 42** approving and adopting Proposal Map #9 outlining the new Knox County Supervisor Districts created by gWorks using the 2020 U.S. Census population numbers where the Santee Sioux Nation Reservation will be entirely in Supervisor District #2, the Northern Ponca Tribal Areas will be entirely in Supervisor District #4, that the Supervisor Districts were evenly divided in population falling between the variance of 5% above or below of the target number, there are no more than two Supervisor Districts in a voting precinct, that census blocks were not divided between two Supervisor Districts, the Supervisor Districts were contiguous, and the newly adopted Knox County Supervisor Districts are effective for candidates to file beginning January 5, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2021 – 42**

**WHEREAS**, redistricting of the Knox County Supervisor Districts was necessary after the 2020 U.S. Census results were released, and

**WHEREAS**, the Santee Sioux Nation Reservation in Harrison, Hill, Spade and Union Townships and the Northern Ponca Tribal Areas in the Niobrara and Raymond Townships are too large in population to be in one Supervisor District, and

**WHEREAS**, the Santee Sioux Nation Reservation should be entirely in one Supervisor District, and

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Ponca Tribal Areas in Niobrara and Raymond Townships should be entirely in one Supervisor District, and

**WHEREAS**, the Supervisor Districts shall be equal in population, the target population of each District is computed by dividing the total Knox County population as per the 2020 U.S. Census of 8,391 between the seven Supervisor Districts for a target number of 1,199 persons per District, there cannot be a variance of more than 5% above or below the target amount, there can be no more than two Supervisor Districts in one voting precinct and a census block cannot be divided between two Supervisor Districts, and

**WHEREAS**, the Supervisor Districts should be as contiguous as possible, and

**WHEREAS**, gWorks using the 2020 U.S. Census data has worked with the Knox County Clerk and the Knox County Board of Supervisors extensively for numbers to produce fair and correct Supervisor Districts, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the attached Proposal #9 map is approved and adopted as the Knox County Supervisor Districts effective for candidates to file beginning January 5, 2022 with the Supervisor District boundaries to be revised as follows:

1. The boundaries of Supervisor District #1 of Knox County, Nebraska include the following described territory: Sections 1 through 16, Sections 23 and 24, that portion of Section 25 lying north of Knox Avenue and south of Highway 12, and the incorporated City of Crofton located in parts of Sections 24, 25 and 26 in Eastern Township; all of Frankfort Township; and all of North Frankfort Township. District #1 contains 1,166 persons more or less according to the 2020 Census of population by the United States Census Bureau. All of District #1 is in the voting precinct of Crofton Area.
2. The boundaries of Supervisor District #2 of Knox County, Nebraska include the following described territory: All of Addison Township; all of Harrison Township; all of Herrick Township; all of Hill Township including the incorporated Village of Santee; Sections 13 through 36 of Niobrara Township lying south of Highway 12 **LESS** the incorporated Village of Niobrara located in Sections 16 and 17; all of Spade Township; and all of Union Township. The Santee Sioux Nation Reservation will be entirely in District #2. District #2 contains 1,223 persons more or less according to the 2020 Census of population by the United States Census Bureau. Addison, Harrison, Herrick, Hill, Spade and Union Townships are located in the newly redistricted voting precinct of Lindy/Santee/Center Area. Sections 13 through 36 of Niobrara Township lying south of Highway 12 **LESS** the incorporated Village of Niobrara located in Sections 16 and 17 is located in the newly redistricted voting precinct of Niobrara Area.
3. The boundaries of Supervisor District #3 of Knox County, Nebraska include the following described territory: All of Central Township; all of Cleveland Township; Sections 1 through 18, Sections 23 through 26, and Sections 35 and 36 in Creighton Township including the incorporated Village of Bazile Mills; all of Jefferson Township; all of Logan Township; all of Miller Township including the incorporated Village of Winnetoon; Sections 6 through 8 and Sections 16 through 36 in Morton Township; all of Valley Township including the incorporated Village of Center; Sections 7 and 8 lying south of 881 RD, Sections 9 through 12 south of Highway 84 and all of Sections 13 through 36 in Verdigre Township **LESS** the incorporated Village of Verdigre; all of Walnut Grove Township; all of Washington Township; and all of Western Township. District #3 contains 1,155 persons more or less according to the 2020 Census of population by the United States Census Bureau. Central and Valley Townships are located in the newly redistricted voting precinct of Lindy/Santee/Center Area. Cleveland Township is located in the newly redistricted voting precinct of Wausa Area. Sections 6 through 8 and Sections 16 through 36 in Morton Township are located in the voting precinct of Bloomfield Area. Sections 1 through 18, Sections 23 through 26,

and Sections 35 and 36 in Creighton Township including the incorporated Village of Bazile Mills are located in the newly redistricted voting precinct of Creighton Area. All of Jefferson, Logan, Miller including the incorporated Village of Winnetoon, Walnut Grove, Washington and Western Townships, and, Sections 7 and 8 lying south of 881 RD and Sections 9 through 12 lying south of Highway 84 and all Sections 13 through 36 in Verdigre Township **LESS** the incorporated Village of Verdigre, are located in the newly redistricted voting precinct of Verdigre Area.

4. The boundaries of Supervisor District #4 of Knox County, Nebraska include the following described territory: All of Bohemia Township; all of Sections 8 through 12 and those portions of Sections 13 through 17 lying north of Highway 12 in Niobrara Township including the incorporated Village of Niobrara; all of Raymond Township including the incorporated Village of Verdel; all of Sparta Township; and Sections 1 through 4 and portions of Sections 9 and 10 lying north of Highway 84 and Sections 5 and 6 lying north of 881 RD in Verdigre Township including the incorporated Village of Verdigre. The Northern Ponca Tribal Areas in Niobrara and Raymond Townships will be entirely in District #4. District #4 contains 1,230 persons more or less according to the 2020 Census of population by the United States Census Bureau. All of Sections 8 through 12 and those portions of Sections 13 through 17 lying north of Highway 12 in Niobrara Township including the incorporated Village of Niobrara and all of Raymond Township including the incorporated Village of Verdel are located in the newly redistricted voting precinct of Niobrara Area. Bohemia and Sparta Townships, and Sections 1 through 4 and portions of Sections 9 and 10 lying north of Highway 84 and Sections 5 and 6 lying north of 881 RD in Verdigre Township including the incorporated Village of Verdigre are located in the newly redistricted voting precinct of Verdigre Area.
5. The boundaries of Supervisor District #5 of Knox County, Nebraska include the following described territory: All of Peoria Township, and Sections 1 through 5 and Sections 9 through 15 in Morton Township including the incorporated City of Bloomfield. District #5 contains 1,206 persons more or less according to the 2020 Census of population by the United States Census Bureau. All of District #5 is located in the voting precinct of Bloomfield Area.
6. The boundaries of Supervisor District #6 of Knox County, Nebraska include the following described territory: All of Columbia Township; all of Dolphin Township; all of Dowling Township; all of Lincoln Township including the incorporated Village of Wausa; and Sections 17 through 22, and Sections 25 through 36 in Eastern Township **LESS** that portion of Section 25 lying north of Knox Avenue and south of Highway 12, and **LESS** the incorporated City of Crofton located in parts of Sections 24, 25 and 26 in Eastern Township. District #6 contains 1,192 persons more or less according to the 2020 Census of population by the United States Census Bureau. Sections 17 through 22, and Sections 25 through 36 in Eastern Township **LESS** that portion of Section 25 lying north of Knox Avenue and south of Highway 12, and **LESS** the incorporated City of Crofton located in parts of Sections 24, 25 and 26 in Eastern Township and Dolphin Township are located in the voting precinct of Crofton Area. Columbia, Dowling, and Lincoln Townships including the incorporated Village of Wausa are located in the newly redistricted voting precinct of Wausa Area.
7. The boundaries of Supervisor District #7 of Knox County, Nebraska include the following described territory: Sections 19 through 22 and Sections 27 through 34 in Creighton Township including the incorporated City of Creighton. District #7 contains 1,219 persons more or less according to the 2020 Census of population by the United States Census Bureau. All of District #7 is located in the newly redistricted voting precinct of Creighton Area.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

