

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
January 13, 2022
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 13, 2022 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 Supr. Martin J. O'Connor District #1. 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 Creighton News newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the December 30, 2021 meeting were read. Chairman Mackeprang approved December 30, 2021 meeting minutes as read with the correction that the Clerk of the District Court November Fee Report was placed on file and that Supr. Miller seconded the motion to accept the low bid from A & R Construction Co. of O'Neill NE for Project STWD-CBMP(4): C005405805 (T1) and C005401905P (T2) (Creighton West).

Motion by Supr. Miller, 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 #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$442,115.86 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

At 10:00 a.m., The Board, County Officials and the public in attendance listened to Governor Ricketts give his 2022 State of the State Address that included the proposed funds for the STAR WARS/LB 406 project as well as ARPA money and other funds proposed in the State's budget.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Knox County Board of Supervisors recess at 10:36 a.m. on January 13, 2022.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:36 a.m., as provided by Sec. 23-156, Sec. 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 2022 Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Supr. Sokol, Jr. nominated Supervisor Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska 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 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Supervisor Mackeprang assumed the duties of the Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2022.

Chairman Mackeprang called for nominations three times from the floor for the 2022 Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Supr. Liska nominated Supr. Schlote.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann that nominations cease, rules be suspended and to cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Schlote for Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #6. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Supr. Schlote assumed the duties of the Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2022.

Chairman Mackeprang announced the 2022 Committees as follows: **CATASTROPHIC LEAVE** - 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 James Sokol, Jr.; **COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE** - Supervisors in Respective Districts; **COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE** – Supervisors in Respective Districts; **COUNTY MACHINERY CARE** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, James Sokol, Jr., Patrick Liska and Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta; **COURTHOUSE & GROUNDS** – Supervisors Kevin Mackeprang, Virgil Miller, James Sokol, Jr., Co. Clerk Joann M. Fischer, Deputy Co. Clerk Rhonda

Surface and Custodian Beth Rudloff; **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** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang, Co. 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, and Co. Treasurer Lori Ebel; **PRINTING** – Supervisors James Sokol, Jr., James Borgmann and Patrick Liska; **PURCHASING** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, James Borgmann and Kevin Mackeprang; **ROAD & BRIDGE** – Supervisors Virgil Miller, James Sokol, Jr., Patrick Liska and Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta.; **SAFETY** - Supervisors Danny Schlote and Patrick Liska, Emergency Manager Laura Hintz, Co. Clerk Joann Fischer, Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta, Sheriff Don Henery, Custodian Beth Rudloff, Road employees Mike Beckmann, Mike Jelinek, Mike Kucera, and Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz as secretary; **SAFETY COORDINATORS** – Emergency Manager Laura Hintz and Co. Clerk Joann M. Fischer; **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES** - 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 James Sokol, Jr.; **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) COORDINATOR** – Co. Clerk Joann Fischer; **KNOX COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** - Supervisors James Borgmann and Kevin Mackeprang; **KNOX COUNTY VISITORS' COMMITTEE** – Supervisor Martin O'Connor; **MISSOURI SEDIMENTATION ACTION COALITION BOARD** – Mark Simpson; **911 EMERGENCY SERVICE BOARD** - Supervisors Virgil Miller, James Sokol, Jr. and James 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 James Borgmann; **NORTHSTAR SERVICES BOARD** - Supervisor Danny Schlote; **RECREATION RIVER COOPERATING AGENCY** - Supervisor Martin O'Connor; **REGION IV MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE DISTRICT** - Supervisor Danny Schlote; **REGION IV MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang; **SLFRF COMMITTEE (Created in 2021)** – Supervisors Kevin Mackeprang and James Sokol, Jr., Administrator Krista Nix, Co. Clerk Joann Fischer, Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta, Sheriff Don Henery, and Co. Treasurer Lori Ebel.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Co. Treasurer Ebel to invest all funds of the County for the calendar year 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Absent was District #1. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller acknowledging the current salary for Veterans' Service Officer Gary Jones is \$22.22 per hour. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang designated the publishing and posting requirements of 2022 Notices of Meeting as follows: All 2022 Notices of Meeting to be posted on the Knox County Website being www.co.knox.ne.us; the Notice of Meeting for the first regular meeting of each month be published in the Creighton News, the Notice of Meeting for the second regular meeting of each month be published in the Crofton Journal; and special meeting/quorum meeting notices be published in both the Creighton News and Crofton Journal.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Santee Sioux Tribe Chairman Roger Trudell, Stuart Redwing and Ron Thomas with the Santee Sioux Tribe regarding the process of vacation/abandonment of township roads, the need for access to property the Santee Sioux Tribe recently purchased as well as access to a grave located on the property purchased, and a landowner disking a road that may be or may not be vacated/abandoned. Hwy. Supt. Barta will research the matter.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 11:13 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 11:47 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor District #1.

Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz met with the Board on the following: 1. The One and Six Road Hearing will be held on February 10, 2022; 2. Road employee job evaluations will be held at 1:00 p.m. on February 10, 2022; 3. Safety inspections of County Sheds will be done on January 21, 2022; 4. The Board reviewed quotes from Husker Steel for several bridge projects. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to accept a quote from Husker Steel, Columbus NE for steel products for a 24 ft. x 6 in. x 40 ft. steel beam bridge with concrete deck in Valley Township (County Bridge #05-16W5) in the amount of \$89,857. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 5. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept a quote from Husker Steel, Columbus NE for steel products for a 24 ft. x 6 in. x 30 ft. steel beam bridge with concrete deck in Dowling Township (County Bridge #02-4N5) in the amount of \$69,835. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Hanvey updated the Board on the recent Strategic Planning meeting.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:57 p.m. with all members present except Supr. O'Connor District #1.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the December Permits Report. 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. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the 2021 Zoning Annual reports. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Joan Stewart's Cedar Tree

cabins site plan change for the construction of four two-bedroom cabins in place of two four-bedroom cabins. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 4. Discussion was held on permits issued for machine shops and finding dwellings within the shops which should have been included on the permits. Also discussed was the fee schedule.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the increased COVID 19 cases and available hospital beds. Also given was an update on the projected snow fall.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipt Revenue List from December 30 2021 through January 12, 2022. 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 County Treasurer Semi-Annual Report of Summary of Collections, Disbursements and Balances for six months ending December 31, 2021 and that there were no unpaid claims against Knox County as of December 31, 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. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of the District Court December 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. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Fee Report of Fees Collected between October 1 and December 31, 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. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to set the 2022 mileage rate as per the IRS rate of 58.5 cents per mile and the Sheriff's paper rate at 61.5 cents per mile. 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. Miller to place on file the County Credit Card Report as of January 1, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Legislative updates were given. Sheriff Henery informed the Board of LB 921 that would be an unfunded mandate.

Committee update was given by SLFRF Administrator Nix on the final and more flexible guidelines of use of the ARPA funds.

Officials' update was given by County Clerk Fischer who had attended the open house of the Cedar County Transit for the expanded services into Knox County.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 190,879.08; Applied Connective Technologies, programming, 13,162.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 62.88; Clerk of District Court, filing fees, 35.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,487.76; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 32,025.00; Donna Hays, reimburse jail food/supplies, 217.83; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 305.50; Gragert's, jail food, 701.89; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,088.60; Hagge Glass, windshield repair, 35.00; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Herbert Feed & Grain, generator diesel, 105.74; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 15.68; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fees, 1,207.66; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 278.03; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 75.64; Loffler, printer contract, 268.62; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/supplies, 49.88; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 681.16; NACO, training, 200.00; Nebraska Secretary of State, notary renewal, 30.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,097.88; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 108.00; Pengad Inc., supplies, 20.41; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Pitney Bowes, postage meter supplies, 339.96; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 652.93; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,106.54; Quill Corporation, supplies, 520.14; R&K Motor Parts, van battery/repairs, 327.79; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,906.67; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 186.92; US Cellular, cell phones, 357.60; Verdigre Eagle, subscription, 33.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage/hall rent, 339.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 71,915.98; A&D Service, tire repair, 49.50; B's Enterprises Inc., signs/asphalt patch, 2,498.00; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 13,152.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 178.39; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 46.79; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 773.96; CHS Wausa, diesel, 1,150.10; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 166.04; C-Mart, gas, 149.37; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,418.51; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 578.24; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 13,725.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 453.30; Farmer's Pride, propane/diesel, 3,459.11; Great Plains Communications, phone, 535.83; Grossenburg Implement Inc., svc call/filters, 1,600.35; Hagge Glass, repairs, 200.00; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 6.99; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,280.60; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 2,895.00; J&K Auto, gas, 62.02; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 350.88; Kayton International, equipment rental, 4,732.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 525.19; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; LTL Holdings Inc., gas, 101.11; N&B Gas Co., propane, 487.50; Nebraska Association of County Engineers, Highway Superintendents & Surveyors, registration, 50.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 69.33; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 408.55; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 41.12; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 143.11; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filters/shop supplies, 1,739.64; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,739.91; Schaefer Garin & Feed Co., road salt, 2,136.00; Spencer Quarries Inc., red rock, 1,092.40; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 994.00; Sucha Repair, welder/shop supplies, 6,198.96; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 401.41; Vic's Service LLC, gas/shop supplies, 299.05; Village of Center, water/sewer, 34.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.63; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 77.39.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 3.94; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.40; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 156.69; Matthew R. Fischer, reimburse supplies, 23.94.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 268.88.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,107.50.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 4,927.77; CenturyLink, long distance, 3.94; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 368.93; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.40; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 308.66; US Cellular, cell phones, 155.72.

INHERITANCE FUND. Doerr & Klein P.C. court appointed attorney, 3,694.18; Galyen Boettcher Baier PC LLO, court appointed attorney; 182.50; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.37; Stratton, DeLay, Doe, Carlson, Buettner, Stover PC LLO, court appointed attorney, 1,422.18.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 5.90; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.28. River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21.

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| General Fund | 277,678.21 |
| Road Fund | 146,930.48 |
| Child Support Fund | 235.97 |
| ROD Pres./Mod. Fund | 268.88 |
| Covid American Rescue Plan Act | 3,107.50 |
| C&C Development Fund | 5,867.20 |
| Inheritance Fund | 7,382.23 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 111.18 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | <u>534.21</u> |
| Total | \$442,115.86 |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:09 p.m. on January 13, 2022 until Thursday, January 27, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
January 27, 2022
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, January 27, 2022 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.

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The minutes of the January 13, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$136,010.73 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the 2021 Annual Noxious Weed Reports. 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 10:42 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Chairman Mackeprang signed a contract with Herbst Construction Inc., LeMars IA in the amount of \$751,734 from the original bid accepted on December 7, 2021 for a 130 ft. bridge for the FEMA Walton bridge project entitled Verdigre Southwest (Bridge) C005402505P and the agreed upon change order amount of \$375,258.70 for a longer 196 ft. bridge for a total of \$1,126,987.70. 2. Chairman Mackeprang signed the change order with Herbst Construction Inc., LeMars IA for changing the FEMA Walton bridge project entitled Verdigre Southwest (Bridge) C005402505P from a three-span 130 ft. x 26.334 ft. slab bridge on a 0 degree skew to a 196 ft. x 30.334 ft. slab bridge on a 30 degree skew in the amount of \$375,258.70; 3. Chairman Mackeprang signed a contract with A & R Construction Co., Plainview NE for the original bid amount of \$624,403.61 that was approved on December 30, 2021 for the construction of two concrete box culverts for STWD-CBMP(4): C005405805 and C005401905P (Creighton West) projects; 4. Discussion was held on hiring an additional employee for the Oil Crew during the summer months or hiring a full-time employee to work out of the Crofton County Shed during the winter and help with the Oil Crew during the summer; 5. Discussion was held on the Weigand Bridge; 6. Discussion was held purchasing long range business band radios for the Oil Crew. A quote from Netcom Inc., O'Neill NE was in the amount of \$10,491 for eight units. An ASSIST grant will be applied for through NIRMA for a partial reimbursement. The Board was in favor of proceeding with the purchase of the radios and applying for a NIRMA ASSIST grant; 7. A bridge bid letting will be held on February 1, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in Neligh on the Ash Fall North (Antelope County/Knox County Line bridge project); 8. Senator Gragert had asked Hwy. Supt. Barta about using ARPA funds to dredge the Ponca Creek/Lazy River Acres area; 9. The County Sheds will now be named by the town they are located at instead of the District number; 10. Road employee evaluations will be held on February 10, 2022 starting at 1:00 p.m.; 11. An employee will be taking the examine to obtain his Highway Superintendent license; 12. The Shaw Bridge near Verdel has been selected for the Bridge Buyback Match Program. The bid letting may take place in the spring of 2023.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the September 21, 2021 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Discussion was held on the Zoning Fee Schedule. The Planning Commission reviewed the schedule and proposed the addition of a Certificate of Zoning Compliance with a fee of \$50 plus \$1 for every \$1,000 of estimated construction cost and a late fee of \$500. Consultant Keith Marvin had said that if a landowner who applies for a permit for a machine shed on ag land there is no permit fee however if the landowner wants to then add living quarters in the shed they could apply for that revision with a Certificate of Zoning Compliance and pay a permit fee. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to add to the Zoning Fee Schedule a Certificate of Zoning Compliance at \$50 plus \$1 for every \$1,000 of construction cost with the late fee to be \$500 and the effective date to be March 1, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0187 for a boundary adjustment on part of the NE1/4SE1/4 and the NW1/4 of Section 32, T31N, R6W, Knox County, Nebraska for Kenneth and Mary Tusha and Mlady Meadows. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Discussion was held on per diem for the Planning Commission. Knox County pays \$25 per diem plus mileage. After researching the neighboring counties' per diem rates, it was found Knox County is on the upper scale of per diem paid to Planning Commission members; 5. The Planning Commission will review a new application for more campground area at Wolf Run at their next meeting.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board on the following: 1. Review of the new CDC COVID Recommendations and available hospital beds; 2. Update on the BRIC grant for the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation and with the FEMA GO program; 3. There will be a Communications exercise on January 31.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to rescind the Knox County COVID Policy that was adopted September 30, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to follow CDC Recommendations regarding COVID-19 quarantine and isolation currently in place and any future updates and revisions, and to follow basic practices like staying home if sick and washing hands thoroughly. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Hanvey updated the Board on proposed legislation that may affect Visitor's Improvement.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to go into executive session at 11:50 a.m. for a job evaluation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held on a job evaluation. The Board came out at 12:05 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 12:05 p.m. the executive session held on a job evaluation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:05 p.m. for lunch.

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

Discussion was held on converting from a Sick Leave and Vacation program to a Paid Time Off (PTO) program.

Supr. Schlote left at 1:50 p.m.

Discussion continued on PTO. No action was taken and will be further discussed at a future meeting.

Supr. Miller left at 2:05 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List for January 13 through January 26, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #3 and #6. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang appointed SLFRF Administrator to the Employee Handbook and Personnel System Review Committee.

The Board will make a quarterly visit to the County Jail at the next meeting.

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

GENERAL FUND. Bomgaars, parts, 2.79; CenturyLink, long distance, 71.29; Classic Carpet Care, mop rent, 44.00; Clerk of the Nebraska Supreme Court, appeals, 640.00; Creighton FCCLA, table fee, 40.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 57.47; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 208.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup/radios, 198.88; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 65.95; Dollar General, jail supplies/jail food/office supplies/janitor supplies, 146.10; Farmers & Merchants State Bank, safety deposit box rent, 30.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/lodging, 2,505.34; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 53.08; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 46.06; Joann Fischer, reimburse gas, 10.06; John Thomas, mileage/lodging/parking, 343.17; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.80; Knox County Register of Deeds, recording, 10.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 117,281.31; Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker, lodging, 258.00; MOCIC, dues, 100.00; NACO Planning & Zoning, dues, 40.00; Nebraska County Assessor Association, dues, 60.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, registration, 120.00; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 57.76; Quality Printing, personal property post cards, 271.67; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 156.36; Rader Feed & Supply, ice melt, 683.55; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.53; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 37.87; Superior Turf Management LLC, lawn contract, 1,106.75; Verdigre Eagle, subscription, 33.00.

ROAD FUND. Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 316.20; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies/snow fence supplies/fluid/filters/repairs, 187.59; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 351.55; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 249.42; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/tordon, 1,158.47; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 625.98; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 110.00; Nebraska Association of County Engineers, Highway Superintendent & Surveyors, registration, 110.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 211.02; Roger Lemke, clay, 600.00; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/repair/shop supplies/fluids/tordon, 2,157.96; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 159.95.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.46; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 156.69; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Northeast Nebraska Media Inc., publishing, 425.00; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, publishing, 465.00.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, administrative fees, 392.11.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Bohemian One Stop, meals, 750.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 4.46; First National Bank Omaha, dues/leadership/gas, 1,618.55; Gayle Krohn, leadership food, 45.00; Grandpa Dan's popcorn, meals, 4.00; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 226.60; The Barn at God's Country, rent, 150.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 33.96; First National Bank Omaha, supplies, 96.52.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 390.55.

TOTALS

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| General Fund | \$ 124,754.79 |
| Road Fund | 6,238.14 |
| Child Support Fund | 242.15 |
| Visitor's Promo Fund | 890.00 |
| Visitor's Improvement Fund | 173.90 |

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| Economic Development Fund | 392.11 |
| C&C Development Fund | 2,798.61 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 130.48 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | <u>390.55</u> |
| Total | \$ 136,010.73 |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:38 p.m. on January 27, 2022 until Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.
I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
February 10, 2022
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 10, 2022 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 Supr. Martin J. O'Connor District #1. 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 Creighton News newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the January 27, 2022 meeting were read. Chairman Mackeprang approved the January 27, 2022 meeting minutes.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition project updates; 2. Letter from County Attorney Thomas and Order of the District Court dismissing Case NO. CI 21-96 SID No. 2, etal vs. Joann Fischer; 3. Modification of Completion Requirements for Local Emergency Operations Plans.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$469,817.44 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Clerk of the District Court January 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. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the Knox County Voting Precincts after the 2021 redistricting. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of January 27 through February 10, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:31 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor, District #1.

Hwy. Supr. Barta met the Board on the following: 1. The Road employees' job evaluations will be rescheduled; 2. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the low bid of Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville IA for Ashfalls North FEMA Bridge Project (Antelope County/Knox County line) in the amount of \$850,123.50 with a start date of August 9, 2022 noting that the Antelope County Board of Commissioners had approved the bid at their February 1, 2022 bid letting. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang opened the One-and-Six Year Road Hearing at 10:34 a.m. Hwy. Supt. Barta presented information on the Road budget; highway allocation; County/Township Allocation; Road, Hard Surface, and Bridge projects completed and proposed; equipment purchased; and personnel.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the One-and-Six Year Road public hearing at 11:00 a.m.

Officials, staff, and the Board discussed Paid Time Off (PTO) and conversion of sick leave/vacation time. Questions and concerns were addressed. The Board will make a decision on the matter at the February 24, 2022 meeting.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0186 on Steven and Michele Stich for a zoning lot combination of Lots 47 and 49, Hideaway Acres. 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. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the January Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 3. A Planning Commission meeting will be held March 8, 2022 and on the agenda is a Conditional Use Permit Application for John D. and Jody K. Aschoff dba Wolf Run RV Resort to add an additional eight campsites for a total of 96 campsites at their campground.

Sheriff Henery updated the Board on LB 942 and presented a copy of his letter submitted as testimony at the Legislative hearing. The legislative bill reverses part of last year's LB 51 and should help counties under 15,000 population and smaller towns to find law enforcement officers.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1. Supr. Sokol, Jr. informed the Board that Economic Development Director Hanvey and Stacy Miller were attending a "Star Wars" hearing in Lincoln; 2. Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on COVID-19 and the available hospital beds in the area.

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

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 187,523.11; AmericInn Kearney, lodging, 3,689.00; Aumentum Technologies, m & s table, 3,280.87; Bear Graphics, paper, 724.00; Blue 360 Media, law books, 171.43; Chad Vanness, meeting exp., 15.21; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,239.57; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 28,365.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 25.50; Crofton Journal, subscriptions/advertisement, 91.78; DAS State Accounting, network charges, 448.00; Eakes Office Solutions, paper/copy agreement, 759.18; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 162.50; Gragert's, jail food, 1,196.66; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,833.39; Holly Wortmann, meeting exp., 72.23; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, paint supplies, 180.44; Julie Dather, meeting exp., 11.70; Kari Nilson, meeting exp., 24.57; Knox County Sheriff, warrants/summons, 1,244.89; Krista Nix, notary bond, 50.00; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 46.22; KV Electric, light repairs, 960.74; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fees, 1,534.60; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 278.03; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 101.55; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/supplies, 115.82; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 314.40; Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition, annual membership, 1,000.00; Nebraska Secretary of State, notary application, 30.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,362.37; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 300.67; Postmaster, postage, 296.70; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,106.54; Quill Corporation, supplies, 957.44; R&K Motor Parts, filters, 84.16; Rebekah Jessen, meeting exp., 7.03; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,698.46; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 140.00; Sharla Hanzlik, meeting exp., 35.10; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; UNL Eastern NE Research & Extension Center, salary contract, 10,895.49; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 191.14; US Cellular, cell phones, 365.78; Verdigre Eagle, notices, board proceedings, 319.07; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 295.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 63,332.38; Avera Medical Group, drug tests, 75.00; B's Enterprises Inc., signs/flashers, 5,654.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 157.09; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 68.94; Bloomfield Tire & Oil, tire repair, 322.00; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 534.97; CHS Wausa, diesel, 662.95; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 216.45; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,761.88; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 13,725.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 460.28; Crofton Journal, hearing notice, 14.76; Farmer's Pride, propane/diesel, 1,546.18; Great Plains Communications, phone, 534.23; Grossenburg Implement Inc., equip. rental/filters, repairs, 9,242.92; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,032.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 203.51; Jeremy Crosley, cdl renewal, 59.50; Kayton International, repairs, 100.55; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Main Street Grocery, supplies, 11.55; Moody Motor Co., alignment, 73.45; N&B Gas Co., propane, 703.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 83.80; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 443.86; Powerplan, filter, repairs, 271.94; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filters/shop supplies/bead breaker, 4,534.29; RDO Truck Centers, repairs, 3,586.65; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,160.56; Russ Crosley, garbage, 92.00; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 324.30; Sucha Repair, oil/filter, 39.87; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 408.59; Vakoc Excavating, gravel/hauls, 49,784.55; The Verdigre Eagle, legal bids, 135.95; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tires/grease, 815.53; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.50; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT FUND. JEO Consulting, engineering fee, 6,600.00; The Verdigre Eagle, legal bid notice, 162.74.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.40; Microfilm Imaging, equipment rent, 81.00; MIPS, jury list processing, 330.50.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,138.44.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 5,003.07; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 374.68; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.40; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Northeast Nebraska News Company, advertisement, 226.60; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 313.75; US Cellular, cell phones, 157.70; The Verdigre Eagle, advertisement, 288.00.

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

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 5.72; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.28. Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

TOTALS

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| General Fund | \$ 279,726.19 |
| Road Fund | 170,311.24 |
| Flowage Easement Fund | 6,762.74 |
| Child Support Fund | 462.90 |
| Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund | 3,138.44 |
| C&C Development Fund | 6,465.98 |

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| Inheritance Fund | 2,083.33 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 128.71 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | <u>737.91</u> |
| Total | \$469,817.44 |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:24 p.m. on February 10, 2022 until Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.
I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
February 24, 2022
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, February 24, 2022 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. ~~Schlote~~ Borgmann (corrected 3-10-2022) 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 Crofton Journal newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that all claims except Claim #22020169, 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 to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from February 12 to February 23, 2022. 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. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Title 2 of the CFR, Part 200 Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan with Maximus. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery updated the Board on the following: 1. Presented the Knox County Sheriff's Office 2021 Year End News Report; 2. Drawing of the proposed renovations to the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:11 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor District #1 Martin J. O'Connor.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. County Shed inspections will not be held this year; 2. Road employee job evaluations will be held on March 31, 2022 beginning at 1:00 p.m.; 3. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 01** for the submission of documents to the State of Nebraska on the One and Six Year Road Hearing that was held on February 10, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 – 01

In pursuant with Section 10 of LB 1302, Knox County did hold its Public Road Hearing on February 10, 2022. 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

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)

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

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 4. JEO Engineer Brian McDonald and Hwy. Supt. Barta discussed with the Board the replacement of a steel truss bridge on old Highway 121, the Opinions of Cost, design and plans of the replacement bridge, and pavement. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set March 31, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. as the bid letting for the replacement of a steel truss bridge on old Highway 121 (Bloomfield Northeast Bridge

Project). By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 5. Discussed the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) and what funding or projects are covered by the program; 6. Walton FEMA bridge project update; 7. Gravel bid opening will be held at the March 31, 2022 meeting; 8. The oil bid opening will be held at the April 14, 2022 meeting; 9. March 9, 2022 is the deadline to have job applications submitted for the Crofton Yard position.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2022 - 02**, due to the failure of Herrick Township to petition against vacating and abandoning a part of the right of way laying easterly of Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge 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 Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. #2022 - 02

A RESOLUTION TO VACATE AND ABANDON:

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 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

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

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

Section 1. VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF: A part of the right of way laying easterly of Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision located in Section 22, T33N, R3W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska and that no damage will be sustained by the citizens of said County or the owners of property, therein, which matter has been ascertained by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 2. VESTING OF TITLE: That all title to said vacation and abandonment shall revert to the owners of the abutting real estate namely Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision 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 24th of February 2022.

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. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the January 11, 2022 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; 2. Discussed the Conservation Easements that the Board will consider at the March 10, 2022 meeting.

At 10:58 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing for consideration of a reuse loan application for Avery Welding. Present were Jhett and Morgan Avery as well as Jeff Christensen with NENEDD. The Averys are purchasing the Zimmatal business property in Verdigre. The collateral and other lenders were discussed. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:02 a.m. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve a reuse loan to Jhett and Morgan Avery, Avery Welding in the amount of \$125,000 at twenty years at 4.5% interest and to further waive the 1% application fee. 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. Schlote to approve Claim #20220169 in the amount of \$125,000 payable to NENEDD for the Avery Welding reuse loan. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

The Board, officials, department heads and staff discussed Paid Time Off (PTO), funeral leave, the catastrophic leave donation policy and COVID-19 time. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 11:23 a.m. so as to discuss personnel and negotiations. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held on personnel and negotiations. The Board came out of executive session at 11:41 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 11:41 a.m. the executive session held on personnel and negotiations. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

After a discussion, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the Paid Time Off (PTO) Policy with the conversion from sick leave and vacation time as outlined in the policy, and to approve Conversion Scenario #2 with the maximum amount of PTO balance to be 240 hours, with the accrual of 7.33 hours per month for the first day of the month following date of hire through completion of the fourth year; 10.67 hours for the fifth years through

completion of the tenth year; 12 hours for the eleventh year through completion of the fifteenth year and 14 hours after completion of the fifteenth year. 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 add Columbus Day to the 2022 designated holidays. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, and #7. Nays Districts #5 and #6. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Funeral leave, catastrophic leave and COVID-19 time will be discussed at a future meeting.

Extension Educator Hanefeldt presented the local Extension programming and financial summaries for 2021.

Economic Development Director Harvey told the Board that there have been no new updates on the Star Wars program.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board on the following: 1. COVID-19 update; 2. Corps of Engineers are updating their 2004 master plan; 3. There was one prize winner and a honorable mention entry from Knox County third graders who participated in the Nebraska Association of Emergency Managers' annual weather poster contest. The posters of the winners and honorable mention students will be featured in a calendar.

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.

GENERAL FUND. Bomgaars, office supplies, 13.77; Brite, E-Citation Kits, 50,703.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 83.26; Classic Carpet Care, mop rent, 42.50; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 854.95; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup/radios, 198.88; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 65.95; Dollar General, jail supplies/carpet cleaner, 14.09; Doug deShazer, meeting/mileage, 60.10; Farmers & Home Publishers, LTD, plat books, 375.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals, 4,066.67; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 53.08; Hagge Glass, door repair, 550.00; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 46.06; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.80; Knox County Register of Deeds, recording, 16.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 117,281.31; MIPS, data conversion, 709.32; NACT, dues, 50.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 692.46; Platte Valley Communications, repair radios, 184.99; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 192.06; Reserve Account, meter postage, 4,000.00; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.53; Thomson Reuters-West, law books, 419.00; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, sprinkler agreement, 375.00.

ROAD FUND. B's Enterprises Inc., signs, 945.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 255.23; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 283.20; C-Mart LLC, gas, 148.78; First National Bank Omaha, meals/gas, 55.90; Hagge Glass, repairs, 154.67; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 202.97; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 225.17; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 40.00; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 2,138.00; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/tire/shop supplies, 3,143.04.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Herbst Construction Inc., bridge contract, 44,334.54.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.90.

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

ROD PRES/MOD FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, computer, 931.00.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, loan, 125,000.00; NENEDD, admin fees, 1,398.56.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.90; Creative Revolution Marketing Agency, web site, 164.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 208.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/leadership/meals/subscription, 282.33; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 597.50; Stacy Miller, reimburse meals, 32.64.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 33.96.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 390.55.

TOTALS

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| General Fund | \$181,123.78 |
| Road Fund | 7,591.96 |
| Flowage Easement Road Fund | 44,334.54 |
| Child Support Fund | 4.90 |
| Visitor's Improvement Fund | 173.90 |
| ROD Pres/Mod Fund | 931.00 |
| Economic Development Fund | 126,398.56 |
| C&C Development Fund | 1,289.37 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 33.96 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 390.55 |
| Total | \$362,272.52 |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:25 p.m. on February 24, 2022 until Thursday, March 10, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
March 10, 2022
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 10, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors 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 were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1 and James Sokol, Jr. District #4. 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 Creighton News newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the February 24, 2022 meeting were read. Chairman Mackeprang approved the February 24, 2022 meeting minutes with the correction that the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Borgmann.

Motion by Chairman Mackeprang, 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 #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$407,016.27 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:13 a.m. with all members present except Supervisors Districts #1 and #4.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Kreg and Ryan Mitteis met with the Board regarding fuel prices and gravel bids. The gravel bid opening will be held at the March 31, 2022 meeting. After a discussion, the Board and Hwy. Supt. Barta said they would work with the bidders with the fuel price fluctuation during the summer months; 2. Chairman Mackeprang signed the contract that was approved at the December 30, 2021 meeting in the amount of \$317,293.50 with John Prouty Construction for the grading on the Verdigre Southwest C005402505P (Walton) bridge project; 3. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 03** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign a Project Program Agreement between Knox County and Nebraska Department of Transportation on County Bridge Match Program Project STWD-CBMP(6) on Bridge C0054307220 (Shaw Bridge). By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6, and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT – BL2213

Knox County
Resolution No. 2022-03

Whereas: Knox County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain County Bridge Match funds; and

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

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

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

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

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

NDOT Project Number: STWD-CBMP(6)

NDOT Control Number: 00974E

NDOT Project Name: County Bridge Match Program

Adopted this 10th day of March, 2022 at Knox County, Center, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Knox County

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

Patrick J. Liska /s/

Danny R. Schlote /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/

Virgil H. Miller /s/

Board/Council Member Supr. Borgmann
Moved the adoption of said resolution

Attest: (Seal)
Absent
Joann M. Fischer /s/
adopted
Signature County Clerk

Member Supr. Miller Seconded the Motion
Roll call: 5 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 2

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 4. The Bohemia Township Board requested that a portion of 521 Avenue in Section 11 be vacated/abandoned. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2022-04** directing Hwy. Supt. Barta to conduct a study for the vacation and abandonment of approximately the North 1,550 feet of 521 Avenue between the E1/2NW1/4 and the W1/2NW1/4 of Section 11, T31N, R7W in Bohemia Township. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 04

WHEREAS the Bohemia Township Board has requested to vacate and abandon a portion of 521 Avenue as follows:

Approximately the North 1,550 feet of 521 Avenue between the E1/2NW1/4 and the W1/2NW1/4 from the North Quarter Corner and the driveway of current owner Terry and Geri Swett in Section 11, T31N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

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

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors hereby directs Hwy. Supt. Kevin R. Barta to conduct a study of vacating and abandoning approximately the North 1,550 feet of 521 Avenue as described above.