#### 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

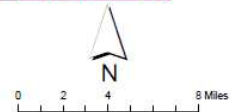
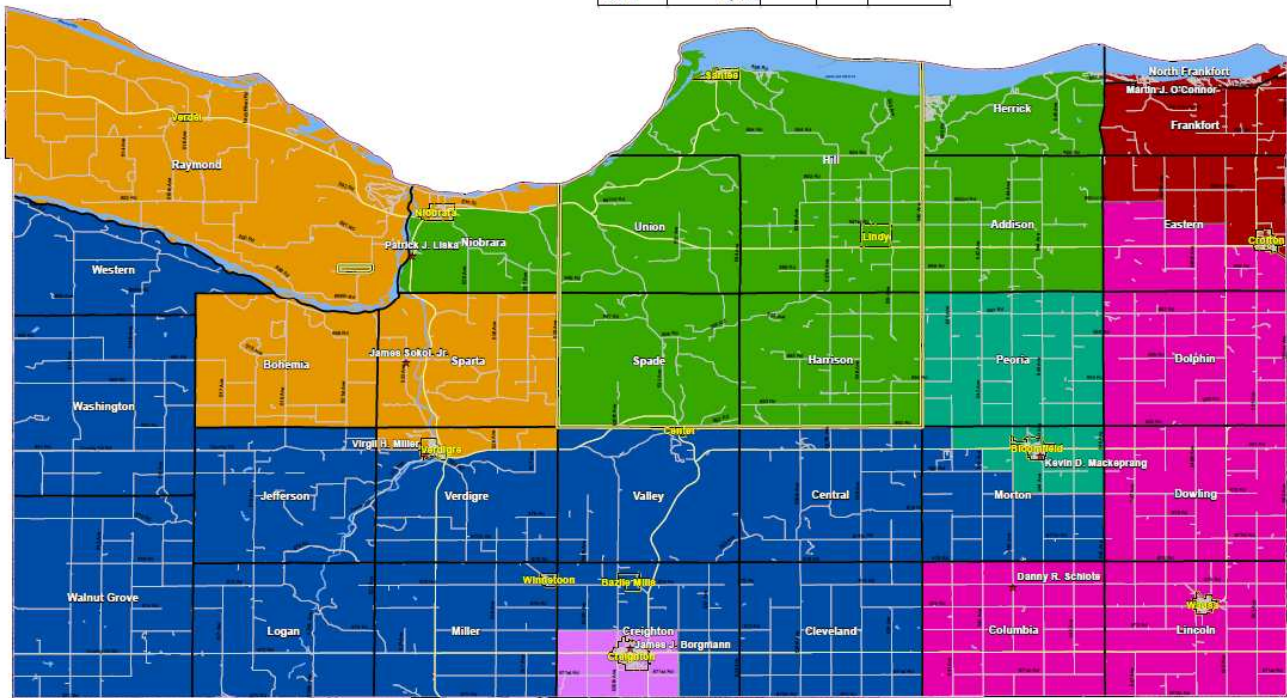
Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

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

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

# KNOX COUNTY 2021 SUPERVISORS DISTRICTS PROPOSAL #9

DISTRICT	2020 Census	Target	Dev.	Difference
1	1,166	1,199	-2.75%	-33
2	1,223	1,199	2.00%	24
3	1,155	1,199	-3.67%	-44
4	1,230	1,199	2.59%	31
5	1,206	1,199	0.58%	7
6	1,192	1,199	-0.58%	-7
7	1,219	1,199	1.67%	20
Total	8,391			



Chairman Mackeprang closed the Public Hearing at 2:05 P.M. for vacation and abandonment of a part of the right of way laying easterly of Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision located in Herrick Township, Knox County, Nebraska. It was then moved by Supervisor O'Connor, seconded by Supervisor Borgmann that the publisher's affidavit of publishing notice herein, be filed with these minutes and as part of this record. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor O'Connor, seconded by Supervisor Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 - 43** to vacate and abandon a portion of right of way laying easterly of Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision, Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION #2021 - 43**

WHEREAS, upon the public hearing duly held, after proper notice given, it appears that it would be in the public interest to require the vacation and abandonment of the following portion of right of way adjoining Lot 13 in Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision located in Herrick Township, Knox County, Nebraska described as follows:

A part of the right of way laying easterly of Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision located in Section 22, T33N, R3W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED, that the County Clerk mail a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Township Board of Herrick Township in Knox County, by certified mail, filing her receipts therefore as part of this record.

Passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Chairman

The Board continued from October 14, 2021, the RV campground regulations public hearing . Discussion ensued that a sewer station be available in each RV campground, Nebraska DEE regulations, eliminating seasonal dwelling stipulation, and permit owners would have to police the licensing of the RVs in their campgrounds and violations would affect their conditional use permits. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 2:26 p.m. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve changes to Section 8.04 of the Zoning Regulations on Recreational Vehicle Parks and the Board will review the resolution implementing changes at the November 9, 2021 meeting. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Receipt Revenue List from October 14 through October 27, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 44 amending Resolution #2021 – 26** for the correction of Resolution #2021 - 26 that the Verdigre Rural Fire District had chosen a levy of 2.50 cents which was reflected in their filed budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2021 - 44**  
**AMENDING RESOLUTION #2021 – 26**

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 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 two 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

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors allocated up to 4.5 cents to the Knox County rural fire districts as per Nebraska Revised Statute §77-3443 for budget year 2021-2022 noting that not all rural fire districts were going to use the 4.5 cents, and

WHEREAS, Resolution #2021 – 26 that were adopted on August 26, 2021 stated that the Knox County rural fire districts had 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, and

WHEREAS, after Resolution #2021 – 26 was adopted, it was noticed that the Verdigre Rural Fire District had chosen a levy of 2.50 cents which was reflected in their filed budget, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, this Resolution amends Resolution #2021 – 26 where the Knox County rural fire districts chose the following levies and such levies were set by the Knox County Board of Equalization on October 14, 2021: Creighton Rural Fire District – 4.5 cents; Bloomfield Rural Fire District – 3.5 cents; Verdigre Rural Fire District – 2.50 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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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

The Board reviewed a letter from Nebraska Attorney General Douglas J. Peterson regarding opioid litigation settlements. The Board took no action.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a collateral revision to Reuse Loan #6872425. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Committee updates were: 1. SLFRF Administrator Nix on an update on use of ARPA funds to spend without rules which is being discussed by the U.S. House of Representatives; 2. Chairman Mackeprang attended a recent RC&D meeting.

Officials' updates were: 1. Supr. Miller, Emergency Manager Hintz, and Sheriff Henery recently attended the NIRMA workshop in Kearney where Sheriff Henery gave a presentation on law enforcement trauma; 2. The deer carcass dumpsters are located at the Niobrara County Yard, the Creighton County Yard and in the north part of the Knox County Fairgrounds through December 10, 2021. The costs will be paid from the KENO Fund again this year.

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

**GENERAL FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, monitors, 825.00; Bomgaars, supplies, 5.93; CenturyLink, long distance, 69.89; Clerk of District Court, filing fees, 71.00; CMart LLC, gas, 19.63; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 19.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 222.50; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Eakes

Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper, 547.34; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage/jail food, 3,404.56; gWorks, website setup, 3,000.00; Hampton Inn; lodging, 359.85; Holiday Inn, lodging, 284.85; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 350.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 117,281.31; Moody Motor Company, windshield, 996.68; Netcom Inc., radio, 524.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 1,130.15; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,369.51; Steven Banks, reimburse gas, 60.11; UNL Eastern Nebraska Research & Extension Center, salary contract, 11,283.73.

**ROAD FUND.** B's Enterprises Inc., culverts/signs/posts/blades, 64,034.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 56.08; Bloomfield Auto Parts, antifreeze, 2.44; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 88.67; Chris Rohrer, meals, 168.86; C-Mart LLC, gas, 113.43; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 265.98; Emme Sand & Gravel Inc., gravel/haul, 4,814.03; First National Bank Omaha, Adobe program, 179.88; Flenniken Electric, building repair, 801.05; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,566.00; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 1,882.27; Jacob Dendinger, equipment rental, 560.01; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., oxygen/acetylene, 334.00; Medical Enterprises Inc., alcohol test, 5.00; Mike Jelinek, reimbursement of meals, 232.94; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 158.20; Rohrer Welding, steel plate, 1,808.26; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 11,570.79; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/tire repair/shop supplies, 2,850.51; Vic's Service, gas/oil/filter/tires, 1,112.14; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 159.95; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 26,593.38.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 4.37; First National Bank Omaha, copier lease/zoom, 314.83; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 156.69; Maximus Consulting Services Inc., 2020 cost allocation, 900.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, internet, 173.90.