Passed this 10th day of March 2022.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

Absent
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/
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/
Knox County Clerk

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 5. The order for a Ford 150 pickup for District 5 through the State Bid has been canceled due to unavailability of new Ford pickups any time soon. Hwy. Supt. Barta will be looking for a used pickup; 6. The Chevrolet Malibu car that was ordered for the Courthouse may be here in May; 7. The truck for District 3 may be done soon; 8. Discussed setting a date for applicant interviews for the Crofton Shed/Oil Crew position; 9. Update on the Ash Falls Road micro-surfacing project. The Antelope County Board of Commissioners will do ten miles and they wanted to know if Knox County wanted to do their two miles of the road. The estimated cost would be approximately \$55,000 per mile. Several Board members said they would like to see how it looks before committing. The Board approved micro-surfacing two miles of the Ashfall road. (corrected 3-31-2022); 10. Walton Bridge FEMA project update. Discussed needing additional acres and more fencing; 11. Safety training will be held on March 29, 2022 and CPR/AED training will be held on April 20 2022; 12. Weight limit signs were put up; 13. A meeting will be held on March 31 before job evaluations to discuss the PTO conversion; 14. The search for a tractor truck to pull the lowboy trailer will begin.

County Attorney Thomas reintroduced Hanna Knox Jensen to the Board and informed the Board that Mrs. Jensen will be taking her Bar Exam this summer. Also, he asked if the Board will still allow a Deputy County Attorney position and if so, Mrs. Jensen may be considered for the position if she passes the Bar Exam.

James Coburn with SID #2 met with the Board regarding the one-mile road that runs through the Nebraska Game and Parks property that leads to the Devils Nest Subdivision. Discussion was held on SID #2 purchasing the one-mile portion of road and the procedure.

At 11:24 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0040B John D. and Jodi K. Aschoff dba Wolf Run RV Resort.

Jared Reimers with Congressman Adrian Smith's Office in Grand Island updated the Board on Ways and Means Committee activities, trade, rural health care, critical access facilities, insurance perks, telehealth care and in person care billings.

911 Coordinator Kienow and James Almond with the Public Service Commission met with the Board on an interlocal agreement with area counties and three cities to share emergency 911 call handling computer hardware and to become known as Northeast Nebraska Regional E911. Thurston and Pierce Counties are working on their present contracts and will eventually join the new Region. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 05** to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Counties of Cedar, Dakota, Dixon and Knox, and the Cities of Norfolk, South Sioux City, and Wayne to be known as Northeast Nebraska Regional E911 and to designate the Knox County Sheriff's Office E911 Coordinator as the Primary representative and the Chief Deputy as the Alternate. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 – 05

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2022, Knox County, Nebraska, approved an Interlocal Agreement by and among Cedar County, Nebraska; Dakota County, Nebraska; Dixon County, Nebraska; Knox County, Nebraska; City of Norfolk, Nebraska; City of South Sioux City, Nebraska; and City of Wayne, Nebraska to share emergency 911 call handling computer hardware and to be known as Northeast Nebraska Regional E911; and

WHEREAS, said Interlocal Agreement requires the governing entity of each party to the Agreement to appoint a minimum of one representative to represent them on the Northeast Nebraska Regional E911 Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, the Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska, hereby adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County Nebraska that the following individuals are hereby appointed to serve as representatives and make decisions for Knox County on the Northeast Nebraska Regional E911 Committee:

Knox County Sheriff's Office E911 Coordinator – Primary

Knox County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy – Alternate

Passed and approved this 10th day of March 2022.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following 1. Discussion was held on three Conservation Easement Applications, recommendations from the Planning Commission's public hearings on the Applications, and use of the property once in the easement. 2. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the Conservation Easement Application for Kenneth R. and Mary M. Tusha of Creighton on approximately 69.3 acres in the E1/2 of Section 32, T31N, R6W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the Conservation Easement Application for Terry L. Minarik as Trustee of the Terry L. Minarik Trust of 2015 of Omaha on approximately 20 acres in the S1/2SE1/4 of Section 20, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried; 4. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the Conservation Easement Application for George R. Cunningham and Susanne M. Hickey of Omaha on approximately 27 acres in Lot 1, Section 3, T31N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried; 5. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the February Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried; 6. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 12:03 p.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022-06** approving Conditional Use Permit #CU0040B for John D. and Jodi K. Aschoff dba Wolf Run RV Resort to add eight campsites for a total of 96 RV campsites to the Wolf Run RV Resort on part of the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 18, T33N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska and with the condition that all campers must be licensed. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 06

WHEREAS, John D. & Jodi K. Aschoff dba Wolf Run RV Resort have applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0040B to add eight campsites for a total of 96 RV campsites, 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 6th 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 6th P.M., and E ½ NE ¼ of Section 19, Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M. all in Knox County, Nebraska,

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on February 8, 2022

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has found that the application complies with the Knox County Zoning Regulations, and have made 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. Directional signs shall be installed indicating where sections of lot numbers can be found.
3. Each campsite shall have two parking stalls.
4. All access drives and parking areas shall be surfaced with gravel, asphalt or other material to free the site of mud.
5. The campground shall be compliant with all Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and Nebraska Health & Human Services standards.
6. All campers shall be licensed and road ready.
7. All amenities (such as porches, screened patios, decks, built-in grills/pizza ovens, and similar items) require a Zoning permit.
8. These conditions of approval will supersede all previous resolutions for Wolf Run RV Resort and apply to the entire resort.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the John D. & Jodi K. Aschoff dba Wolf Run RV Resort Conditional Use Permit #CU0040B be approved.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2022.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Absent
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/
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/
Knox County Clerk

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

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:09 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all members present except Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1 and James Sokol, Jr. District #4.

Discussion was held on funeral leave, catastrophic leave, compensation and hours of work and COVID-19 time.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to change the Funeral Leave in the Knox County Employees' Handbook effective July 1, 2022 that regular full-time employees will be granted pay for time lost from work in the event of the death of an immediate family member in accordance with the following schedule: spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandparent or grandchild – employee may take up to twenty-four paid hours per occurrence without the use of PTO and the department head must be notified in advance of the need for funeral leave. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued on the Catastrophic Leave. Motion by Chairman Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Liska to update the Catastrophic Leave Donation Policy effective July 1, 2022 to replace sick leave with Paid Time Off (PTO), PTO must be donated in hourly increments, the Extended Illness Bank hours may be donated upon separation of employment in any increment with no limit to the number of hours donated to the Catastrophic Leave Bank, recipient employee must have worked at least ninety days for Knox County and must be an employee who earns PTO, and the Elected Official or Department Head must approve the donated hours and they must be provided with a written notice of request for donated hours. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the changes to the Compensation and Hours of Work in the Knox County Employees Handbook to show regular full-time employees will be those who have completed the introductory period and are regularly scheduled to work thirty or more hours per week and a regular part-time employee is not eligible for County benefits. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried.

Discussed COVID-19 time. The Federal COVID-19 Extended Sick Leave ended September 30, 2021 (corrected 3-31-2022). Fourteen employees were out either by isolation or quarantine because of COVID-19 between October 1, 2021 and this date of March 10, 2022 and had to use accrued sick leave/vacation time or the employees who did not have any sick leave accrual were off without pay. Motion by Chairman Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Liska to end as of March 10, 2022 any further special compensation for COVID-19 and that the fourteen employees who had

COVID-19 time between October 1, 2021 and March 10, 2022 will receive those hours in their sick leave. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the County Treasurer's Return of Sale Proceedings to the County Clerk that certified that on March 7, 2022 all delinquent real estate taxes were offered for public auction and that on March 9, 2022 the public tax sale closed and the private tax sale will begin and continue from day to day until all said land has been offered. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign letters of opposition of the change by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture that would permit the use of non-native phragmites, which are noxious in the State of Nebraska, to be used in fully contained wastewater treatment systems lawfully operated by a political subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried.

Committee updates was given by SLFRF Administrator Nix. The SLFRF Committee had approved the purchase of a laptop for the Emergency Manager.

Legislative update was given by Sheriff Henery on LR263CA that was introduced by Senator Carol Blood. The proposed Constitutional amendment would require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions for imposed new program expenses without full reimbursement by the State for such expenses.

Officials' update was given by Emergency Manager Hintz regarding the confirmed presence of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza (HPA1) in a wild goose near Holmes Lake in Lincoln which is the State's first confirmed case since 2015.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List Report from February 24 through March 9, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to go into executive session at 2:08 p.m. so as to protect the reputation of individuals when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of individuals when discussing personnel. The Board came out at 2:54 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 2:54 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #4. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 178,630.34; Antelope County Sheriff Department, house inmate, 65.00; Applied Connective Technologies, IT services, 5,222.10; Black Hills Ammunition, ammo, 639.00; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Cathleen Sue Stark, prior service, 12.00; Clerk of the Supreme Court, court costs, 128.00; CMart LLC, gas, 50.36; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,547.26; Connie J. Janecek, prior service, 15.00; Corrie Key, reimburse notary fees, 186.72; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 32,232.50; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 14.24; CVSOAN, registration, 60.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper, 346.87; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 182.00; Gragert's, jail food, 808.14; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,358.49; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, paint/supplies, 91.44; Jo Ann Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Karen K. Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Knox County Court, cases bound over, 340.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 26.00; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 113.52; Laura J. Hintz, mileage, 493.16; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 275.94; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage/subscription, 221.93; Loffler, toner, 66.80; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Manion's Drug Store inc., medication, 72.69; Marvin Planning Consultants Inc., update zoning regulations, 1,000.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 681.16; N&B Gas Company, propane, 1,077.30; NACO, registration, 360.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, registration, 165.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,373.67; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 584.53; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 150.50; Platte Valley Communications, radios, 93.85; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,106.54; Quill Corporation, supplies, 796.78; R&K Motor Parts, van oil/filter, 59.25; Rebekah Jessen, registration, 50.00; 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, 12,048.35; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Secretary of State Elections Division, voter id cards, 140.00; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension, showworks renewal, 225.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 191.14; US Cellular, cell phones, 365.78; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/stamp, 444.47; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 331.00; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 4,208.86.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 60,463.18; Anthony Zerbe, CDL renewal, 63.50; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 189.07; Bloomfield Auto Parts, fluid/filters/repairs, 42.20; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 728.97; Bomgaars, shop supplies/shop tools/battery, 912.11; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; Business Radio Licensing, license application for radio, 585.00; Carhart Lumber Co., shop supplies, 10.38; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 157.49; C-Mart, gas, 169.08; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,534.73; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance county pays, 12,810.00; David Bauer, prior

service, 36.00; Fairfield Inn & Suites, lodging, 239.90; Farmer's Pride, propane/diesel/trans oil, 1,834.60; Freeman Oil Co., diesel, 1,689.50; Great Plains Communications, phone, 535.56; Grossenburg Implement Inc., def/repairs, 300.61; Hartington Shopper, publishing, 54.00; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 1,471.32; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 55.44; Kayton International, shop supplies, 61.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Kimball Midwest, repairs, 314.93; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 103.80; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance county pays, 107.28; N&B Gas Co., propane, 2,524.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 81.07; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 430.15; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 78.75; Powerplan, repairs, 1,130.89; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filters, 986.24; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 3,942.85; Roger Lemke, clay, 150.00; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 20.00; Sucha Repair, weld cable/repairs, 2,060.44; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 412.59; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 11.18; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.56; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 77.39; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies, 20.30; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 1,016.90.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fees, 19,120.00.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fees, 1,715.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.40; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 156.69; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Postmaster, postage, 486.00.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 268.88.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 2,989.69.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 4,852.47; Collector of Internal Revenue, social security County pays, 363.17; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.40; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 303.58; US Cellular, cell phones, 161.70.

INHERITANCE FUND. Doerr & Klein P.C. court appointed attorney, 363.81; Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Hendersen, court appointed attorney, 751.36; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

KENO FUND. Nebraska Department of Revenue Charitable Gaming Division, renewal fee, 100.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 5.93; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.28. Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

| TOTALS | |
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| General Fund | \$ 270,818.28 |
| Road Fund | 101,380.90 |
| Highway Bridge Buyback Fund | 19,120.00 |
| Flowage Easement Road Fund | 1,715.00 |
| Child Support Fund | 775.09 |
| ROD Pres./Mod. Fund | 268.88 |
| Covid American Rescue Plan Act | 2,989.69 |
| C&C Development Fund | 5,783.10 |
| Inheritance Fund | 3,198.50 |
| Keno Fund | 100.00 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 128.92 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 737.91 |
| Total | <u>\$ 407,016.27</u> |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:55 p.m. on March 10, 2022 until Thursday, March 31, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
March 31, 2022
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, March 31, 2022 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. 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 Crofton Journal newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the March 10, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the corrections that the Board approved micro-surfacing two miles of the Ashfall road and the Federal COVID-19 Extended Sick Leave ended September 30, 2021.

Correspondence reviewed was Governor Ricketts invitation for the first national summit on Stop 30 x 30.

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, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$669,776.66 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 10:26 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Sokol, Jr., District #4.

The gravel bid opening was held at 10:28 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 cubic yard), Ewing Pit – Road Gravel 3/8" x 1" screened rock \$27.93; Road Gravel \$15.33; Armor Coat Gravel \$15.33; Spud Mix \$16.73; Mud Rock \$16.73; Wash Sand \$5.60; Bank Run Sand \$5.60; Bank Run Clay \$5.60; Oakdale Pit – Road Gravel 3/8" x 1" screened rock \$30.73; Road Gravel \$18.13; Armor Coat Gravel \$18.13; Spud Mix \$19.53; Mud Rock \$19.53; Wash Sand \$8.40; Bank Run Sand \$8.40; Bank Run Clay \$8.40; **Sinclair Sand & Gravel, Inc., Spencer NE** – County haul gravel (pit price per cubic yard) – State Spec (Class A) 1" crushed gravel \$14.75; 1.5" bar screened gravel \$14.00; fill dirt \$6.75 Gravel per yard/delivered price – ALL STATE SPEC (CLASS A) East Raymond Twp. \$35.00; West Raymond Twp., \$25.00; **Backus Sand & Gravel, McLean NE** – No Bid; **Emme Sand & Gravel Inc., O'Neill NE** – County haul gravel (pit price per cubic yard) – State Spec (Class A) \$14.20; Armor Coat \$14.20; Gravel per yard/delivered price – ALL STATE SPEC (CLASS A) West Raymond Twp., \$26.50; Washington Twp., \$21.40; **Bazile Aggregate LLC, Plainview NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per cubic yard) – State Spec (Class A) Road gravel, \$17.21; Mud Rock, \$19.91; **Cedar Beef LLC, Hartington NE** – Gravel/rock per yard/delivered price: Addison Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$21.31, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$30.86; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$32.31; Bohemia Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$19.15, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$28.70; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$30.15; Central Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$23.47, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$33.02, 3/4" Crushed Rock \$34.47; Cleveland Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$23.47, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$33.02, 3/4" Crushed Rock \$34.47; Columbia Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$23.47, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$33.02, 3/4" Crushed Rock \$34.47; Creighton Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$24.55, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$34.10, 3/4" Crushed Rock \$35.55; Dolphin Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$21.31, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$30.86; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$32.31; Dowling Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$20.23, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$29.78; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$31.23; Eastern Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$21.31, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$30.86; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$32.31; Frankfort Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$20.23, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$29.78; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$31.23; Harrison Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$20.23, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$29.78; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$31.23; Herrick Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$21.31; 1.5" Crushed Rock \$30.86; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$32.31; Hill Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$22.39, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$31.94; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$33.39; Jefferson Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$22.39, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$31.94; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$33.39; Lincoln Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$21.31, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$30.86; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$32.31; Logan Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$23.47, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$33.02; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$34.47; Miller Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$22.39, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$31.94; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$33.39; Morton Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$21.31, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$30.86; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$32.31; Niobrara Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$18.07, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$27.62; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$29.07; North Frankfort Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$19.15, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$28.70; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$30.15; Peoria Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$21.31, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$30.86; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$32.31; East Raymond Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$20.23, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$29.78; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$31.23; West Raymond Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$22.39; 1.5" Crushed Rock \$31.94; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$33.39; Spade Twp. – Class A Crushed Gravel \$19.15, 1.5" Crushed Rock