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

**COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, laptops, 8,193.00; First National Bank Omaha, laptop bags, 49.83.

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

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 4.37; Creative Revolution Marketing Agency, website, 282.16; First National Bank Omaha, dues/gas/leadership/meals, 678.09; Grandpa Dan's Popcorn, meals, 26.00; Stacy Miller, meals, 72.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Chad Paulsen Construction, concrete maintenance, 23,447.97; Tauber Plumbing LLC, kitchen project, 231.24.

**KENO FUND.** gWorks, clerk tab, 3,375.00.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 34.01.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 391.12; Knox County 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund, annual transfer, 12,308.37.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	142,273.04
Road Fund	119,441.87
Child Support Fund	1,375.89
Visitor's Improvement Fund	173.90
County Insurance Fund	250.00
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	8,242.83
Economic Development Fund	75.00
C&C Development Fund	1,062.62
Inheritance Fund	23,679.21
Keno Fund	3,375.00
911 Emergency Fund	34.01
911 Wireless Service Fund	12,699.49
Total	<u>\$312,682.86</u>

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:45 p.m. on October 28, 2021 until Tuesday, November 9, 2021 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  
November 9, 2021  
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 Tuesday, November 9, 2021 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 Bloomfield Monitor 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 28, 2021 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 \$528,560.60 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller 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. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List for October 28 through November 8, 2021. 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 Distress Warrant Report that showed 24 distress warrants totaling \$10,563.32 that includes interest and distress warrant fee were delivered to the County Sheriff for collection. 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 10:18 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by ~~Supr.~~ Supr. (corrected 11-23-2021) Miller to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the "Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services" between JEO and Knox County on the Bloomfield Northeast, Bridge Project C005418115. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Discussion was held on contracting propane for the County Sheds and the current costs of propane; 3. A Township Board requested the Board of Supervisors put an article or ad in the local papers about how close a regular or electric fence can be to a township road right-of-way. As the townships are responsible for their roads, a copy of Nebraska Revised Statute §39-301 was mailed to township boards and they will have to publish or send notice; 4 Bridge Crew update; 5. Knox County received \$5,597.29 from a Class Action Lawsuit on the engine malfunctions in the RA80 International truck at the Creighton Yard; 6. Discussed equipment repairs; 7. The Road employee winter schedule of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. has begun; 8. The shop assignments and road maintenance assignments will remain the same for 2022; 9. A bid opening will be held on December 7 for a FEMA 196 ft. bridge to replace the Walton bridge; 10. Attempting to have the Weigand bridge turned over to the State of Nebraska.

Shannon Jepsen with Aflac presented information on dental and vision insurance. No action was taken and the Board will review the material.

Mrs. Jepsen handles the Cafeteria 125 IRS required annual forms and will be meeting with employees on December 6 and 7, 2021.

Discussion ensued on Claim #21110026 in the amount of \$3,010.97 payable to the Knox County Sheriff. The State Auditor conducted the 2020/2021 audit and has noted there was a shortage of \$3,010.97 in the fee fund in the Sheriff's Office as fees were not paid by the County Court. The State Auditor said the Board could approve a claim to cover the shortage especially if the Sheriff does not expect to receive the funds elsewhere. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve Claim #21110026 in the amount of \$3,010.97 payable to the Knox County Sheriff as per the State Auditor to cover the shortage in the Sheriff's fee fund as fees were not paid elsewhere. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the Managed Service Agreement with Applied Connective Technologies for 150 service hours at a rate of \$125 per hour from November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022 for technical support, service and maintenance. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. At the October 28, 2021 meeting, the Board had approved amending Section 8.04 of the Knox County Zoning Regulations on RV campgrounds. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt Resolution #2021 – 45 amending Section 8.04 of the Knox County Zoning Regulations. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION #2021- 45**



**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 for Knox County, Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has given public notice as required by the Nebraska State Statutes, of a hearing held on the 14th day of October, 2021, continued until the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, at the Knox County Courthouse on the proposed amendment; and

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

**AND WHEREAS** the Knox County Planning Commission has reviewed the amendment 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 OF SECTION 8.04 BE APPROVED AND ADOPTED:**

### **KNOX COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS**

#### **Section 8.04 Recreational Vehicle Parks**

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

1. The tract to be used as a recreational vehicle park or campground shall not be less than two acres in area. Under no circumstances shall a manufactured home be parked in a recreational vehicle park or campground.
2. The maximum number of recreational vehicles, trailers, or camp sites shall be 15 per acre.
3. Each recreational vehicle camp site shall be plainly marked by number.
4. The minimum dimensions of a recreational vehicle, trailer or camp site shall be 25 feet wide by 40 feet long.
5. Each recreational vehicle, trailer, camp site shall be separated from other recreational vehicles, trailers, or camp sites by at least 15 feet.
6. All recreational vehicle, trailer, camp sites shall meet the required setbacks from roads and from the ordinary high-water mark and shall be located at least 50 feet from exterior lot lines.
  - A. The exterior lot line setback shall be maintained in open space, except that landscaping for the purpose of screening the Park from visual views from adjacent properties.
  - B. Screening at least six feet in height shall be provided between the recreational vehicle park or campground and any adjoining residential area.
7. The number and location of access drives shall be controlled for traffic safety and protection of surrounding properties; provided:
  - A. No one space shall be designed for direct access to a county road or highway outside the boundaries of the recreational vehicle park or campground;
  - B. All interior access drives shall be at least 20 feet in width;
  - C. All interior access drives and parking areas shall be surfaced with gravel, asphalt or other material to free the site of mud.
8. All external amenities (porches, screened patios, decks, built-in grills/pizza ovens, and similar) constructed on, relocated to, and placed on a recreational vehicle site or camping site shall require the following:
  - A. A zoning permit from the Knox County Zoning Administrator. Said applicant shall provide proof that the Park owner is aware and approves of said modifications.
  - B. Be considered permanent and said items shall be taxed as improvements to the land. This information shall be provided within the zoning permit and may be verified by any authorized county official.
  - C. An amenity, as described in #8 above, may be located on an individual pad site provided it is designed only to protect occupants from the elements and does not have a permanent water supply or a sewage system facilities.
  - D. All electrical connections shall meet the Nebraska State Electrical Code including waterproofing, ground fault, and other life safety requirements.
  - E. All non-reported improvements shall be subject to all penalties allowed.
  - F. All recreational vehicles in a recreational vehicle park shall be properly licensed.
9. There shall be two off-street parking spaces per each individual recreational vehicle, trailer, camp site.
10. Each pad location shall be equipped with the following:
  - A. Electrical outlet
  - B. A sanitary sewer connection per Nebraska NDEE requirements
  - C. A potable water connection per Nebraska HHS requirements
  - D. If pad sites are not supplied with individual sanitary sewer and water connections then:
    - 1) A dump station for recreational vehicles shall be supplied per Nebraska NDEE requirements.
    - 2) A "Community Building" shall be constructed to the following requirements:
      - a. Pads shall not be located more than 300 feet from the "Community Building"
      - b. Separate toilet, lavatory, and shower facilities for each sex, in the following ratio: one flush-type toilet, one lavatory and one shower or bathtub for females and one flush-type toilet, one lavatory, and one shower or bathtub for males.
      - c. The pervious toilet sanitary standards shall be for every 30 pad sites.
      - d. Have an accessible, adequate, safe and potable supply of cold water.

- e. Comply with all Nebraska Building, Electrical and life safety codes.
- f. Be maintained in a clean, sanitary condition and kept free of any condition that is considered a health hazard.

11. Other criteria that shall be met include:

- A. No more than one wheeled recreational vehicle or trailer shall be allowed on any individual pad site. In addition to these units, a tent may be erected to serve as an auxiliary shelter, but it shall not be erected for more than 14 consecutive days.
- B. Wheels and tires shall remain in the in-transit position.
- C. A recreational dwelling may only be skirted with lattice, solid skirting may be installed immediately adjacent to the tires.
- D. Identify a Fire Safety Plan/Emergency Plan (approved by the local rural fire department) in the event of a man-made or natural disaster.

12. One permanent dwelling unit may be constructed within the Recreational Vehicle Park and is to be used strictly by the park owner and family or the resident superintendent.

Dated this 9th day of November, 2021.

#### KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ATTEST: (Seal)

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

Zoning Administrator Doerr continued with the following: 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the October Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to reappoint Derrick Barr to the Board of Adjustments and Jody McFarland as alternate to the Board of Adjustments. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to reappoint Neil Clausen, Robert Larsen and Jim Kotrous to the Planning Commission for another three-year term. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried;

Committee update was given by SLFRF Administrator Nix on ARPA fund distribution options.

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

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 179,589.23; Applied Connective Technologies, programs/emails/access controls, 11,385.14; Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, exam, 500.00; Bloomfield Bakery, training food, 88.00; Bomgaars, weed supplies, 149.80; Classic Carpet Care, mop rent, 41.00; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 71.00; C-Mart, training food, 112.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,666.87; County of Knox Employees Benefit Account dba HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; CVSOAN, dues, 110.00; Eco Water Systems, bottled water, 312.00; Gragert's, jail food, 388.42; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet & tower internet, 1,452.41; Hampton Inn-Kearney, lodging, 212.00; Heartland Fire Protection, kitchen hood installation, 9,815.00; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning, quarterly maintenance, 1,443.00; Hefner Hardware, key, 2.79; Holiday Inn, lodging, 467.80; Hometown Leasing, office equipment, 76.18; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, wasp spray, 6.49; Knox County Sheriff, cover shortage as per auditor, 3,010.97; Kristine Kumm, travel expense, 210.56; The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 264.12; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 23.52; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer programming, 681.16; Moody Motor Co. Inc., van repair, 94.45; National Sheriff's Association, dues, 15.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity & tower electricity, 1,915.02; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 27.00; Pitzer Digital, subscription, 35.00; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 1,939.50; Quill Corporation, supplies, 493.99; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filter, 91.90; R.S. Technologies Inc., server hosting, 500.00; Reserve Account, meter postage, 4,000.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,102.58; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 186.92; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 357.60; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 860.30.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 68,713.85; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 755.12; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 322.27; Bomgaars, shop supplies/grease/pole saw/batteries, 676.13; Carhart Lumber Co., shop supplies/bridge supplies, 151.88; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 156.18; C-Mart, gas, 370.62; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,169.94; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 1,972.96; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. % Health Care Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 13,125.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 4,540.67; Great Plains Communications, phone, 550.28; Grossenburg Implement, Inc., filters/repairs, 145.98; J&K Auto, gas, 46.25; Jebro Inc., mc3000/demurrage, 31,662.98; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 44.94; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 387.51; Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County

pays, 113.24; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop supplies, 39.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 10,947.50; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 41.25; Mitteis Gravel, gravel, 2,579.40; Murphy Tractor Equipment Co. Inc., repairs, 7,301.82; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 36.68; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 287.20; Principal Life Insurance, insurance County pays, 775.80; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filters/shop supplies, 444.67; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,501.49; Sucha Repair, filter/fluids, 95.97; US Cellular, cell phones, 401.41; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.69; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 77.39; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 10,470.32.

**HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK PROGRAM FUND.** JEO Consulting Group Inc., wetlands study, 1,350.00.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fees, 5,276.25; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 39,958.25.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.03; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 156.69; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Salaries, 1,310.22.

**ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND.** MIPS, computer program, 268.88.

**COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND.** Salaries, 2,816.00.

**C & C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,458.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 256.51; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account %HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 875.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.03; The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 233.44; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 155.72.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Chad Paulsen Construction, concrete maintenance, 16,958.40; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 8,728.19; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 5.90; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 109.15; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 563.03; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

TOTALS	
General Fund	276,553.39
Road Fund	166,990.39
Highway Bridge Buyback Program Fund	1,350.00
Flowage Easement Road Fund	45,234.50
Child Support Fund	288.72
Visitor's Promo Fund	1,310.22
ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund	268.88
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	2,816.00
C & C Development Fund	5,079.09
Inheritance Fund	27,769.92
911 Emergency Fund	132.76
911 Wireless Service Fund	766.73
Total	\$528,560.60

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:53 a.m. on November 9, 2021 until Tuesday, November 23, 2021 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 23, 2021  
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 Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent were Supervisors Virgil H. Miller District #3 and James Sokol, Jr. District #4. 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 Verdigre Eagle newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that Supr. Miller seconded the motion to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the "Agreement between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services" between JEO and Knox County on the Bloomfield Northeast, Bridge Project C005418115.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Attorney David Domina regarding the Knox County opioid litigation.

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 Districts #1, #2, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #3 and #4. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$204,609.56 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 46** for the authorization of County Treasurer Ebel and Deputy County Treasurer Beckman to conduct financial business for the County with Farmers and Merchants State Bank and further authorizes them to make any and all contracts, agreements, stipulations and orders which they may deem advisable for the effective exercise of powers with the Farmers and Merchants State Bank. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #3 and #4. Motion carried.

## **COUNTY OF KNOX AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION #2021 – 46**

Be it Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Knox, State of Nebraska, that:

Lori Ebel, Knox County Treasurer, and Susan Beckman, Deputy Knox County Treasurer, are authorized to exercise the powers granted:

1. Exercise all of the powers listed in this resolution.
2. Open any deposit or share accounts in the name of the County of Knox.
3. Endorse checks and orders for the payment of money or otherwise withdraw or transfer funds on deposit with Farmers and Merchants State Bank.
4. Receive statements, make account inquiries, make wire transfers or enter into electronic banking relations, including ACH origination.

The Board further resolves that:

5. The Farmers and Merchants State Bank is designated as a depository for the funds of the County of Knox and to provide other financial accommodations indicated in this resolution.
6. This resolution shall continue to have effect until express written notice of its rescission or modification has been received and recorded by the Farmers and Merchants State Bank. Any and all prior resolutions adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Knox and certified to the Farmers and Merchants State Bank as governing the operation of the County's account(s), are revoked. Any revocation, modification, or replacement of this resolution must be accompanied by documentation, satisfactory to the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, establishing the authority for the changes.
7. The signature of Lori Ebel, Knox County Treasurer, or Susan Beckman, Deputy Knox County Treasurer is conclusive evidence of their authority to act on behalf of the County of Knox. Lori Ebel, Knox County Treasurer, and Susan Beckman, Deputy Knox County Treasurer, so long as they act in a representative capacity as an agent of the County of Knox, is authorized to make any and all other contracts, agreements, stipulations and orders which they may deem advisable for the effective exercise of the powers indicated on page one, from time to time with the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, subject to any restrictions on this resolution or otherwise agreed to in writing.
8. The County of Knox agrees to the terms and conditions of any account agreement, properly opened by Lori Ebel, Knox County Treasurer, and Susan Beckman, Deputy Knox County Treasurer, of the County of Knox. The

County of Knox authorizes the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, at any time to charge the County of Knox for all checks, drafts, or other orders, for the payment of money, that are drawn on the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, so long as they contain the required number of signatures for this purpose.

9. The County of Knox acknowledges and agrees that the Farmers and Merchants State Bank may furnish at its discretion automated access devices to Lori Ebel, Knox County Treasurer, and Susan Beckman, Deputy Knox County Treasurer, to facilitate those powers authorized by this resolution or other resolutions in effect at the time of issuance. The term "automated access device" includes, but is not limited to, credit cards, automated teller machines (ATM), and debit cards.
10. The County of Knox acknowledges and agrees that the Farmers and Merchants State Bank may rely on alternative signature and verification codes issued to or obtained from Lori Ebel, Knox County Treasurer, and Susan Beckman, Deputy Knox County Treasurer. The term "alternative signature and verification codes" includes, but is not limited to, facsimile signatures on file with the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, personal identification numbers (PIN), and digital signatures. If a facsimile signature specimen has been provided on this resolution, (or that are filed separately by the County of Knox with the Farmers and Merchants State Bank from time to time) the Farmers and Merchants State Bank is authorized to treat the facsimile signature as the signature of Lori Ebel, Knox County Treasurer, and Susan Beckman, Deputy Knox County Treasurer, regardless of by whom or by what means the facsimile signature may have been affixed so long as it resembles the facsimile signature specimen on file. The County of Knox authorizes Lori Ebel, Knox County Treasurer, and Susan Beckman, Deputy Knox County Treasurer, to have custody of the County of Knox's private key used to create a digital signature and to request issuance of a certificate listing the corresponding public key. The Farmers and Merchants State Bank shall have no responsibility or liability for unauthorized use of alternate signature and verification codes unless otherwise agreed in writing.
11. This resolution supersedes all prior resolutions.