\$28.70; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$30.15; Sparta Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$19.15, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$28.70; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$30.15; Union Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$19.15, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$28.70; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$30.15; Valley Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$21.31, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$30.86; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$32.31; Verdigre Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$20.23, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$29.78; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$31.23; Walnut Grove Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$25.64, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$35.19; 3/4" Crushed Rock \$36.64; Washington Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$23.47, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$33.02, 3/4" Crushed Rock \$34.47; Western Twp. - Class A Crushed Gravel \$23.47, 1.5" Crushed Rock \$33.02, 3/4" Crushed Rock \$34.47; **Mitteis Gravel, Orchard NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$13.00, Armor Coat \$13.00; **Vakoc Excavating LLC, Verdigre NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$13.75; Bank Run \$8.00; Armor Coat \$13.75; Gravel per yard/delivered price – ALL STATE SPEC (CLASS A) – Bohemia Twp., \$16.50; Central Twp., \$22.00; Creighton Twp., \$18.70; Jefferson Twp., \$17.50; Logan Twp., \$18.25; Miller Twp., \$18.25; Morton Twp., \$22.00; Niobrara Twp., \$18.50; Peoria Twp., \$21.00; East Raymond Twp., \$22.25; West Raymond Twp., \$22.25; Spade Twp., \$17.80; Sparta Twp., \$18.00; Union Twp., \$19.50; Valley Twp., \$18.60; Verdigre Twp. \$18.00; Walnut Grove Twp., \$20.00; Washington Twp., \$19.60; Western Twp., \$20.50; **Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, Orchard NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard) – State Spec (Class A) \$13.50; Bank Run \$8.00; Armor Coat \$13.50; Gravel per yard/delivered price for State Spec. (Class A): Addison Twp., \$19.00; Central Twp., \$18.00; Cleveland Twp., \$18.50; Columbia Twp., \$20.50; Creighton Twp., \$19.50; Dolphin Twp., \$20.25; Dowling Twp., \$20.50; Eastern Twp., \$19.50; Frankfort Twp., \$21.50; Harrison Twp., \$17.00; Herrick Twp., \$20.50; Hill Twp., \$18.75; Lincoln Twp., \$22.25; Miller Twp., \$21.00; Morton Twp., \$18.75; Niobrara Twp., \$18.00; North Frankfort Twp., \$23.50; Peoria Twp., \$18.25; East Raymond \$19.25; West Raymond \$21.00; Spade Twp., \$18.50; Sparta Twp., \$18.75; Union Twp., \$17.75; Valley Twp., \$18.00; Verdigre Twp., \$19.00.

After a discussion, motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept all gravel bids as submitted with the stipulation that fuel costs will be reviewed during the summer months and the bids revisited if necessary. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion was held on reimbursement for Project #ER-54(25) Control No. 32378 DDIR site C54-01 project (CJ slide repairs) in the amount of \$209,971.09. County Attorney Thomas was present. More research will be made on the reimbursement percentage and presented at the next meeting; 2. The search for a truck to pull the lowboy trailer continues; 3. The new dump truck for the Verdigre County Yard was delivered; 4. A used 2018 regular cab Dodge 1400 4 x 4 white pickup was purchased from Kersten Auto for \$33,000;

5. Road employee job evaluations will be held this date after the PTO conversion informational meeting; 6. Lazy River update. A phone conference with the Army Corps of Engineers was held and they request information as to the cost of getting emergency equipment to Lazy River Acres and other costs, what the cost would be to haul the sand out of the flood plain if dredged and other expenses; 7. The Santee Sioux Tribe will be receiving funds from the new infrastructure bill and discussed were some of their proposed road and bridge projects; 8. Discussed purchasing a new motorgrader, projected cost increases, using the State bid process, and what machine to trade in.

The advertised bid opening for Bloomfield Northeast JEO Project No. 211472.00 for the replacement of a truss bridge on the County oil road (old Highway 121) between Crofton and Bloomfield was held at 11:00 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: **Theisen Construction, Inc., Norfolk NE**, \$1,299,094.75 start date August 15, 2022; **Simon Contractors, North Platte NE** - \$1,419,800.00 start date August 2, 2022; **Dixon Construction, Co., Correctionville IA** - \$1,119,735.93 start date March 27, 2023; **Midwest Infrastructure Inc., Lincoln NE** - \$1,159,543.27 start date September 1, 2022. Hwy. Supt. Barta and JEO representative Brian McDonald took the bids to review and will bring them back later in the meeting.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of March 10 through March 30, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion ensued on comprehensive plan changes that would need to incorporate the conservation easements and the commercial corridor; 2. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Planning Commission February 8, 2022 meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried; 3. Administrator Doerr has been working with County Attorney Thomas on resolving the permit issue in the Devils Nest Subdivision; 4. Chairman Mackeprang opened a public hearing at 11:29 a.m. for Conditional Use Permit #CU0047 on ADH Grain Processors, LLC of Bloomfield in the N1/2NW1/4 of Section 10, Peoria Township for the construction of a steam flaking system including two 30,000-bushel grain bins, a small mill office, a scale, and a scale house. Ben Curby, CFO of Epic Land & Cattle LLC, was present to answer questions about the process of the proposed steam flaking system that heats corn kernels and changes to flakes that will increase performance and is easier for cattle to digest. The system will be used for the Epic Cattle/Miller Cattle Feed Lot for now but may consider a commercial product in the future. The cement plant entrance will be used to get to the flaking system, but an extra entrance may be needed in the future which Hwy. Supt. Barta said would have good visibility. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:37 a.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 07** approving Conditional Use Permit #CU0047 for ADH Grain Processors, LLC to construct a steam flaking operation including grain bins, office, scale and scale house in the N1/2NW1/4 of Section 10, T31N, R3W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022- 07

WHEREAS, ADH Grain Processors, LLC has applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0047 to construct a steam flaking operation including grain bins, office, scale and scale house, in the N ½ NW ¼ of Section 10, Township 31N, Range 3W, in Knox County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on March 8, 2022, 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 sign must be posted at the entrance that includes the business name and address along with emergency contact information.
2. Applicant shall comply with all State and Federal Regulations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THAT THE ADH GRAIN PROCESSORS, LLC CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #CU0047 BE APPROVED.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2022.

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

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.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Ben Curby on the Tramp impact easement, offer of purchase, and the Supreme Court's decision as to prescriptive easement.

Hwy. Supt. Barta and JEO representative Brian McDonald returned to the meeting with the bridge project bids. The low bid was received from Dixon Construction Company. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to accept the low bid from **Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville IA** in the amount of \$1,119,735.93 with a start date of March 27, 2023 for Bloomfield Northeast JEO Project No. 211472.00 for the replacement of a truss bridge on the County oil road (old Highway 121) between Crofton and Bloomfield noting that costs will be paid from the Highway Bridge Buyback Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 11:47 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of individuals when conducting interviews for the Crofton County Shed position. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of individuals when conducting interviews for the Crofton County Shed position. The Board came out of executive session at 12:25 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 12:25 p.m. the executive session held for the conducting of interviews for the Crofton County Shed position. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:25 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all members present except Supervisor Sokol, Jr., District #4.

Road employees and the Board met to discuss the upcoming conversion from vacation time and sick leave to Paid Time Off (PTO), the change to the funeral leave policy and holidays for 2022.

A Committee update was given by SLFRF Administrator Nix regarding the Crime Commission no-match grant that was approved.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 1:49 p.m. for Road employee job evaluations. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held for Road employee job evaluations.

Supr. O'Connor left at 1:50 p.m.

Chairman Mackeprang left at 4:40 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 5:10 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to close at 5:10 p.m. the executive session held on Road employee job evaluations. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1, #4 and #5. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, hard drive/disk station, 575.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 64.77; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 34.50; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 150.13; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup/radios, 198.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 65.95; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 47.82; Dollar General, jail supplies, 41.56; Doug deShazer, meeting/mileage, 60.10; Election Systems & Software, Crofton school bond election, 2,364.64; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage, 6,107.56; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 53.08; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 46.06; Joann M. Fischer, reimburse postage, 9.00; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.80; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees, 6.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 117,281.31; K/V Electric LLC, electrical work, 286.06; Midwest Radar & Equipment, radar updates, 160.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, dues, 210.00; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 57.76; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 150.13; NPZA, registration, 20.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 400.53; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 343.92; Ramada Kearney, lodging, 156.00; Reserve Account, meter postage, 8,000.00; Roger Vech, meeting room, 3,655.00; Security Shredding Services Inc., shredding, 210.00; Tauber Plumbing LLC, jail kitchen sink, 895.48; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, registration, 130.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 191.14; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 96.00; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 699.05.

ROAD FUND. Ag & Industrial Equipment, building repair, 46.00; B's Enterprises Inc., culvert/boards/signs, 34,137.60; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 117.21; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 97.58; Bloomfield Medical Clinic P.C., DOT physical, 150.00; Bomgaars, shop supplies/shop tool/tordon, 806.25; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 251.44; CHS Wausa, propane/diesel/fluids, 2,539.81; C-Mart LLC, gas, 179.98; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 444.77; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 23.20; First National Bank Omaha, office supplies, 88.03; Herbert Feed & Grain co., diesel, 3,492.73; Kersten Auto Co. LLC, pickup, 33,000.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 82.55; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 244.56; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 7,165.00; Marlene Moeller, sand, 1,200.00; Mike Jelinek, reimburse meals, 88.56; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 209.36; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 2,034.40; Truck Center Companies, repairs/snow plow truck, 214,441.30; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 412.59; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/tire repair/shop tool/repairs/fluids, 1,515.18; Vic's Service LLC, gas, 280.98; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel, 5,465.88.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Herbst Construction Inc., bridge contract, 179,023.50; JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fees, 1,388.75; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 24,114.48.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 3.81; Nebraska District Court Clerks Association, dues, 50.00.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, internet, 183.90.

ROD PRES/MOD FUND. Quill Corporation, flash drives, 114.90.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. Nebraska Development Network, dues, 50.00; NENEDD, admin fees, 1,019.89.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 3.81; First National Bank Omaha, leadership/meals/subscription, 69.05; Stacy Miller, reimburse meals, 38.10; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 161.70.

INHERITANCE FUND. Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 1,634.94; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 840.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 5.72; CenturyLink, phone, 33.96; Equature/DSS Corporation, equipment refresh, 2,241.62; NESCA, membership, 9.60; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 390.55; NESCA, membership, 110.40; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. Equature/DSS Corporation, equipment refresh, 6,249.38.

| TOTALS | |
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| General Fund | \$ 143,256.23 |
| Road Fund | 308,560.96 |
| Flowage Easement Road Fund | 204,526.73 |
| Child Support Fund | 53.81 |
| Visitor's Improvement Fund | 183.90 |
| ROD Pres/Mod Fund | 114.90 |
| Economic Development Fund | 1,069.89 |
| C&C Development Fund | 272.66 |
| Inheritance Fund | 2,474.94 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 2,308.61 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 704.65 |
| 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund | <u>6,249.38</u> |
| Total | \$669,776.66 |

Vice-Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 5:10 p.m. on March 31, 2022 until Thursday, April 14, 2022 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:

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By_____
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By_____
Danny R. Schlote, Vice-Chairman

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
April 14, 2022
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 14, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Creighton News newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the March 31, 2022 meeting were read. Chairman Mackeprang approved the March 31, 2022 meeting minutes as read.

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 \$451,368.68 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

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

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Keybank N.A. Standby Letter of Credit Services #S322191 for the Elkhorn Ridge Wind LLC project. 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 County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected from January 1 through March 31, 2022. 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 List from March 31 through April 13, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Chairman Mackeprang with concerns of avian flu in the State and precautions the Michael's Foods plant is taking.

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

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. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to accept the report brought by Knox County Highway Superintendent Barta for the vacation and abandonment of approximately the North 1,550 feet of 521 Avenue between the E1/2NW1/4 and the W1/2NW1/4 from the North Quarter Corner and the driveway of current owner Terry and Geri Swett in Section 11, T31N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

Supr. Sokol, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Supr. Miller that the following Road Resolution be published in the Verdigre Eagle newspaper on April 21 and 28 and May 5, 2022. Also, a copy of said Resolution be sent by certified mail to current adjoining landowners namely Terry and Geri Swett, Chauncey Wilkens; JATY LLC, and Steve and Deann Grovjohn.

The date of hearing on this matter being set for Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 10:30 A.M. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 08

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 10th day of March, 2022 directed the County Highway Superintendent to make a study of the use of a portion of a platted Bohemia Township road described as follows: Approximately the North 1,550 feet of 521 Avenue between the E1/2NW1/4 and the W1/2NW1/4 from the North Quarter Corner and the driveway of current owner Terry and Geri Swett in Section 11, T31N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of vacating and abandoning the above-mentioned portion of 521 Avenue in Bohemia Township, Knox County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2022, County Highway Superintendent did file his report in writing as to such road, containing a recommendation that said portion of 521 Avenue 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 12th day of May 2022 at the hour of 10:30 A.M. for the

purpose of determining if the approximately North 1,550 feet of 521 Avenue between the E1/2NW1/4 and the W1/2NW1/4 from the North Quarter Corner and the driveway of current owner Terry and Geri Swett in Section 11, T31N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska be vacated and abandoned.

Passed, approved and adopted this 14th day of April 2022.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairman

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Discussion was held on the ER-54(25) project reimbursement (CJ Slide repairs). The Board reviewed a draft of a letter from County Attorney Thomas to Jodi Gibson, NDOT Local Assistance Division of the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation regarding the ER-54 (25) project, past slide repairs and the percentage of 90% the State should reimburse Knox County as per 1964 and 1968 agreements. The ER-54(25) project is to be funded by Emergency Relief Federal dollars which is a different type of reimbursement funding. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 09** authorizing the Nebraska Department of Transportation to act on behalf of Knox County to administer Emergency Relief Federal funds to reimburse Knox County \$209,971.09 which is 80% of the costs for making repairs to Project #ER-54(25) Control #323789 DDIR Site C54-01 (CJ Slide) noting the County is not waiving its right to 90% payment of the costs of slide repairs as per 1964 and 1968 agreements by accepting 80%, reimbursement via NDOT, of Emergency Relief Federal dollars on the CJ slide and in fact, Knox County requests NDOT to reimburse Knox County the other 10% of \$26,246.39 as noted in a letter from County Attorney Thomas in behalf of Knox County to the Nebraska Department of Transportation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Resolution
For Emergency Relief Program-Emergency/Permanent Repairs

Knox County
Resolution #2022 – 09
Project No. ER-54(25)
Control No. 32378
DDIR Site: C54-01

Whereas: Certain transportation facilities have been designated 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 # NE19) 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 concurrences, and no new right of way (ROW) was needed for completing permanent repairs; and

Whereas: The total permanent repairs reimbursement is \$209,971.09 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 14th day of April, 2022, at Center, NE

By Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska.

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairman

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/
County Clerk
Liska

Board Member Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr.