County of Knox  
Board of Supervisors  
Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

I certify that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Knox has the full power and lawful authority to adopt this resolution and to confer the powers granted to Lori Ebel, Knox County Treasurer, and Susan Beckman, Deputy Knox County Treasurer, who have the full power and lawful authority to exercise those powers.

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

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the Receipts Revenue List for November 9 through November 22, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #3 and #4. 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 10:17 a.m. with all members present except Supervisors Virgil H. Miller District #3 and James Sokol, Jr. District #4.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. County/Township Allocation update; 2. Bridge Crew completed the Dowling Twp. bridge repairs; 3. County Bridge Match Program update; 4. The Board authorized Hwy. Supt. Barta to research information for purchasing a new welder for the Bridge Crew; 5. A bid opening will be held on December 7 for a lowboy; 6. Jeff Wagner with Mainelli Wagner and Associates updated the Board on the FEMA Walton bridge project. A bid opening will be held on December 7, 2021 for a 196 ft. bridge. Discussion was held on a possible change order and waiting for FEMA/NEMA authorization; 7. Weigand Bridge update. Engineer Jeff Wagner recommended the County Attorney send a letter to the State's legal department about the bridge repairs needed as the bridge is the State's bridge.

At 10:53 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on the Creighton Community Country Club liquor license application.

Insurance Agent Jeff Hammer met with the Board on the renewal of the health insurance for eligible employees. Discussion was held on the new government requirements due to the Consolidations Appropriations Act at a cost of \$8.33 per enrolled employee per month, the HSG/90 Degree Benefits Compliance Plan, the Act is very in depth, and the current insurance company is doing the required external review. Also reviewed was the amount of paid premiums that is left after costs that can be carried over from year to year in case of a large expense. This year there were fewer claims so there were adjustments to the fixed costs. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to renew the health insurance with 90 Degree Benefits (formerly HealthCare Solutions Group) for eligible employees with a \$30,000 specific (employer) deductible 12/18 plan with the County-paid premium be set at \$915 per month per eligible employee and \$650 per month for employee-paid coverage for child(ren) starting January 1, 2022, 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 will increase to

~~\$350~~ ~~\$355~~ (corrected 12-7-2021). By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #3 and #4. Motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney Holecek updated the Board on the Creighton Community Country Club's liquor license application and Manager Recommendation. The license does not include the buildings which house the golf carts. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:27 a.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the Class C Liquor License Application for Creighton Community Country Club Inc. dba Creighton Community Country Club and the Manager Recommendation. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #3 and #4. Motion carried.

Ryan Robinson with Applied Connective Technologies met with the Board via Microsoft Teams to discuss the sound system proposal for the Boardroom and Basement Conference Room. The proposal offers twelve wireless desk microphones and one handheld microphone in the Boardroom along with two Smart TVs, cabling, materials and labor. The total cost for both rooms would be \$50,000. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the quotes for sound system/Smart TVS upgrade in the Boardroom and Basement Conference Room from Applied Connective Technologies in the amount of \$50,000 with the cost to be paid from the ARPA funds as the update will allow easier access via Zoom and Microsoft Teams with the public in case of COVID-19 and other health issues. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #3 and #4. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Hanvey updated the Board on the following: 1. Upcoming strategic plan meeting on January 10, 2022 at The Barn at God's Country. This meeting will be for obtaining public opinion for Knox County projects; 2. The Development Agency Board and Deputy County Attorney Holecek are working on the interlocal agreement updates; 3. The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Knox County and NENEDD needs to be updated by adding the words "including CDBG administration" at the end of the last paragraph of Part 3 – Organization of the agreement. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 47** updating the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Knox County and the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District by adding "including CDBG administration" to Part 3 of the agreement. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #3 and #4. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE  
NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 47**

A resolution of the Knox County, Nebraska providing for full participation by the Knox County, Nebraska, in the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District through the execution of an Intergovernmental agreement.

It is hereby resolved as follows by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County.

SECTION 1. That the Knox County is hereby authorized to join and cooperate with other counties, incorporated villages, and cities that are eligible and may wish to participate in the creation of the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District through the execution of an intergovernmental agreement. Said agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 2. That all Resolutions and parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2021.

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Board Chairperson

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

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussed the minimum lot size in the Commercial Corridor. The matter will start with the Planning Commission and then brought to the Board; 2. The Assessor's Office staff found ag structures that are sheds with houses in them (shouses) but the building permits were only issued for ag structures. There are no fees for ag structure building permits however since a house was constructed within the shed there should have been fees collected and the building permit should have included this information; 3. Discussed a person considering making a tree dump and what the procedures will be.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve **Resolution #2021 - 48**, due to the failure of Bohemia Township to petition against vacating and abandoning a portion of 888 Road described in the following Resolution and the Knox County Board of Supervisors directs the Knox County Highway Superintendent to enter the Resolution in the County Road Plat Records and the same be recorded in the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #3 and #4. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 48**

**A RESOLUTION TO VACATE AND ABANDON:**

A .32-mile portion (1,680 feet) of 888 Road (Platted Road #5) located across Government Lot 3 in the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S1/2SW1/4) of Section 2, T31N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

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

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

**Section 1. VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF:** A .32-mile portion (1,680 feet) of 888 Road (Platted Road #5) located across Government Lot 3 in the South Half of the Southwest Quarter (S1/2SW1/4) of Section 2, T31N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska and that no damage will be sustained by the citizens of said County or the owners of property, therein, which matter has been ascertained by the Board of Supervisors.

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

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

**ADOPTED AND PASSED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Knox, Nebraska this 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2021.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Chairman

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 49** allowing the sale and/or service of alcohol in the businesses under the County's licensing jurisdiction on Sundays and such businesses must follow all laws and regulations of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission as per the license held by the businesses. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #3 and #4. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTON # 2021 – 49**

**WHEREAS**, businesses that are outside city or village limits fall under Knox County's licensing jurisdiction for liquor licenses, and

**WHEREAS**, the businesses under the County's jurisdiction must apply for and receive liquor licenses from the Nebraska Liquor Control Association, and

**WHEREAS**, Knox County can regulate the hours that alcohol is served or sold in the businesses under the County's licensing jurisdiction, and

**WHEREAS**, currently the County follows the State of Nebraska's deadline of sale or service of alcohol as 1:00 a.m., and

**WHEREAS**, Knox County must also designate that alcohol can be sold or served in the businesses under their licensing jurisdiction on Sundays, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Knox County Board of Supervisors allow the sale or service of alcohol in the businesses under its licensing jurisdiction on Sundays and such businesses must follow all laws and regulations of the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission as per the license held by the businesses, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this resolution amends and supersedes any former resolution as to the sale or service of alcohol in the businesses under Knox County's licensing jurisdiction.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2021.

**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

Absent  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Absent  
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

SLFRF Administrator Nix met with the Board on the following: 1. The CESF grant application in the amount of \$104,517 was approved and will be used for citation kits and the jail kitchen expenses; 2. As per the recent audit requirements, a request was made by Sheriff Henery for a petty cash fund within the Sheriff's Office. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 50** establishing a petty cash fund in the amount of \$300 for the Knox County Sheriff's Office. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #3 and #4. Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION #2021 – 50**

WHEREAS §23-106(2) Nebraska Revised Statute authorizes the County Board to establish a petty cash fund and set the amount of money to be carried in such fund; and

WHEREAS, the office of the Knox County Sheriff conducts cash transactions on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Sheriff's Office requested establishment of a petty cash fund for the purpose of having cash available in the office for making change for daily transactions;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a petty cash fund is hereby established in the office of the Knox County Sheriff in the total amount of \$300.00 for the purpose of having cash available in the office for daily transactions.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2021.

### **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

Absent  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Absent  
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

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

Committee updates were: 1. Supr. O'Connor updated the Board on a recent SID #2 meeting; 2. Chairman Mackeprang informed the Board of an upcoming Region IV drug symposium.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to go into executive session at 12:28 p.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing ~~personal~~ personnel (corrected 12-7-2021). By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #3 and #4. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 1:02 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 1:02 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #3 and #4. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, emails/programs, 347.88; Bazile Creek Power Sports, install mower blades, 65.00; Bloomfield Auto Parts, reflective tape, 9.41; Cmart LLC, gas, 11.59; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 65.69; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup/radios, 198.88; Dollar General, jail supplies/janitor supplies, 103.72; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 168.38; Farm & Home Publishers, plat books, 375.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/hot spot, 482.75; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, uniform, 804.92; Knox County Sheriff, balance to add for petty cash in bond fund, 1.33; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 117,281.31; KV Electric, electrical, 1,501.71; N&B Gas Company, prepay propane, 3,900.00; NACO, 2<sup>nd</sup> half dues/registration, 4,182.46; NACO, dues, 450.00; Nebraska Health & Human Services, competency evaluation, 315.56; Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, audit, 16,471.66; North Central District Health Department, Miles of Smiles program, 2,500.00; Physicians Laboratory P.C., autopsy, 2,050.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 427.78; Platte Valley Communications Inc., repairs, 328.29; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 135.78; Thomsen Reuters-West, law books, 720.00; Tyler Technologies, VetraSpec subscription, 449.00; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 12.69; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tires, 359.51; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 299.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 613.86; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 65.75; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 392.86; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 382.65; Brody Chemical, tar remover, 3,194.02; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 111.21; CHS Wausa, diesel, 2,609.97; C-Mart, gas, 366.65; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 187.94; Donald Ketelsen, reimburse CDL, 59.50; Emme Sand & Gravel Inc., gravel/haul, 963.90; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,147.22; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 3,145.00; Key Sanitation; garbage, 120.00; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 22.25; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 70.00; Midwest Radiator & Exhaust, repairs, 75.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 144.59; NMC Inc., repairs, 1,320.59; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 91.91; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 47.25; Straight-Line Striping Inc., centerline striping, 18,378.20; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 80.67; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/tire repair/shop supplies/fluids, 2,407.79; Vic's Service, gas/def, 555.21; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 12,538.68.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Pitzer Digital, publishing, 154.59

**ROD PRES./MOD. FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Services, scanner rent, 55.00

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

### **TOTALS**

General Fund	154,019.30
Road Fund	50,130.67
Flowage Easement Road Fund	154.59



ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	55.00
County Insurance Fund	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$204,609.56

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:05 p.m. on November 23, 2021 until Tuesday, December 7, 2021 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 7, 2021  
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 Tuesday, December 7, 2021 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.

SLFRF Administrator Nix 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 Bloomfield Monitor 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 23, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that the executive session was held on personnel and that the opt out stipend for 2022 will be \$355.

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 \$435,247.12 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 10:22 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Update on the Walton FEMA bridge project. Herbst Construction had the low bid for the 130 ft. bridge and has agreed to do a change order for a 196 ft. bridge if FEMA/NEMA and the Board agree; 2. The advertised bid opening for a Paver Special Trailer/lowboy trailer 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. Bids received were: **Trail-EZE, Mitchell SD** – Trail-EZE lowboy trailer, \$107,000, delivery October 2022; **Murphy Tractor & Equipment, Sioux City IA** – Eager Beaver lowboy trailer, \$85,800, delivery April 30, 2022; **NMC, Inc., Norfolk NE** – Trail King lowboy trailer, \$108,950 with option of 42-inch aluminum center loading ramp at \$1,400, delivery August 2022. The Board took no action and will address the bids at the December 30, 2021 meeting; 3. There will be bid openings at the December 30 meeting for two concrete box culverts as well as for the dirt work at the Walton FEMA bridge project; 4. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to accept the low bid from Herbst Construction of LeMars IA for a 130 ft. bridge for the Walton FEMA bridge project in the amount of \$751,734 with the understanding that the final cost being established on the final change order for a 196 ft. bridge. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried;

5. Discussion was held on the Weigand Bridge. Engineer Jeff Wagner recommends the County request a letter from the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation or the Attorney General.

Extension Educator Megan Hanefeldt informed the Board that two new people are interested in serving on the Knox County Extension Board. With the redistricting of the Supervisors' districts, it caused a shift of the make-up of the Extension Board. Casey Wagner and Jennifer Bollich will be going off the Extension Board. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the appointment of Julie Dather from Addison Township and Becca Jessen from Peoria Township to the Knox County Extension Board for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to add to the agenda by emergency action the reappointment of Hwy. Supt. Kevin R. Barta, License #S-1109, Class A, employee of Knox County, with a beginning date of January 1, 2022 and to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 51** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent For Determining Incentive Payment from January 1, 2021 to December 30, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to reappoint Hwy. Supt. Kevin R. Barta, License #S-1109, Class A, employee of Knox County, with a beginning date of January 1, 2022 and to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 51** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent For Determining Incentive Payment from January 1, 2021 to December 30, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

## RESOLUTION SIGNING OF THE YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT 2021

**Resolution No. 2021 – 51**

**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 using the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form; and

**Whereas:** The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the county highway superintendent's appointment, i.e., meeting minutes showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable) 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(s).

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021 at Center, Nebraska.

County Board Members

Kevin Mackeprang /s/

James Sokol, Jr. /s/

Martin J. O'Connor /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/

Danny R. Schlote /s/

Virgil H. Miller /s/

Patrick J. Liska /s/

County Board Member Supr. Borgmann

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/

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from November 23, 2021 through December 6, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Officials' updates were: 1. SLFRF Administrator Nix updated the Board on the progress of the new sound system for the Boardroom and Basement Conference Room. The equipment and materials have been ordered; 2. Supr. Sokol, Jr., said he had been contacted by the Lower Niobrara NRD Rural Water about requesting ARPA funds. SLFRF Administrator Nix said she also had been contacted and instructed them to put together a plan and request that will be submitted to the SLFRF Committee.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 6. Discussion continued on the Weigand Bridge and options; 7. Discussed the dirt work needed at the Walton FEMA bridge project; 8. Discussed replacing the "Shaw" truss bridge near Verdel, ~~an old Highway 121 Cedar County/Knox County line~~ (corrected 12-30-2021) truss bridge and an Antelope County/Knox County line truss bridge; 9. Discussed replacing a pickup at the Bloomfield County Yard; 10. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to go into executive session at 11:32 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held on personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 12:27 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to close at 12:27 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed COVID-19 information submitted by Emergency Manager Hintz.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 183,679.66; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Cathleen Sue Stark, prior service, 12.00; Center Garage, tire repair/battery, 192.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 69.24; Clerk of District Court, filing fees, 145.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,957.55; Connie J. Janecek, prior service, 15.00; Connie Viterna, gas, 30.25; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; DAS State Accounting, teletype, 448.00; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, office supplies, 26.34; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 245.50; First National Bank Omaha, gas/lodging/supplies, 2,626.48; Gary D. Marshall, prior service, 12.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,468.03; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; Jo Ann Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Julie K. Rayer, prior service, 12.00; Justice Data Solutions Inc., Jamin fees, 2,450.00; Karen K. Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 218.44; Kristine Kumm, mileage/registration, 168.76; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 272.07; Liz Doerr, mileage, 58.80; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/registration, 256.28; MIPS, computer program, 681.16; National Sheriff's Association, dues, 68.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,856.12; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,982.60; Quill Corporation, supplies, 345.92; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly bill, 6,757.25; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,658.44; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Samantha Holecek, reimburse fees, 175.00; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 525.00; Telebeep, pager, 21.39; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 186.92; US Cellular, cell phones, 357.60; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 68,701.82; Ace Irrigation & Mfg. Co., culvert, 1,890.00; B's Enterprises Inc., signs/object markers/bolts/nuts, 905.50; Bomgaars, shop supplies/oil/filter, 569.47; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,169.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 13,125.00; David L. Bauer, prior service, 36.00; First National Bank Omaha, lodging, 265.53; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,584.90; Great Plains Communications, phone, 546.24; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filter/fluids, 268.80; Kayton International, shop supplies, 87.45; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop supplies, 28.62; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 50.14; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 335.15; Powerplan, repairs, 1,386.25; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 775.80; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,500.70; RL Morse LLC, gravel/haul, 2,153.92; Roger Lemke, clay, 450.00; Rose Equipment, repairs, 391.35; Speece Lewis Inc., bridge inspections, 38,750.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 401.41; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.06; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 10,662.94.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fees, 2,240.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 4.33; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.03; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 156.69; Matthew R. Fischer, reimburse supplies, 15.96; Quill Corporation LLC, office supplies, 269.06.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, internet, 173.90.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** MIPS, computer program, 268.88.