Moved the adoption of said Resolution
Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 Nay
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 3. At 10:33 a.m., the advertised asphalt bid opening 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. One bid received was from **Jebro Inc., Sioux City IA** – MC70 price per gallon - \$4.56; MC250 per gallon - \$4.17; MC3000 price per gallon - \$3.93; CRS-2 price per gallon (estimated gallons 7,500+) delivered to Creighton - \$3.50; Demurrage charge \$160 per hour after one and a half hours, \$100 cancellation fee; \$100 pumping fee each time County requests a pump during placement of orders; returned loads subject to \$400 return fee. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the oil bid from **Jebro Inc., Sioux City IA** as submitted. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Walton Bridge FEMA project update; 5. April 25, 2022 will be the Plan-In-Hand Center West Federal Aid Program meeting; 6. Santee-Lindy Road Paving Project update. The Santee Sioux Tribe is applying for a RAISE grant which is part of the Infrastructure Bill. Supr. Liska and Hwy. Supt. Barta signed letters of support of the application; 7. An old generator and other shed items were sold at the Hartington Consignment Sale recently; 8. Discussed renting a John Deere tractor to pull the pulverizer; 9. Concrete is being placed on two entry ways of the Cedar Ridge Campground onto the Rec Road and repairing some of the oil mat that was broken up turning into the subdivision; 10. Cleaning ditches was being done and the materials were hauled to build up turnoffs along a County oil road near Crofton; 11. Mobile business radios were being placed in the County trucks.

Librarians from Wausa, Niobrara, Verdigre, Bloomfield and Creighton met with the Board with annual reports of activities and what the County funds were used for at each of the six libraries in Knox County. 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. Schlote 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.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Administrative Plat Application P0188 Brian Zimmerer for a five-acre lot split in the NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 22, T29N, R4W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Thomas updated the Board on the history of the Rec Road, the CJ Slide, and the number of State recreational park areas along the Rec Road. The Lewis and Clark Lake area is the eleventh most visited area in Nebraska. Discussed was conveying this information to the Nebraska Game and Parks and the County should do traffic counts during the summer of the entry ways into the State Park areas along the Rec Road.

Mike Crosley with the Santee Sioux Tribe met with the Board regarding a portion of 893 Road. Also present were Hill Township Board members Randy Hanson and Gary Eckmann, County Attorney Thomas, and Hwy. Supt. Barta. Discussion was held on reopening a one-mile portion of 893 RD (Platted Road # 719) between Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, T32N, R4W, landowner compensation, cost of a bridge or culvert on Hobo Creek, and regrading. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 - 10** directing Hwy. Supt. Barta to conduct a study for the re-opening of a one-mile portion of 893 Road (platted #719 Road) between Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11 in T32N, R4W. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 10

WHEREAS the Hill Township Board requested the vacation and abandonment of portions of 893 Road (Platted Road #719) being the one-mile portion between Sections 3 and 10 in 1990 and the one-half mile portion between the SW1/4 of Section 2 and the NW1/4 of Section 11 in 2011, and

WHEREAS the one-mile portion of 893 Road (Platted Road #719) was finalized and vacated/abandoned on December 27, 1990 by the Knox County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS the one-half mile portion of 893 Road (Platted Road #719) was finalized and vacated/abandoned on March 8, 2012 by the Knox County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS the vacated/abandoned portions of road were allocated one-half to each adjoining landowner at the time of finalization, and

WHEREAS the Santee Sioux Nation requests that portions of 893 Road (Platted Road #719) being the one-half mile portion between the SW1/4 of Section 2 and the NW1/4 of Section 11 as well as the one-half mile portion between the SE1/4 of Section 3 and the NE1/4 of Section 10, all in T32N, R4W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska be re-opened to the public, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors directs Highway Superintendent Kevin R. Barta to conduct a study for the re-opening of 893 Road (Platted Road #719) being the one-half mile portion between the SW1/4 of Section 2 and the NW1/4 of Section 11 as well as the one-half mile portion between the SE1/4 of Section 3 and the NE1/4 of Section 10, all in T32N, R4W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska.

Dated this 14th day of April 2022.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

Martin J. O'Connor /s/

Patrick J. Liska /s/

Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5, Chairman

Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

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

James J. Borgmann /s/

James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/

Knox County Clerk

Officials' updates were: 1. Economic Development Director Hanvey updated the Board on LB1023 that passed by the Legislature recently; 2. County Treasurer Ebel informed the Board that her part-time employee will be going full-time effective May 1, 2022.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 11:44 a.m. for job evaluation of a Road employee. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held on job evaluation of a Road employee. The Board came out of executive session at 12:05 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to close at 12:05 p.m. the executive session held on job evaluation of a Road employee. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 12:06 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 12:45 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to close at 12:45 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Officials' updates continued with the following: 3. SLFRF Administrator Nix updated the Board on the ARPA funds and expenses; 4. County Clerk Fischer updated the Board on the upcoming Primary Election and presented information of voting history from past elections.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 189,594.17; Applied Connective Technologies, IT contracts, 2,688.60; Bloomfield Auto Parts, weed supplies, 36.14; Bob Barker Company Inc., supplies, 337.53; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 48.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,397.19; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 30,545.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 891.95; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 243.76; Dollar General, jail supplies, 116.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper, 733.37; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 598.00; Election Systems & Software, election programming, 6,000.83; Fire Protection Services LLC, fire alarm inspection, 640.00; Gragert's, jail food, 2,087.44; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,356.94; Heartland Counseling Services, training, 101.21; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Holly Wortmann, meeting expense, 38.61; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, paint, 188.95; Jones Automotive, parts, 3.16; Julie Dather, meeting expense, 21.06; Kari Nilson, meeting expense, 12.87; Knox County Register of Deeds, recording, 16.00; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 9.36; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 275.94; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 72.33; Madison County Sheriff, paper fees/house inmate, 56.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/supplies/parking, 229.45; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 514.38; Moody Motor Company, repairs, 220.50; N&B Gas Company, propane, 643.50; NACO, registration, 75.00; NACT, registration, 125.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,036.45; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 145.45; O'Neill shopper, publishing, 49.00; Omaha World Herald, subscription, 364.00; Pitney Bowes, postage meter lease, 159.57; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,106.54; Quill Corporation, supplies, 154.68; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filter, 183.62; Rebekah Jessen, meeting expense, 15.21; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,758.16; Schumacher Elevator Co., annual contract, 2,612.83; Sharla Hanzlik, meeting expense, 25.74; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; Thomson Reuters West, law books, 568.00; Tim Albrecht, replace door knob and lock, 75.00; University of Nebraska, computer bundle, 1,946.43; US Cellular, cell phones, 365.78; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 375.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 71,127.61; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel, 7,396.96; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 8,064.04; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 171.74; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 94.95; Bloomfield Auto Parts, fluid/filters/shop supplies, 240.72; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 1,223.72; Carhart Lumber Co., shop supplies, 25.99; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 225.68; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 171.95; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,350.59; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 2,446.22; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,810.00; Dan Vakoc, rental, 500.00; Dollar General, shop supplies, 9.95; Downtown Auto Service, battery, 149.28; Farmer's Pride, propane/diesel, 6,688.37; Great Plains Communications, phone, 537.41; Grossenburg Implement Inc., oil filter, 54.98; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/grass seed, 1,952.90; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 206.18; Kathleen Fritz, reimburse title fees, 20.00; Kayton International, shop supplies/repairs/acetylene, 333.61; Kimball Midwest, repairs, 213.51; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Marlene Moeller, rental, 500.00; Missouri Valley Shopper, publishing, 196.48; N&B Gas Co., propane, 908.25; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 83.46; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 383.37; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 23.83; Orrin Pospisil, rental,

500.00; K&S Door Co. Inc., dba Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk, door, 1,183.20; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 7.66; Powerplan, repairs, 546.93; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filters/shop tools, 2,818.82; RDO Truck Centers, repairs, 3,460.00; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,662.75; Schreier Lumber, building repair, 773.03; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 571.00; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/fluids/repairs, 5,012.90; Vic's Service LLC, gas, 257.87; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies, 2.25.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fees, 3,000.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.35; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 156.69; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 435.66.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,110.63.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 4,600.22; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 343.87; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.35; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 286.56; Stacy Miller, reimburse meals, 61.18.

INHERITANCE FUND. Carhart Lumber Co., carpet tiles, 11,621.38; Doerr & Klein P.C. court appointed attorney, 3,341.17; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.08.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21.

| TOTALS | |
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| General Fund | 278,468.55 |
| Road Fund | 142,985.67 |
| Highway Bridge Buyback Fund | 3,000.00 |
| Child Support Fund | 289.04 |
| ROD Pres./Mod. Fund | 435.66 |
| Covid American Rescue Plan Act | 3,110.63 |
| C&C Development Fund | 5,393.96 |
| Inheritance Fund | 17,045.88 |
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| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 534.21 |
| Total | \$451,368.68 |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:03 p.m. on April 14, 2022 until Thursday, April 28, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
April 28, 2022
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, April 28, 2022 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 Crofton Journal newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the April 14, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from NENEDD that Knox County will be recognized with the 2021-2022 Entrepreneurial Advancement Award on July 28, 2022 at The Stables in Norfolk; 2. Declaration of State of Emergency letter for assistance with wildland fire; 3. Letter from NENEDD regarding membership and return on investment; 4. Invitation for May 26, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the O'Neill Country Club in celebration of North Central District Health Department's National Accreditation Award.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the following: 1. Fires in Nebraska; 2. Avian influenza has been confirmed at Michael's Foods at Bloomfield; 3. There has been a request for CPR training; 4. Knox County is a member of the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Northeast Region and an election is being held for the Northeast representative. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to cast a vote for the one candidate of Brian Kesting as the Northeast Region representative to NRIN. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that all claims except Claim #22040188, 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 \$385,656.34 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 10:17 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Engineer Jeff Wagner presented information on the possible Weigand bridge replacement, how to maintain traffic during construction, proposed width, the replacement to stay in the same location, easements and permits needed from the Corps of Engineers, and deck options. Engineer Wagner will return at a future meeting with comparison costs between a deck slab bridge and a concrete slab bridge.

At 10:48 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on the Class C Liquor License Application on Jason Tomsu dba Lindy Country Club.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Update on the consignment sale in Hartington; 3. Walton bridge update; 4. Summer gravel route changes; 5. Bridge crew employee Chris Rohrer will continue grading east of Center until the bridge projects begin; 6. Discussed hiring seasonal help for the Oil Crew; 7. Repairs needed for trucks in Creighton and Bloomfield; 8. Update on finding a tractor truck to pull the lowboy trailer; 9. Discussed purchasing a used side dumper trailer at an auction in Holt County; 10. May 3, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the Antelope County Courthouse will be the bid opening for the micro surfacing of the Ash Fall road; 11. Discussion was held on a change order for the bridge to be replaced on the Crofton/Bloomfield County road (old Hwy. 121).

Economic Development Director Hanvey met with the Board on the following: 1. Presented the Visitor's Committee's recommendations of distribution of Visitor's Promo funds. Lewis & Clark SRA had submitted an application but was received too late for the Visitor's Committee to approve, however, the Board of Supervisors has the ability to accept the recommendations and to make changes. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the Visitor's Committee recommendations of Visitor's Promo Fund distributions and in addition to approve the Lewis & Clark SRA application in the amount of \$1,000. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Motion carried; 2. A feasibility study meeting was held on April 26, 2022 in Niobrara on the Star Wars project to get a sense of the need for the proposed new event center at the Niobrara State Park and how do we need it to look in our area.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the open public hearing at 11:10 a.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the Class C (Beer, Wine, Distilled Spirits, On and Off Sale) Liquor License Application for Jason Tomsu dba Lindy Country Club. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board, Hwy. Supt. Barta, County Attorney Thomas, Hill Township Board member Gary Eckmann, Santee Sioux Tribe Land Manager Mike Crosley, and landowner Randy Koch discussed a portion of 893 RD in Hill Township. Manager Crosley said that the Santee Sioux Tribe wants a one-mile portion of 893 RD between Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11

reopened as a house will be built on the Tribe's real estate they just purchased, and they want better access to that area for fire and rescue than using the open road that runs south. Landowner Randy Koch owns the SW1/4 of Section 2, the NW1/4 of Section 11 and the NE1/4 of Section 10 and is farming over the closed portion of road between the SW1/4 of Section 2 and the NW1/4 of Section 11. Discussion ensued on opening section line roads, a ~~206~~ 2006 (corrected 5-12-2022) Memorandum of Understanding Agreement and that more work needs to be done before the Board makes a decision. No action was taken.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to go into executive session at 11:32 a.m. to discuss possible land acquisition. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held on possible land acquisition. The Board came out of executive session at 11:55 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 11:55 a.m. the executive session held on possible land acquisition. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Noxious Weed Superintendent Banks met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the 2021 Reports and Requirements Summary for Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. A job evaluation was held on Weed Supt. Banks.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:08 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:50 p.m. with all members present.

Job evaluations were held on appointed officials Veteran Service Officer Jones, Hwy. Supt. Barta and Zoning Administrator Doerr.

Hwy. Supt. Barta presented a list of 2022 bridge and road projects.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. 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.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 1:46 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 the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when ~~discussion~~ discussing (corrected 5-12-2022) personnel.

Supr. Miller left at 2:00 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 2:20 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close the executive session at 2:20 p.m. that was held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from April 14 through April 27, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a Knox County Loan Note Rescheduling/Extension Agreement for Reuse Loan #6872420. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Claim #22040188 in the amount of \$125 payable to Friends of the Missouri River from the Visitor's Promo Fund, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

Committee update was given by SLFRF Administrator Nix who will be applying for the second half of the ARPA funds.

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

GENERAL FUND. Albin law Office, mental health board, 342.00; Bomgaars, supplies, 7.47; Carrot-Top industries Inc., supplies, 188.53; CenturyLink, long distance, 93.50; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 143.00; Clerk of the Supreme Court, court costs, 640.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 886.86; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios, 77.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 1,359.83; ESRI, primary maintenance desktop, 400.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage, 3,404.06; Hagge Glass, plexi glass, 120.00; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging, 293.85; Jeannotot Plumbing, jail sewer, 167.50; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 117,281.31; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fee, 203.20; Loffler, contract base rate; 283.62; Nebraska Dept of Revenue PAD, class IAAO, 1,230.00; Northeast Nebraska News Co., subscription, 39.50; PIP, ballot envelopes, 6,843.43; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 1,515.79; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,772.18; Reserve Account, meter postage, 1,820.00.

ROAD FUND. Adams Electric Inc., install lights, 1,668.48; CHS Wausa, diesel, 1,138.67; C-Mart LLC, gas, 169.46; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 516.95; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 37.38; First National Bank Omaha, office supplies/meals/lodging/seat covers/parts, 1205.69; Freeman Oil Co., diesel, 2,255.00; Herbert Feed & Grain co., diesel, 4,440.17; Kevin Barta, title/tire fee, 20.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Laflan Medical Clinic, drug test; 65.00; Love Signs, truck lettering, 208.50; McCormick Tree Trimming, equipment rental, 271.50; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 110.00; Mike Jelinek, reimburse meals/mileage, 259.86; N&B Gas Co., propane, 390.20; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 176.93; Netcom Inc., radio equipment, 6,201.00; Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk, door, 378.35; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Vakoc Excavating LLC; gravel, 23,438.12; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 848.75; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/trash, 159.95; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel, 20,023.10.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 71.58; Pitzer Digital, LLC, publishing, 79.68.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Herbst Construction Inc., bridge contract, 149,110.72.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 5.50; First National Bank Omaha, supplies, 18.79.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. First National Bank Omaha, membership, 125.00.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, internet, 183.90.

ROD PRES/MOD FUND. First National Bank Omaha, postage/envelopes, 33.49.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 562.50.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Bloomfield Community Club Bucks, Bloomfield bucks, 170.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 5.50; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 208.00; First National Bank Omaha, leadership/meals/subscription/gas, 943.97; News Channel Nebraska, back road tour, 200.00; Verdigre Improvement Club, Verdigre bucks, 80.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Bloomfield Public Library, cost share, 4,750.00; Creighton Public Library, cost share, 4,750.00; Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 903.44; Eastern Township Library, cost share, 4,750.00; Egley Fullner Montag Morland Easland P.C., court appointed attorney, 379.23; Lincoln Township Library, cost share, 4,750.00; Niobrara Public Library, cost share, 4,750.00; Verdigre Public Library, cost share, 4,750.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 34.03.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 391.32.

| TOTALS | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund | \$139,560.63 |
| Road Fund | 64,089.06 |
| Highway Bridge Buyback Fund | 151.26 |
| Flowage Easement Road Fund | 149,110.72 |
| Child Support Fund | 24.29 |
| Visitor's Promo Fund | 125.00 |
| Visitor's Improvement Fund | 183.90 |
| ROD Pres/Mod Fund | 33.49 |
| Economic Development Fund | 562.50 |
| C&C Development Fund | 1,607.47 |
| Inheritance Fund | 29,782.67 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 34.03 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 391.32 |
| Total | <u>\$385,656.34</u> |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:32 p.m. on April 28, 2022 until Thursday, May 12, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
May 12, 2022
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 12, 2022 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.