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

**COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND.** Salaries, 3,102.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 4,444.76; CenturyLink, long distance, 4.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 331.97; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 875.00; Creative Revolution Marketing Agency, website, 150.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/meals/leadership/dues, 537.84; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.03; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 300.02; Stacy Miller, mileage, 23.58; US Cellular, cell phones, 155.72.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein P.C. court appointed attorney, 451.86; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.92; CenturyLink, phone, 34.04; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 109.15; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 391.41; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 563.03; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	264,584.48
Road Fund	153,346.33
Flowage Easement Road Fund	2,240.00
Child Support Fund	497.07
Visitor's Improvement Fund	173.90
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	268.88
County Insurance Fund	250.00
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	3,102.00
C&C Development Fund	6,923.31
Inheritance Fund	2,535.19
911 Emergency Fund	167.82
911 Wireless Service Fund	1,158.14
Total	\$435,247.12

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:30 p.m. on December 7, 2021 until Thursday, December 30, 2021 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 30, 2021  
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 Thursday, December 30, 2021 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 Verdigre Eagle newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the December 7, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that one truss bridge project will be on old Highway 121.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Attorney David Domina regarding the Knox County opioid litigation.

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 \$300,959.30 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 10:15 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. The Board signed their respective County Yard inventories; 2. The Board discussed the bids received at the December 7, 2021 meeting for a lowboy trailer. It was noted that a bid from Certified Stainless Service, Inc., dba West-Mark of Ceres CA was received too late. After a discussion, motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr., to accept the bid from Murphy Tractor, Sioux City IA for an Eager Beaver heavy duty 50-ton lowboy trailer at \$85,800 with estimated delivery date of April 30, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to purchase a 2022 Ford 150 pickup for District #5 County Yard through the State Bid for \$28,500. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. An advertised bid opening was held at 10:30 a.m. for two box culverts for Project STWD-CBMP(4): C005405805 (T1) and C005401905P (T2) (Creighton West). The Project will be awarded based on the total bids on parts T1 plus T2. 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 Neb.Rev.Stat. § 23-3110 to §23-3114. Knox County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Bids received were: **BX Civil & Construction, Inc., Dell Rapids SD** – T1 \$682,596.00 and T2 \$501,904.00 for total of \$1,184,500.00, start date August 1, 2022, end date 65 calendar days; **A & R Construction Co., Plainview NE** – T1 \$347,530.15 and T2 \$276,873.46 for total of \$624,403.61, start date September 2022, end date October 2022; **Vogtscapes, Bennet NE** – T1 \$509,338.00 and T2 \$447,536.00 for total of \$956,874.00, start date August 22, 2022, end date October 31, 2022. Hwy. Supt. Barta and Engineer Jeff Wagner left the meeting to review the bids.

Discussion was held on setting the 2022 Holidays. Further discussion will be held later in the meeting.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the 2022 Printing Report noting the following: Legal Papers – Creighton News and Crofton Journal; Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette to print the Delinquent Tax List; Bloomfield Monitor and Verdigre Eagle to print the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report; and 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. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Renewal of Health Insurance Opt-Out Affidavits 2022 - #1 through #17. 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 ~~December~~ **November** (corrected 1-13-2022) Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to cancel Check #21110004 written from the General Fund payable to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in the amount of \$500.00. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Barta returned to the meeting with the box culvert bids. After a discussion, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. ~~Barta~~ **Miller** (corrected 1-13-2022) to accept the low bid from **A & R Construction Co., Plainview NE** for Project STWD-CBMP(4): C005405805 (T1) and C005401905P (T2) (Creighton West) in the amounts as follows: T1 \$347,530.15 and T2 \$276,873.46 for total of \$624,403.61, start date September 2022, end date October 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

An advertised bid opening was held at 11:03 a.m. for the construction of approximately 0.9 miles of grading, installation of corrugated metal pipes, guardrail installation, and other related incidental work for Project Verdigre Southwest (Grading), C005402505P. The project is located on 521 Avenue ½ mile south of 879 Road in Knox County,

Nebraska. 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 Neb.Rev.Stat. § 23-3110 to §23-3114. Knox County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Bids received were: **North Construction, LLC, O'Neill NE** - \$345,359.99, start date May 2022, end date October 2022; **John Prouty Construction, Inc., O'Neill NE** - \$317,293.50, start date after completion of bridge, end date 20 days after start date; **B.W. Excavating, LLC, Pierce NE** - \$499,891.90, start date May 23, 2022 pending on bridge completion, end date July 1, 2022. Hwy. Supt. Barta and Engineer Jeff Wagner left the meeting to review the bids.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of December 7 through December 29, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt the **Resolution #2021 - 52**, due to the failure of Raymond Township to petition against vacating and abandoning a portion of Bass Drive in the Lazy River Acres Subdivision described in the following Resolution and the Knox County Board of Supervisors directs the Knox County Highway Superintendent to enter the Resolution in the County Road Plat Records and the same be recorded in the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION NO. #2021 - 52**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO VACATE AND ABANDON:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ADOPTED AND PASSED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Knox, Nebraska this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Chairman

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Knox County Annual Audit Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 and the publisher's affidavits giving notice that the audit report is on file in the Knox County Clerk's Office. 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 County Treasurer's Certificate of Pledged Securities ending December 31, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller 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.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the KeyBank N.A. Standby Letter of Credit Services amending the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit Number S322191 with Amendment Sequence #006 with expiration date of April 28, 2022 for the wind tower projects. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs (NDVA) and Knox County for Knox County to join on NDVA's license as a user to a web-based database in order to assist veterans and/or their eligible dependent(s) to access all benefits which they are entitled by law. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Barta and Engineer Jeff Wagner returned to the meeting with the bids for the Project Verdigre Southwest (Grading), C005402505P. After a discussion, motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to accept the low bid from **John Prouty Construction, Inc., O'Neill NE** in the amount of \$317,293.50 with a start date after completion of the FEMA Walton Bridge project, end date twenty days after start date for Project Verdigre Southwest (Grading), C005402505P. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Barta and the Board discussed ordering motorgrader tires as the costs are increasing.

Economic Development Director Hanvey met with the Board with an update on LB 406, preferred initiatives and the STAR WARS Committee meetings. The plans for Knox County are for \$2,800,000 for the Niobrara Boat Launch, \$42,400,000 for an Event Center and Lodge at the Niobrara State Park and \$41,500,000 for updates to the Weigand Marina. The STAR WARS Committee will submit their recommendations to Governor Ricketts.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0185 Pamela S. Kotrous, P.R. of the Daniel B. Kotrous Estate for a five-acre lot split in the SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 21, T31N, R8W 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. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the November Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz presented updated COVID-19 Guidelines. Also an update was given on the winter storm watch for extreme cold wind chills that was issued for Friday, December 31, 2021 and Saturday, January 1, 2022.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:03 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:47 p.m. with all members present.

Elected officials and the Board discussed the NACO Officials' Salary Recommendations for 2023-2026. As per Nebraska Revised Statute 23-1114, the Board is required to determine and set the salaries of various elected officials of the County for the years of 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 prior to January 15, 2022. Discussion ensued on duties of the offices, budgets, office staff, number of parcels, multiple offices held by several officials, recommendations from the NACO study, and neighboring counties' information. Also addressed was setting the percentage the deputies will receive.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into executive session at 2:15 p.m. to discuss negotiations of wages of the elected officials/deputies. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held on negotiations of wages of elected officials/deputies. The Board came out of executive session at 2:55 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to close the executive session at 2:55 p.m. that was held on negotiations of wages of the elected officials/deputies. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 53** setting the 2023 – 2026 salaries of the Knox County elected officials as per Nebraska Revised Statute 23-1114. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nay District #1. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2021-53 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF KNOX COUNTY NEBRASKA**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 23-1114 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Nebraska, the Knox County Board of Supervisors are required to determine and set the salaries of the various elected officials of the County prior to January 15<sup>th</sup> of the year in which a General Election will be held for the respective offices,

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Board of Supervisors, have met in order to establish the salaries for the elected officials of Knox County, Nebraska, for the term commencing January 2023, pursuant to Nebraska law. After conferring with county officials and citizens, and after reviewing the financial situation of county government, the Board finds it is necessary and proper to establish new salaries for the elected officials of Knox County, Nebraska.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska, that:

**County Assessor.** The annual salary for the office of County Assessor shall be established at \$69,300 for the calendar year 2023. For each year thereafter \$2,000 shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2024 shall be \$71,300, for the calendar year 2025 shall be \$73,300, and for the calendar year 2026 shall be \$75,300.