Sheriff Don Henery 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 Creighton News newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the April 28, 2022 meeting were read. Chairman Mackeprang approved the April 28, 2022 with the correction that discussion ensued on a 2006 Memorandum of Understanding Agreement in reference to a portion of 893 RD in Hill Township and that Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session held at 1:46 p.m. was held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel.

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 \$790,328.65 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:18 a.m. with all members present.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of the District Court April Fee Report. 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 List from April 28 through May 10, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Bridge Foreman Mike Jelinek passed the Highway Superintendent exam; 2. Chairman Mackeprang signed the Notice of Award and the Notice to Proceed on the Bloomfield Northeast bridge project; 3. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign Change Order No. 1 on the Bloomfield Northeast Bridge Project changing the superstructure to a slab bridge configuration as a cost saving measure of \$40,000. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on the vacation/abandonment of a portion of 521 Avenue in Section 11 of Bohemia Township; 5. Discussion was held on the recent bid opening in Antelope County for microsurfacing the Ashfall Road. There is approximately 2.1 miles of the road in Knox County. Antelope County Road Foreman Aaron Boggs was present to review the bids with the County's portion proposed to be \$218,429.82 from Asphalt Surface Technologies Corp of St. Cloud MN or \$204,271.28 from Missouri Petroleum Products Co. LLC of St. Louis MO. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Chairman Mackeprang to accept the bid from Missouri Petroleum Products Co. LLC in the amount of \$204,271.28 for microsurfacing 2.1 miles of the Ashfall Road in Knox County. Discussion was held on the project that would begin July 15, 2023 and how long the microsurfacing materials would last. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #4 and #5. Nays Districts #2, #3, #6 and #7. Motion failed; 6. A request was received from the Frankfort Township Board to vacate and abandon a 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue between Sections 19, 29, 30 and running through the SW1/4 of Section 20. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 - 11** directing Highway Superintendent Barta to conduct a study for the vacation/abandonment of a 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) between the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4SE1/4) of Section 19, the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4NE1/4) of Section 30, the NW1/4 of Section 29 and across the SW1/4 of Section 20, all in Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 11

WHEREAS the Frankfort Township Board has requested to vacate and abandon a portion of 547 Avenue as follows:

A 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) between the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4SE1/4) of Section 19, the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4NE1/4) of Section 30, the NW1/4 of Section 29 and across the SW1/4 of Section 20, all in Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

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

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors hereby directs Hwy. Supt. Kevin R. Barta to conduct a study of vacating and abandoning a 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) as described above.

Passed this 12th day of May 2022.

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
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

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

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 7. Walton Bridge update; 8. Discussion was held on the letter received from the Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding the repair to the CJ Slide on the Rec Road. The State paid 80% in the amount of \$209,971.09 however the past contracts/agreements in the 1960's said the State would pay 90%. County Attorney Thomas updated the Board on the process to try to obtain the additional 10%. Discussion then was held on the replacement of the Weigand Bridge also located on the Rec Road. County Attorney Thomas said the bridge is a high priority so the focus should be trying to get the State to pay for 90% of the bridge replacement. Also discussed was the need to put traffic counters on the entrances into the State areas along the Rec Road during the month of July. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to have a letter sent to the Nebraska Department of Transportation requesting the State to pay for 90% of the replacement costs of the Weigand Bridge on the Rec Road and if the State does not agree, the County will follow up with a lawsuit to be filed in Lancaster County declaring that the State is responsible for the 90% of those costs. By roll call. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Angie O'Connor with Avera met with the Board to discuss the annual on-site wellness program and the 2022 Services Proposal. The basic price will be \$105 per participant this year. Discussion was held on past results, proposed testing, and portal updates. Scheduling a date for the on-site wellness program will be done. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve a 2022 On-site Wellness Health Screening for Knox County employees at a cost of \$105 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 90 Degree Benefits/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 2022 deductible paid between \$250 and \$500; for those employees who pay for child(ren) health insurance coverage through 90 Degree Benefits/HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., reimbursement up to \$250 of 2022 deductible paid between \$250 and \$500 provided the employee participates in the 2022 Wellness Health Program; that there will be no option to opt out to a comparable wellness program; and the reimbursement of the 2022 deductible must be made by the end of the first quarter in 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #1. Motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 9. Discussion was held on purchasing a motorgrader for District 2 and possible trade-ins; 10. A side-dump trailer was purchased at an auction in O'Neill; 11. Discussed purchasing a used truck tractor to pull the lowboy or side-dump trailer. Mechanic Crosley found a 2018 Freightliner 10-speed conventional day cab truck tractor at John's Trucks & Equipment in Lyons NE for \$95,000 with warranty left on it. Further discussion was held on the difficulty of finding good used trucks and cost of new trucks. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the purchase of a 2018 Freightliner 10-speed conventional day cab truck tractor in the amount of \$95,000 from John's Trucks & Equipment in Lyons NE. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 12. A web-ex call will be held with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Lazy River Acres area.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board on the following: 1. The Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Grant for financial assistance to update the Hazard Mitigation plans was approved. NEMA will pay \$63,750 toward the update costs and Knox, Antelope and Holt Counties will share the costs of \$21,250 for the update.

Supr. Miller left at 12:10 p.m.

Emergency Manager Hintz continued with the following: 2. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Missouri River Northeast Region Community Wildfire Protection Plan. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried; 3. Discussed fiber optic connection between Hartington and Center, use of grant funds and options; 4. A call was received from the Bureau of Reclamation that if the Merritt Dam in western Nebraska is breached it may affect the lower areas of

the Village of Niobrara; 5. A problem has arisen with the original radio equipment at the Lindy tower and some of the equipment must be replaced. The cost will be approximately \$9,369 which Emergency Manager Hintz said she has in her budget however she felt the replacement of radio equipment should come from the Sheriff's budget in the future.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the April Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried; 2. Discussed a type of tiny house that is on wheels that will need to be licensed; 3. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0189 Ron and Karen Joslin for a boundary adjustment of tract in the SE1/4 of Section 14, T33N, R3W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent District #3. Motion carried.

The Board and Hwy. Supt. Barta discussed the vacation/abandonment of a portion of 521 Avenue in Section 11 of Bohemia Township. Hwy. Supt. Barta said that an easement has not been presented yet for a landowner at the end of the proposed vacation/abandonment. The Board took no action and the hearing remains open and will be continued at the May 26, 2022 meeting.

Officials' updates were: 1. Sheriff Henery informed the Board that Knox County is the first county in the State to have hand-held radios for the Sheriff and deputies. The radios came from the Nebraska State Patrol; 2. Security protocol was discussed for Annex #1 and #2. More discussion will be held in the future; 3. Update on North Central District Health Department.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 188,770.86; Amy Johnson, mileage, 15.21; Applied Connective Technologies, IT program, 3,538.60; Carrot-Top Industries Inc., flagpole repairs, 171.00; CenTec Cast Metal, grave markers, 1,518.91; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 52.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,440.11; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,280.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 156.00; Dollar General, jail supplies, 58.20; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper/supplies, 816.70; EcoWater Systems, bottled water/salt, 264.50; Election Systems & Software, election coding, 3,965.93; Gragert's, jail food, 1,121.22; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,356.94; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., furnace, 2,165.00; Hefner Hardware, janitor supplies, 29.97; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging, 379.80; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 350.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, supplies, 21.97; Joann Fischer, reimburse gas, 19.34; John Thomas, reimburse supplies, 39.75; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 145.69; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 92.46; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 269.98; Liz Doerr, mileage, 70.20; Madison County Sheriff, mental health board, 28.46; Madison County District Court, mental health board, 50.00; Marvin Planning Consultants, zoning regulation update, 500.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 514.38; Monroe Systems, toners, 275.61; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,976.24; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 1,013.11; O'Neill shopper, publishing, 60.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 130.50; Platte Valley Communications, radio license, 105.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,061.72; Quill Corporation, supplies, 162.38; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filter, 257.78; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,841.40; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; UNL Eastern Nebraska Research & Extension Center, salary, 10,877.56; US Cellular, cell phones, 191.02; US Cellular, cell phones, 365.50; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/subscription, 335.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 343.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 64,687.44; B's Enterprises Inc., sign posts, 6,960.00; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 824.40; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 92.97; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 107.90; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 27.46; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 1,061.55; Bomgaars, shop supplies/shop tools/seed/repairs, 1,035.22; Bonnie Jennings, clay, 270.00; Brian Dather, trailer, 150.00; CHS Wausa, diesel, 2,599.04; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 217.11; C-Mart, gas, 269.16; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,857.89; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 2,340.64; Country Market, shop supplies, 7.09; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,810.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 9,735.45; Great Plains Communications, phone, 537.00; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repairs, 938.20; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 63.97; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/grass seed, 1,796.04; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 2,137.50; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies/ice melt, 323.73; JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fees, 3,240.00; Knox County Register of Deeds, recording fee, 196.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; M & M Auctions LLC, side dump, 38,515.00; Murphy Tractor Equipment Co. Inc., motor grader, 279,800.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 61.78; NIRMA, cpr/aed manuals, 494.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 346.50; K&S Door Co. Inc., dba Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk, door repairs, 790.25; Powerplan, repairs, 157.40; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filters, 2,683.76; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,228.06; Rohrer Welding, welding gas/repairs, 1,043.11; Sucha Repair, oxygen/acetylene/repairs, 579.17; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 412.25; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 31,989.19; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.63; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 77.39.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fees, 2,738.75.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.35; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 156.69; Maximus Inc., cost allocation, 122.66; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Nebraska Clerks of the District Court Association, registration, 75.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 570.79.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Bargain Buyway, promo grant, 300.00; Bloomfield Community Club, promo grant, 1,000.00; Center Improvement Club, promo grant, 500.00; Creighton Chamber of Commerce, promo grant, 1,000.00; Crofton Community Club, promo grant, 1,000.00; Flagship Publishing Inc., publishing, 400.00; Harm & Tulleys Event Center, promo grant, 500.00; Knox County Ag Society, promo grant, 1,500.00; Miles Partnership, publishing, 2,000.00; Niobrara Promoters, promo grant, 1,000.00; Shannon Trail Promoters, promo grant, 300.00; Verdigre Improvement Club,

promo grant, 1,000.00; Wausa Community Club, promo grant, 1,000.00; Winnetoon Community Committee, promo grant, 300.00; Yankton Thrive, membership, 300.00.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 435.66.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,850.31.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 4,720.70; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 353.09; Creighton Chamber of Commerce, Creighton bucks, 270.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.35; Kelly Hanvey, reimburse Crofton Bucks, 350.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Niobrara Promoters, Niobrara bucks, 80.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 294.69; Stacy Miller, reimburse meals, 46.80; US Cellular, cell phone, 161.62.

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

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 6.06; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.08; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

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| TOTALS | | |
| General Fund | | \$281,379.85 |
| Road Fund | | 479,437.47 |
| Highway Bridge Buyback Fund | | 2,738.75 |
| Child Support Fund | | 1,057.49 |
| Visitor's Promo Fund | | 12,100.00 |
| ROD Pres./Mod. Fund | | 435.66 |
| Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund | | 3,850.31 |
| C&C Development Fund | | 6,379.03 |
| Inheritance Fund | | 2,083.33 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | | 128.85 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | | 737.91 |
| TOTAL | | \$790,328.65 |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:49 p.m. on May 12, 2022 until Thursday, May 26, 2022, 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
May 26, 2022
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, May 26, 2022 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 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 Crofton Journal newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. A thank you note from Shannon Trail Promoters; 2. A Knox County disaster letter for damages from a Derecho/straight line wind storm on May 12, 2022.

The minutes of the May 12, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims except Claims #22050214, #22050215 and #22050229, 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 was District #4. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$831,419.44 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:06 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 11:00 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor James Sokol, Jr., District #4.

Chairman Mackeprang continued the public hearing on the vacation/abandonment of a portion of 521 Avenue in Section 11 of Bohemia Township until the June 9, 2022 meeting as the easement that was to be submitted was not received.

At 11:03 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on a reuse loan application submitted by Mara Breithaupt for the purchase of the Commercial Hotel in Verdigre. Present were NENEDD Business Loan Specialist Jeff Christensen and Mara Breithaupt. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:06 a.m. No one was present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve a reuse loan in the amount of \$50,000 to Mara Breithaupt for purchase of the Commercial Hotel in Verdigre, the loan to be a 20-year term at a fixed rate of interest of 4.5% and to waive the 1% loan processing fee. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote that Claim #22050229 in the amount of \$50,000 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 Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Mr. Christensen said that NENEDD will recognize Knox County at their Annual Meeting on Thursday, July 28, 2022 with the 2021-2022 Entrepreneurial Advancement Award for its continuous support and collaboration with NENEDD and its members.

Economic Development Director Hanvey met with the Board on the following: 1. The Visitor's Committee approved the applications from Lewis and Clark SRA and Niobrara State Park for Visitor's Promo funds in the amount of \$1,000 for each for upcoming events. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Visitor's Promo funds in the amount of \$1,000 each to Lewis and Clark SRA and to the Niobrara State Park for upcoming events. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried; 2. Update on Star Wars project.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that Claim #22050214 in the amount of \$1,000 payable to Lewis and Clark SRA and #22050215 in the amount of \$1,000 payable to Niobrara State Park, 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 was District #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 11:16 a.m. for interview with a job applicant. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held on an interview with a job applicant. The Board came out of executive session at 11:42 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 11:42 a.m. the executive session held on an interview with a job applicant. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Greg Johnson, Allison Greathouse and Justin Brewer with the Army Corps of Engineers met with the Board to give a presentation on the Ponca Creek flooding in the Lazy River Acres area and options. Discussion was held on sedimentation problems, Federal Section 208 that is focused on channel cleanup, economic criteria, traffic detours and

delays, repair costs, costs to grade the "Goat Road", disruption of recreation, chronic flooding, flood distribution, costs, average annual benefits, benefit cost ratio, bank reshaping, moving sedimentation, flowage easements and WRP easements of record in the area; life expectancy projection if dredging took place could be 20 to 25 years but another flood like the one in 2019 flood would silt it back in, working with Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition on their study, the delta is getting bigger each year and eventually Rayder Swanson Road will become a part of the delta, and possible moving of the road and bridge. The Board thanked the group for the work and presenting the information. The Board also reviewed information from Rick Spellman who owns property in the Lazy River Acres subdivision.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Oil Crew update; 2. Bridge Crew update; 3. Discussed purchasing a motorgrader for District 2 through the State Bid process. The current State Bid will end June 22 and projected cost increase will be at least 10%. Ken Beaudette, Jr. with Murphy Tractor in Sioux City was present to give information on a John Deere 772G motorgrader with 6WD. A new John Deere motorgrader won't be available for at least nine months and payment for the machine would not be required until the machine is built. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to purchase a John Deere 772G motorgrader through the State Bid in the amount of \$366,101 with a trade-in of a 2010 Caterpillar motorgrader in the amount of \$77,000 making the difference of \$289,101 that would be due when the motorgrader is ready for delivery. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried; 4. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into executive session at 1:21 p.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #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 of executive session at 1:33 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to close at 1:33 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from May 11-25, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the County Treasurer's Report of Collections of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes FY 2020 and Prior. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Planning Commission March 8, 2022 meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Committee updates was given by SLFRF Administrator Nix on a request for ARPA funds for a project.

Officials' update was given by County Assessor McManigal who reminded the Board of the process using Form 425 Report of Destroyed Property relating to the recent damages from the May 12, 2022 storm that hit Knox County and many areas in Northeast Nebraska. The forms are due by July 15, 2022 at the County Assessor's Office.