**County Attorney.** The annual salary for the office of County Attorney shall be established at \$69,300 for the calendar year 2023. For each year thereafter \$2,000 shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2024 shall be \$71,300, for the calendar year 2025 shall be \$73,300, and for the calendar year 2026 shall be \$75,300.

**County Clerk.** The annual salary for the office of County Clerk shall be established at \$69,300 for the calendar year 2023. For each year thereafter \$2,000 shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2024 shall be \$71,300, for the calendar year 2025 shall be \$73,300, and for the calendar year 2026 shall be \$75,300.

**Clerk of District Court.** The annual salary for the office of Clerk of District Court shall be established at \$69,300 for the calendar year 2023. For each year thereafter \$2,000 shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2024 shall be \$71,300, for the calendar year 2025 shall be \$73,300, and for the calendar year 2026 shall be \$75,300.

**County Sheriff.** The annual base salary for the office of County Sheriff shall be established at \$69,300 with the addition of \$8,400 per year to manage the county jail for a total of \$77,700 for the calendar year 2023. For each year thereafter \$2,000 shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2024 shall be \$79,700, for the calendar year 2025 shall be \$81,700, and for the calendar year 2026 shall be \$83,700. In the event the County enters into a contract with a city or village to provide contract law enforcement, the Sheriff will receive an additional salary of \$500 per city or village, not to exceed \$1,000 per month.

**County Surveyor.** The annual salary for the office of County Surveyor shall be established at \$1,500 for the calendar year 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026.

**County Treasurer.** The annual salary for the office of County Treasurer shall be established at \$69,300 for the calendar year 2023. For each year thereafter \$2,000 shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2024 shall be \$71,300, for the calendar year 2025 shall be \$73,300, and for the calendar year 2026 shall be \$75,300.

**County Supervisor.** The annual salary for the office of County Supervisor shall be established at 40% of the annual salary of the offices of County Assessor, County Attorney, County Clerk, County Clerk of District Court, County Sheriff and County Treasurer, that is, at \$27,720 for the calendar year 2023. For each year thereafter \$800 shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2024 shall be \$28,520, for the calendar year 2025 shall be \$29,320, and for the calendar year 2026 shall be \$30,120.

**Chairman of the Board of County Supervisors.** The annual salary for the Chairman of the Board of County Supervisors shall be established at \$28,920 for the calendar year 2023. For each year thereafter \$800 shall be added to the previous year's salary so the total amount for the calendar year 2024 shall be \$29,720, for the calendar year 2025 shall be \$30,520, and for the calendar year 2026 shall be \$31,320.

**Deputies.** The salaries of the Deputies of the County Assessor, the County Clerk, the County Clerk of the District Court and the County Treasurer shall be at least 77% of the respective elected officials because deputies occasionally put in overtime, work as election workers in the County Clerk's Office on election nights or may work in other capacities for Knox County and would receive wages in addition to their original salaries. The salary of the Deputy County Attorney shall be 40% of the County Attorney's.

**Benefits.** In addition to the above salary each Elected Official shall receive during his or her term of office a single health insurance coverage policy, a single dental/vision insurance coverage policy and a \$15,000 life insurance policy. If the County offers full family to employees, the same will be available for Elected Officials and Supervisors. Elected officials shall be enrolled in and shall receive the benefits of the County Employee's Retirement System, to participate in such programs on the effective date of such programs as approved by the County Board.

**Cash in Lieu of Health Insurance.** In addition to the above stated salary, an elected official shall receive during his or her term of office at county expense an opt-out provision (aka "cash in lieu of" provisions) if an elected official opts out of the health and medical plan. This option will be available as permitted by Federal and State statutes and rules and regulations of agencies, including US Department of Treasury, US Internal Revenue Service, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Pursuant to the "cash in lieu of" program, an elected official shall receive "cash in lieu" of health insurance.

Resolution approved passed and adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

#### KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Martin J. O'Connor /s/ Voted No  
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. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to set the 2022 Holidays as January 17 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day); February 21 (Presidents' Day); May 30 (Memorial Day); July 4 (Independence Day); September 5 (Labor Day); November 11 (Veterans Day); November 24 and 25 (Thanksgiving); and December 26 (Christmas). By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on researching full-family health insurance.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 3:36 p.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 3:48 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to close at 3:48 p.m. the executive session on personnel. 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 County Clerk Fischer who said that the DEE did not approve Knox County's application for a scrap tire grant however Cedar County did apply and included Knox County in their application so a joint scrap tire collection will take place this summer with more details to come. Also, there will be an open house at Hartington on January 12, 2022 for the expansion of Cedar County's transit system that will also cover part of eastern Knox County as per a grant awarded to Cedar County.

**GENERAL FUND.** Blue360 Media LLC, law books, 171.43; Bomgaars, jail supplies, 68.94; Classic Carpet Care, mop rent, 42.25; Cmart LLC, gas, 27.19; CNA Surety, notary bond, 40.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 314.53; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup/radios, 198.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper/supplies, 675.31; Fire Protection Services LLC, jail kitchen, 720.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/hot spot/supplies/lodging, 4,632.60; Gragert's, jail food, 376.27; Knox County Court, cases bound over, 207.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 99.72; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road,



117,281.31; Lori Ebel, mileage, 201.60; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, tax statements, 63.80; MIPS, final scan of rural, 3,696.55; Northeast Nebraska County Assessor Association, dues, 50.00; Nebraska.Gov, requests, 54.90; Netcom Inc., antennas, 90.00; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 97.80; Physicians Laboratory P.C., autopsy, 9,550.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 630.57; R&K Motor Parts, parts/repairs, 701.26; Telebeep, pager, 42.78; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/paper, 740.66; Verdigre FFA Alumni, farm/home show table, 50.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 295.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 6,241.68; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 50.00; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 4,273.50; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 74.63; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 174.22; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies/snow fence, 46.51; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 534.73; Bomgaars, shop supplies/conditioner/repairs/ice melt, 2,692.70; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 195.28; Chris Rohrer, cdl learners, 14.50; CHS Wausa, diesel, 1,543.23; C-Mart, gas, 267.04; Collector of Internal Revenue, social security county pays, 477.49; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 13,012.56; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 396.30; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 126.75; Farmer's Pride, diesel/propane, 4,590.33; First National Bank Omaha, coats, 111.31; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 26.97; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 4,467.90; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 82.55; K/V Electric LLC, ceiling fan, 216.98; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 3,695.00; Midwest Service & Sales Co., repairs, 139.05; N&B Gas Co., propane, 6,435.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 186.78; NMC Inc., repairs, 2,809.74; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 76.30; Pomp's Tire Service Inc., tires, 16,450.00; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filters/shop supplies/sledge hammer, 1,067.07; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement county pays, 420.49; Roger Lemke, clay, 600.00; Russ Crosley, garbage, 92.00; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 1,978.00; Sinclair Sand & Gravel Inc., gravel/haul, 324.00; Spencer Quarries Inc., red rock, 1,438.09; Sucha Repair, repairs/weld rods, 336.96; Tim Albrecht, cdl renewal, 59.50; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 471.77; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 98.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 16.32; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/tire repair/shop supplies/fluids, 3,696.13; Vic's Service, gas/tires, 1,013.45; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 1,223.07.

**HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND.** JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fees, 22,165.00.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fees, 10,611.25; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 18,293.22; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 143.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, internet, 173.90.

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

**COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, audio/video updates, 17,500.00.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, administrative fees, 18.75.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, dues/leadership/gas, 277.39; NEDA, dues, 150.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 1,990.56; Galyen, Boettcher, Baier LLO, court appointed attorney, 1,086.60; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 855.72.

**KENO FUND.** gWorks, redistricting, 2,825.00.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 34.06; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 391.71; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	141,608.85
Road Fund	82,281.88
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	22,165.00
Flowage Easement Road Fund	29,047.47
Child Support Fund	81.00
Visitor's Improvement Fund	173.90
County Insurance Fund	250.00
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	17,500.00
Economic Development Fund	18.75
C&C Development Fund	427.39
Inheritance Fund	3,932.88
Keno Fund	2,825.00
911 Emergency Fund	51.77
911 Wireless Service Fund	595.41
Total	\$300,959.30

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 3:49 p.m. on December 30, 2021 until Thursday, January 13, 2022 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

By\_\_\_\_\_

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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