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

GENERAL FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, cables/cords, 50.93; Bomgaars, mulch, preen, spray, sprayer, seed, 526.45; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 52.36; Creston Fertilizer Co., weed chemicals, 1,438.90; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 2,700.31; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios, 77.00; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 65.95; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 47.82; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 25.67; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage, 4,542.43; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co., janitor supplies, 264.93; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 53.08; gWorks, assessor support, 8,200.00; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging, 768.00; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 43.72; Josh Key, meals, 123.23; Justice Data Solutions Inc., jamin software, 2,800.00; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.80; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 117,281.31; Kylee Kracht, meals, 129.83; Lutz Embroidery LLC, ammo, 232.00; MIPS, computer program, 514.38; Nebraska State Fire Marshall Agency Elevator Division, elevator inspection, 120.00; Northeast Nebraska RC&D, dues, 2,000.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 2,089.73; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 536.57; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.53; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 37.87; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 210.00; Thomson Reuters, law books, 274.00; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation LLC, sprinkler repair, 197.60; Verdigre Eagle, envelopes/letterhead, 618.75.

ROAD FUND. Avera Medical Group, drug test, 44.00; B's Enterprises Inc., culvert, 17,560.50; Bader's Highway & Street Inc., sealing, 14,885.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 96.27; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, drug test, 15.00; Bomgaars, shop supplies/def/shop tool/repairs, 1,041.05; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., shop supplies, 64.55; Cedar-Knox PPD, electricity, 175.81; C-Mart LLC, gas, 139.10; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 701.05; Dave Huigens, mileage, 29.25; First National Bank Omaha, office supplies/meals/postage, 70.88; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,553.20; John's Trucks & Equipment, truck, 95,000.00 (5-16-2022); Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop supplies, 7.60; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 1,895.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 146.01; NMC Inc., repairs, 981.65; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 91.83; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 688.97; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 2,280.00; TB&K Construction Inc., equipment rental, 2,080.00; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 23.01; Vakoc Excavating LLC; gravel/haul, 34,548.50; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/timesheets, 650.24; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/fluids/tire repair/grass seed, 5,806.61; Vic's Service LLC, gas/oil, 297.28; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 55,502.30; Yankton Fire & Safety Co., inspection, 30.00.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Herbst Construction Inc., bridge contract, 340,071.73; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 32,087.83.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. First National Bank Omaha, advertising, 54.54; Lewis & Clark SRA, promo grant, 1,000.00; Niobrara State Park, promo grant, 1,000.00; Omaha Publications, advertising, 795.00.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, internet, 183.90.

ROD PRES/MOD FUND. MIPS, computer program, 435.66.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, computer, 2,917.19; First National Bank Omaha, laser pointer, 39.99.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NED INC., loan, 50,000.00; NENEDD, admin fees, 442.25.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, leadership/meals/subsorption/gas, 895.17; Stacy Miller, meal, 36.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Dale Fernau, lay carpet, 1,416.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 2,745.30.

KENO FUND. gWorks, subscriptions, 12,265.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 33.93.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 390.14.

| TOTALS | |
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| General Fund | \$146,099.15 |
| Road Fund (5-16-2022) | 95,000.00 |
| Road Fund | 143,510.66 |
| Flowage Easement Road Fund | 372,159.56 |
| Visitor's Promo Fund | 2,849.54 |
| Visitor's Improvement Fund | 183.90 |
| ROD Pres/Mod Fund | 435.66 |
| Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund | 2,957.18 |
| Economic Development Fund | 50,442.25 |
| C&C Development Fund | 931.17 |
| Inheritance Fund | 4,161.30 |
| Keno Fund | 12,265.00 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 33.93 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 390.14 |
| Total | <u>\$831,419.44</u> |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:45 p.m. on May 26, 2022 until Thursday, June 9, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
June 9, 2022
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 9, 2022 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 Creighton News newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the May 26, 2022 meeting were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$662,096.11 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from May 26 through June 8, 2022. 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 District Court May Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to reappoint Leroy Clausen of Bloomfield 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. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a Deed of Reconveyance for Reuse Loan #6872409 McClellan as the final loan payment was made. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:37 a.m. with all members present.

Highway Superintendent Office Manager Katie Fritz met with the Board on the following: 1. Chairman Mackeprang continued until the June 30, 2022 meeting the public hearing on vacation/abandonment of the approximate North 1,550 feet of 521 AVE between the E1/2NW1/4 & W1/2NW1/4 of Section 11 in Bohemia Twp. An easement was required to continue the process and such easement has not been submitted yet by adjoining landowners of the road; 2. Oil Crew update; 3. Bridge Crew update; 4. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to accept the report brought by Knox County Highway Superintendent Barta for the vacation and abandonment of a 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) between the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4SE1/4) of Section 19, the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4NE1/4) of Section 30, the NW1/4 of Section 29 and across the SW1/4 of Section 20, all in Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried; 5. Supr. Schlote made a motion, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that the following Road Resolution be published in the Crofton Journal newspaper on June 23 and 30 and July 7, 2022. Also, a copy of said Resolution be sent by certified mail to current adjoining landowners namely Barry Mischke, Mark, Judy and Lois Keck, and David and David and Marilyn Kramer, and to area landowners Delbert Jansen, etal and Steven and Valerie Wieseler. The date of hearing on this matter being set for Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 10:30 A.M. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 — 12

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 12th day of May, 2022 directed the County Highway Superintendent to make a study of the use of a portion of a platted Frankfort Township road described as follows:

A 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) between the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4SE1/4) of Section 19, the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4NE1/4) of Section 30, the NW1/4 of Section 29 and across the SW1/4 of Section 20, all in Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of vacating and abandoning the above-mentioned portion of 547 Avenue in Frankfort Township, Knox County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2022, County Highway Superintendent did file his report in writing as to such road, containing a recommendation that said portion of 547 Avenue in Frankfort 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 14th day of July 2022 at the hour of 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of determining if a 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) between the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4SE1/4) of Section 19, the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4NE1/4) of Section 30, the NW1/4 of Section 29 and across the SW1/4 of Section 20, all in Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., in Frankfort Township, Knox County, Nebraska, be vacated and abandoned.

Passed, approved and adopted this 9th day of June 2022.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairman

Economic Development Director Hanvey met with the Board on the following: 1. The annual Leadership Class will begin soon. The Class, held once a month for six months in various communities in Knox County, runs from 9 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. on a weekday. Economic Development Director Hanvey asked the Board if they would consider sending new employees to the Leadership Class with a tuition cost of \$175 per person. The Board said they would not make it mandatory but would suggest participation in the Leadership Class to the new employees and if any would participate, the tuition would be paid from ARPA funds; 2. A review of the Knox County lodging tax filers was requested. The Board will send a letter to the Nebraska Department of Revenue for a list of the Knox County permit holders for review;

At 11:02 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0048 submitted by Jason Schendt.

Economic Director Hanvey continued with the following: 3. Director Hanvey asked the Board to consider changing office employee Stacy Miller from part-time to full-time as Ms. Hanvey is very busy with the Star Wars project. The Visitor's Committee recommended the status change and that the payroll to be made from the Visitor's Promo Fund. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to change Stacy Miller from a part-time employee to a full-time employee beginning July 1, 2022 and that the payroll will be made from the Visitor's Promo Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

At 11:10 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised hearing on Conditional Use Permit #CU0040C Wolf Run RV Resort/John and Jodi Aschoff for one additional campground site in their campground resort making a total of ninety-seven sites. Zoning Administrator Doerr said the Planning Commission approved the application with the same conditions that were approved on the prior sites. Rita Wilken, Pat Kronberg and Evelyn Henning were present to convey concerns of water usage through the Cedar Knox Rural Water System for each additional campground, lowering water tables, restrictions of private wells being drilled too close to the rural water system wells, water pressure drop when irrigation pivots run, test well drilling in Dolphin Township, and future water demands. The Board will invite representatives of Lewis and Clark NRD/Cedar Knox Rural Water System to a future meeting to ask questions and discuss future demands for water.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:51 a.m. on Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0040C. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 13** approving Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0040C Wolf Run RV Resort/John and Jodi Aschoff for an additional campground site making a total of ninety-seven sites in their campground resort. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 13

WHEREAS, John D. & Jodi K. Aschoff dba Wolf Run RV Resort have applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0040C to add one campsite, for a total of 97 RV campsites, to the Wolf Run RV Resort on part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, and the East Half of the Northeast Quarter less 4.28 acre Government Tract of Section 19, all in Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska and,

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on May 17, 2022

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has found that the application complies with the Knox County Zoning Regulations, and have made 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. Directional signs shall be installed indicating where sections of lot numbers can be found.
3. Each campsite shall have two parking stalls.

4. All access drives and parking areas shall be surfaced with gravel, asphalt or other material to free the site of mud.
5. The campground shall be compliant with all Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and Nebraska Health & Human Services standards.
6. All campers shall be licensed and road ready.
7. All amenities (such as porches, screened patios, decks, built-in grills/pizza ovens, and similar items) require a Zoning permit.
8. These conditions of approval will supersede all previous resolutions for Wolf Run RV Resort and apply to the entire resort.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the John D. & Jodi K. Aschoff dba Wolf Run RV Resort Conditional Use Permit #CU0040C for a total of 97 campsites be approved.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2022.

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

Chairman Mackeprang closed at 11:53 a.m. the public hearing on Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0048. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 14** approving Conditional Permit Application #CU0048 Jason Schendt for the construction of self-storage units and an office. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 14

WHEREAS, Jason Schendt has applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0048 to construct self-storage units with an office on the following described real estate:

The East ½ of the Northwest Quarter (E1/2NW1/4) of Section 20 less land deeded to the State of Nebraska by Warranty Deed recorded in Book 88 at Page 331 all in Township Thirty-three (33) North of Range Two (2) West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on May 17, 2022, 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. One business sign up to 80 square feet is allowed to be placed on the property (not on the right-of-way).
2. No outside storage is allowed.
3. The structure shall be of neutral color.
4. Under the soffit lighting shall be included on the structure.
5. Applicant shall show compliance of diversion of water before construction begins.
6. Two parking stalls shall be included by the office so as to keep the driveway free of obstructions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Jason Schendt Conditional Use Permit #CU0048 for self-storage units and an office be approved.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2022.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

Martin J. O'Connor /s/

Patrick J. Liska /s/

Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5, Chairman

Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

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 met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the May Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the following: 1. A possible NRIN fiber optic line project may be started between Knox and Holt Counties. Also 911 fiber optic is being installed between Hartington and Knox County so an additional line may be placed in this same project; 2. Update on the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Grant.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 12:02 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 the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of individuals when discussion personnel. The Board came out at 12:39 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to close at 12:39 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a request for an employee to work four ten-hour days during the summer.

A request was made by several road employees for additional wages for laydown with the Oil Crew during the summer months. Motion by Supr. Borgmann to give an additional fifty cents to several patrol operators doing laydown with the Oil Crew during the oiling season. The motion died for a lack of second.

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

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 187,716.07; Applied Connective Technologies, printer, 300.00; Aumentum Technologies, Terra Scan support, 18,040.00; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 17.90; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Cathleen Sue Stark, prior service, 12.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 65.62; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,358.70; Comfort Inn, lodging, 192.00; Connie Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,280.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 13.75; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance OICO, teletype, 448.00; Des Moines Stamp, stamps, 94.35; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper, 420.29; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 195.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/car wash, 51.85; Fry Brothers Fertilizer & Chemical, spray, 988.10; GiGi Larsen, election help, 157.19; Gragert's, jail food, 1,363.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,438.94; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; Jane Davidson, election help, 170.50; Jo Ann Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Karen K. Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 132.80; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 275.94; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 171.49; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Loren Hintz, election help, 55.00; Lori Ebel, reimburse blinds, 251.88; Marvin Planning Consultants, zoning regulation update, 2,500.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/supplies/meals, 105.86; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program/tax statements, 14,056.62; NACO, dues, 2,102.01; NIRMA, insurance/workers comp, 72,119.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,879.38; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 111.58; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 376.97; PowerTech, generator service contract, 1,400.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,106.54; Quill Corporation, supplies, 1,099.22; 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, 12,671.17; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Telebeep, pagers, 21.39; US Cellular, cell phones, 191.02; US Cellular, cell phones, 365.50; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 68,443.20; B's Enterprises Inc., culvert/bands/cones/nuts/brackets, 32,613.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 416.67; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 1,218.26; Bruce Hagge, prior service, 16.00; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; Carhart Lumber Co., shop supplies, 85.39; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 231.95; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,145.22; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 2,352.99; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,810.00; Crane Sales & Service, repairs, 1,733.57; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 20.26; Farmer's Pride, diesel/oil, 9,068.51; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 2,314.20; Great Plains Communications, phone, 538.58; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repairs/fluid/filters, 2,078.16; J&K Auto, gas, 84.01; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 51.50; Kayton International, oil/filters/repairs, 126.98; Kevin Barta, reimburse fees and inspection, 30.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 151.36; Larry Pilar, prior service, 42.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 45.41; NIRMA, insurance/workers comp, 95,614.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 279.54; Pinkelman Truck and Trailer, repairs, 14,222.15; Powerplan, repairs, 2,292.08; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,481.53; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 688.97; Schreier Lumber Company, shop supplies, 23.10; Sucha Repair, oil/air filters/repairs, 274.35; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 412.25; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 40.13; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 8,428.79.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fees, 561.25.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 3.87; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.35; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 435.66.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,774.38.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 5,236.50; CenturyLink, long distance, 3.87; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 392.55; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.35; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 329.50; Stacy Miller, reimburse meals, 45.00; US Cellular, cell phone, 161.62.

INHERITANCE FUND. Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Veronica Jetensky, %Carney Law, inheritance tax refund, 3,465.14.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 6.45; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.08; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

| TOTALS | | |
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| General Fund | | \$376,985.06 |
| Road Fund | | 267,437.37 |
| Flowage Easement Road Fund | | 561.25 |
| Child Support Fund | | 215.60 |
| ROD Pres./Mod. Fund | | 435.66 |
| Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund | | 3,774.38 |
| C&C Development Fund | | 6,271.17 |
| Inheritance Fund | | 5,548.47 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | | 129.24 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | | 737.91 |
| Total | | <u>\$662,096.11</u> |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:15 p.m. on June 9, 2022 until Thursday, June 30, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
June 30, 2022
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, June 30, 2022 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 Crofton Journal newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from the Secretary of the Interior informing of the PILT payment of \$43,843 to Knox County; 2. Missouri River Northeast Region Community Wildfire Protection Plan update.

The minutes of the June 9, 2022 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 \$914,320.01 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from June 9 – June 29, 2022. 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 10:33 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 1. Reviewed Land Access Agreement between John D. Aschoff and Jodi K. Aschoff and Knox County as well as the Right of Entry and Temporary Construction Easement between the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and Knox County for the Weigand Bridge detour. An update was given on the speed limits on the detour and bidding for the shoofly and bridge; 2. Chairman Mackeprang closed the Public Hearing that was opened on May 12, 2022 at 10:44 A.M. for vacation and abandonment of the following portion of 521 Avenue located in Bohemia Township, Knox County, Nebraska described as follows: Approximately the North 1,550 feet of 521 Avenue between the E1/2NW1/4 and the W1/2NW1/4 from the North Quarter Corner and the driveway of current owner Terry and Geri Swett in Section 11, T31N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. It was then moved by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. 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 Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2022 - 15** to vacate and abandon a portion of 521 Avenue in Bohemia Township, Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 15

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 521 Avenue located in Bohemia Township, Knox County, Nebraska described as follows:

Approximately the North 1,550 feet of 521 Avenue between the E1/2NW1/4 and the W1/2NW1/4 from the North Quarter Corner and the driveway of current owner Terry and Geri Swett in Section 11, T31N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

WHEREAS, an easement for ingress and egress between Jaty, LLC, Steve Grovijohn and DeAnn Grovijohn, Terry Swett and Geri Swett, and Chancey Wilkens and Marty Wilkens was required by Highway Superintendent Kevin R. Barta as per his study for the vacation and abandonment of the above mentioned portion of 521 Avenue, and

WHEREAS such easement was signed by all parties and is attached to this Resolution, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knox County Clerk mail a copy of this Resolution and easement 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 30th day of June, 2022.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairman

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 3. Discussion was held on the possible reopening of a portion of 893 RD. Hwy. Supt. Barta had contact with Santee Sioux Nation Land Manager Mike Crosley who said the Santee Sioux Tribe would build the road and take care of the maintenance in the future. Also discussed was the Santee Sioux Nation using infrastructure funds on bridge construction on the Santee Sioux Reservation and options; 4. County Township Allocation update; 5. Bridge Crew update; 6. Oil Crew update; 7. Lazy River Acres update; 8. End of Fiscal Year Road budget review.

The Board, Officials and Department Heads reviewed revisions to the Employee Handbook and Personnel System. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 16** with revisions and additions to the Knox County Employee Handbook and the Knox County Personnel System. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

JOINT RESOLUTION AND)
AGREEMENT FOR REVISIONS TO)
THE KNOX COUNTY PERSONNEL) **RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 16**
SYSTEM AND JOINT EMPLOYEE)
HANDBOOK)

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2010, Resolution No. 2010-18, Knox County, the Board of Supervisors, the elected officials, and department heads adopted a Personnel System and Joint Employee Handbook which provided employee practices and policies common to all offices and departments; and,

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2012, Resolution No. 2012-19, Knox County, the Board of Supervisors, the elected officials, and department heads adopted additions and changes to the Personnel System and Joint Employee Handbook; and,

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2014, Resolution No. 2014-27, Knox County, the Board of Supervisors, the elected officials and department heads adopted additions and changes to the Personnel System and Joint Employee Handbook; and,

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2019, the Knox County Board of Supervisors appointed an Employee Handbook Review Committee consisting of three elected officials and two employees to review updates and recommend changes to the Personnel System and Joint Employee Handbook; and,

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2019, Resolution No. 2019-34, Knox County, the Board of Supervisors, the elected officials and department heads adopted additions and changes to the Personnel System and Joint Employee Handbook; and,

WHEREAS, Knox County, the Employee Handbook Review Committee, the Board of Supervisors, the elected officials, and the department heads have worked through some additional issues and revisions to the Personnel System and Joint Employee Handbook; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Knox County, the Board of Supervisors, the elected officials and the department heads adopt these additions and revisions to the Knox County Personnel System and Joint Employee Handbook.

SEE ATTACHED FOR FULL DETAILS OF ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS.

All elected officials, the Highway Superintendent and the Extension Educator will be furnished with copies of the revised pages for the Knox County Personnel System and Joint Employee Handbook.

All other department heads and employees will be furnished with copies of the revised Knox County Employee Handbook.

Dated June 30, 2022 at the Knox County Courthouse, Center, Knox County, Nebraska.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

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

John Thomas /s/
John Thomas, County Attorney

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

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

ATTEST: (Seal)

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

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Joann M. Fischer, County Clerk

Monica J. McManigal /s/
Monica J. McManigal, County Assessor

Lori Ebel /s/
Lori Ebel, County Treasurer

Matthew R. Fischer /s/
Matthew R. Fischer, Clerk of the District Court

Don Henery /s/
Don Henery, County Sheriff

Michael D. Skroch /s/
Michael D. Skroch, County Surveyor

Kevin R. Barta /s/
Kevin R. Barta, Highway Superintendent

Megan Hanefeldt /s/
Megan Hanefeldt, Extension Educator

Laura J. Hintz /s/
Laura J. Hintz, Emergency Manager

Gary Jones /s/
Gary Jones, Veteran Service Officer

Kelly Hanvey /s/
Kelly Hanvey, Economic Development Director

Liz Doerr /s/
Liz Doerr, Zoning Administrator

Steve Banks /s/
Steve Banks, Noxious Weed Superintendent

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the May 17, 2022 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Emergency Manager Hintz suggested that when approving campgrounds in the County that storm shelters should be included.

Emergency Manager Hintz informed the Board that she had free COVID home tests available.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to set the updated 2022 mileage rate effective July 1, 2022 as per IRS revised mileage rates and by the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services at \$0.625 per mile for use of a personal vehicle and \$0.655 per mile for the Sheriff's paper service. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The public hearing scheduled for 11:00 A.M. for Michael Guenther's reuse loan application is being rescheduled for July 28, 2022 as per Jeff Christensen with NENEDD.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 17** allocating budget authority in the amount of \$52.21 to the Election Commissioner function from the General Miscellaneous function within the General Fund Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 17

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen circumstances, a large special election and the 2020 Census redistricting costs that are not normally incurred, expenditures exceed budget authority allocated for the Election Commissioner function within the General Fund Budget in the amount of fifty-two dollars and 21 cents (\$52.21), 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 fifty-two dollars and 21 cents (\$52.21) of budget authority is hereby allocated to the Election Commissioner function from the General Miscellaneous function within the General Fund Budget.

Dated this 30th day of June 2022.

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. Schlote to place on file the NIRMA Crime Coverage Agreement, Workers' Compensation Coverage Agreement, Property Package Coverage Agreement and Liability Package Coverage Agreement. 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 Knox County Treasurer's Certificate of Pledged Securities. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 18** for allocation of the 2022-2023 Knox County 911 Wireless funding. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 18

Resolved, that pursuant to the order of the Nebraska Public Service Commission Application 911-042.04, dated May 10, 2022, the Knox County 911 Wireless funding of a net of \$53,022.98 for the 2022-2023 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 30th day of June, 2022.

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

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. Schlote on a recent Lewis and Clark NRD meeting that he attended. One topic discussed at that meeting was the Cedar-Knox Rural Water System program, usage of water and options they are looking into.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:07 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

The Board, Officials and Department Heads discussed 2023 wages for employees not receiving a deputy wage or newer employees in the step-up process. Options were reviewed. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to create employee categories for 2023 with Category 1 to be four appointed officials and the inside office staff not receiving a deputy wage nor the newer employees going through the step-up process, Category 2 to be Road employees not going through the step-up process, and Category 3 to be the Sheriff's Department staff not going through a step-up process,

and further, that the 2023 wage increase for Category 1 employees being four appointed officials and inside office staff not receiving a deputy wage nor going through the step-up process will be 4%. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve a 5% wage increase in 2023 for Category 2 employees not going through the step-up process. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve a 6% wage increase in 2023 for Category 3 employees not going through a step-up process. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2023 clothing allowance. Sheriff Henery said he was not requesting an increase for the clothing allowance for his staff. Hwy. Supt. Barta and County Assessor McManigal said the clothing allowance for their staff has not increased for a number of years. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to leave the clothing allowance at \$120 per month for the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs and \$60 per month for the jailors/dispatchers, to increase the clothing allowance from \$35 per month to \$50 per month for Road employees, to increase the clothing allowance for the Noxious Weed Superintendent from \$35 per month to \$50 per month during his seasonal work period, and to increase the clothing allowance for the County Assessor's staff from \$20 per month to \$40 per month. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to increase the 2023 phone/internet fringe benefit for Zoning Administrator Doerr from \$70 per month to \$100 per month with a breakdown of \$60 per month for phone and \$40 per month for internet. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board will discuss starting wages at the next Board meeting.

The Nebraska Department of Administrative Services would like to dispose of the Games and Park property being approximately a one-mile road located in Section 21 in Herrick Township. Such road has not been a part of Knox County Road System. SID #2 is interested in obtaining ownership of the road as it leads into the Devils Nest Subdivision/SID #2 area. The Nebraska Administrative Services is able to deed the property to the County without it going through the auction process and then the County could deed it to SID #2. County Attorney Thomas drafted an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between SID #2 and Knox County which the SID #2 signed. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Sanitary and Improvement District #2 and the County of Knox for a road being approximately one mile in Section 21, T33N, R3W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska that the Nebraska Game and Parks currently owns and is proposed to be disposed of by the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Clerk Fischer and SLFRF Nix updated the Board on the candidate filings for township boards. Township Board incumbents have until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022 to file for office if they want their names shown on the General Election ballot. Incumbent candidate filings have been slow and courtesy calls were made to remind the incumbents of the filing deadline. Nonincumbents have until 5:00 p.m. August 1, 2022 to file. Discussion was held on a letter County Attorney Thomas had sent the Board of Supervisors in 2014 regarding discontinuance of township organization, options if no one runs for township boards, and finding candidates to file.

Committee update was given by SLFRF Nix who informed the Board that the 2022 Leadership Class was beginning July 7 and three newer employees were enrolled. As it is suggested new employees enroll in the Leadership Class and the tuition fee is paid from the ARPA Fund, the question arose as to the use of PTO for the enrollees to attend the class or if the employee would be paid without using PTO. The Board said the Knox County employees enrolled in the Leadership Class will be paid without use of PTO.

Officials' update was given by County Assessor McManigal on a request for a developer's break for the Devils Nest and what it entails.

GENERAL FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, printers, 1,900.00; Avery Welding, jail repairs, 876.00; Bomgaars, floor mats, 34.99; Center garage, tire rotation, 50.00; Centurylink, long distance, 88.29; Chad Vanness, mileage, 30.42; Ciox Health, medical records, 22.40; City of Bloomfield, hall rent, 75.00; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 44.00; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 36.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 25.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing/subscription, 1,003.07; D&L Tire LLC, tires, 1,057.12; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 198.88; DAS State Accounting Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 65.95; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 47.82; Dollar General, supplies, 85.70; Don Stoural, mileage, 10.53; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies/copier, 11,123.33; Farm & Home Publishers LTD., plat books, 1,250.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage, 4,251.77; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co., janitor supplies, 406.25; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 53.08; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Holly Wortmann, mileage, 38.61; James Hames, mileage, 29.25; James Scott, mileage, 19.89; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 43.72; Julie Dather, mileage, 21.06; Knock Out Print & Design, registration holders, 1,125.00; Knox County Court, cases bound over, 245.00; Knox County Register of Deeds, recording, 94.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 51.70; Knox County Treasurer, General Fund transfer to Road Fund, 117,281.31; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 55.00; LeRoy Buchholz, mileage, 13.46; LeRoy Clausen, mileage, 15.21; Loffler, printer contract, 398.99; Lori Ebel, mileage, 105.30; Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards, dues, 100.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, registration, 120.00; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 57.76; NetCom Inc., radio repair, 938.00; Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, dues, 910.00; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 144.72; One Office Solution, copier contract, 597.19; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 196.00; Postmaster, postage, 2,822.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,384.41; R&K Motor parts, van & mower filters/oil, 145.82; Reserve Account, postage for meter, 15,440.00; Rhonda Surface, reimburse paint, 45.98; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 37.87; Sarah Hinton, witness fee/mileage, 31.70; Sioux Sales Company, ammo, 99.00; Top Quality Glove, gloves, 115.87; United States Treasury, PCORI fee, 156.24; UNL Eastern Nebraska Research &

Extension Center, salary, 10,903.39; US Cellular, cell phones, 365.50; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/envelopes, 2,052.90; Verdigre Farm Service, gas/diesel, 250.23; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 874.00.

ROAD FUND. A&S Transportation LLC, rock/haul, 9,848.18; Aaron Fuchtmann, CDL renewal, 63.50; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 88.00; B's Enterprises Inc., culvert, 17,560.50; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 362.88; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 94.92; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 135.03; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, drug test, 15.00; Bomgaars, shop supplies/tordon, 402.87; Burns Lumber Co, LLC, ash gro, 4,937.17; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., tire repair, 133.48; Cedar-Knox PPD, electricity, 118.10; CHS Wausa, diesel, 1,755.06; C-Mart LLC, gas, 342.99; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 716.39; Emme Sand & Gravel Inc., gravel/haul, 2,776.55; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 2,808.40; Harmony Inn and Suites, lodging, 267.00; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 205.89; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 6,328.98; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 6,300.00; Husker Steel, piling, 15,700.00; Jacob Dendinger, equipment rental, 523.68; James Carlson, sand, 1,500.00; Jebro Inc., mc3000, 47,898.84; Kristel Mackeprang, clay, 450.00; Love Signs, truck lettering, 214.69; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 3.49; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 110.00; Murphy Tractor Equipment Co. Inc., lowboy trailer, 85,800.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 175.54; NMC Inc., repairs, 345.51; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 56.64; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filters/shop supplies, 1,549.98; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 778.27; Ronald Bourn, gravel/haul, 3,600.00; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Spencer Quarries Inc., chip overs/haul, 349.03; Steffen Service, gas, 90.02;; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 189.15; Vakoc Excavating LLC; gravel/haul, 60,648.99; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 16.40; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/grease/shop supplies/grass seed, 5,783.72; Vic's Service LLC, gas, 305.40; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Weldon Parts Inc., repairs, 301.25; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 45,594.05.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Herbst Construction Inc., bridge contract, 377,985.15.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 5.20; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 16.80; Matthew R. Fischer, mileage/lodging, 607.05; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. First National Bank Omaha, advertising, 100.73; News Channel Nebraska, publishing, 3,120.00

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, internet, 183.90.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Knox County Economic Development Agency, leadership, 525.00.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 1,552.27.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 5.20; Creative Revolution Marketing Agency, web page, 125.00; First National Bank Omaha, leadership/meals/subscription/gas, 399.65.

INHERITANCE FUND. Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 500.52; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland P.C., court appointed attorney, 776.69; John Aschoff, agreement, 3,000.00; Stratton, DeLay, Doelee, Carlson, Buettner & Stover P.C., court appointed attorney, 1,321.19.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 5.86; CenturyLink, phone, 31.86; First National Bank Omaha, canopy, 139.95; GeoComm, mapping, 842.80; Special T's & More Inc., shirts, 1,400.00; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 366.36; GeoComm, mapping, 9,692.20; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. GeoComm, mapping, 2,047.00.

TOTALS

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| General Fund | \$ 181,937.68 |
| Road Fund | 327,329.54 |
| Flowage Easement Road Fund | 377,985.15 |
| Child Support Fund | 710.05 |
| Visitor's Promo Fund | 3,220.73 |
| Visitor's Improvement Fund | 183.90 |
| Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund | 525.00 |
| Economic Development Fund | 1,552.27 |
| C&C Development Fund | 529.85 |
| Inheritance Fund | 5,598.40 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 2,438.18 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 10,262.26 |
| 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund | 2,047.00 |
| Total | <u>\$ 914,320.01</u> |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 3:00 p.m. on June 30, 2022 until Thursday, July 14, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
July 14, 2022
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 14, 2022 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 Creighton News newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the June 30, 2022 meeting were read. Chairman Mackeprang approved the June 30, 2022 minutes as read.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that all claims except Claim #22070099 payable to Niobrara State Park, 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 \$824,432.00 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

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

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. Walton Bridge update. Change Order #2 in the amount of \$27,051.94 was presented by Herbst Construction for unforeseen additional removal of obstructions from the Bent #2 location. Also presented was a request for an additional \$15,956.20 for the installation of an additional thirteen pipes above and beyond the five pipes shown in the project plans as Herbst Construction said the initial design of the Access Crossing was not sufficient for the creek width and flow of Verdigris Creek. Ramsey Robertson with Mainelli Wagner and Associates was present to give information on the two items. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Change Order #2 to Herbst Construction in the amount of \$27,051.94 for extra work performed to remove unforeseen obstructions from the Bent #2 location on the Walton Bridge project and to further deny the additional cost of \$15,956.20 for thirteen additional pipes as requested by Herbst Construction. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. At 10:36 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing for the vacation and abandonment of a 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue in Frankfort Township. Discussion was held on the proposed portion of road and bridge to be vacated/abandoned, a Private Road Agreement and Perpetual and Reciprocal Easement for Access was signed by Mark N. Keck and Judy K. Keck, Lois J. Keck, Barry Mischke, and David N. Kramer and Marilyn K. Kramer for the portion of road and the bridge, unauthorized parties that take place on this part of the road, and the number of people going into that area with four-wheelers. Steve Wieseler, Delbert Jansen, and Melvin Jansen said they decline an easement as they have other ways to access their properties in that area. Chairman Mackeprang closed the Public Hearing at 10:53 A.M. for vacation and abandonment of the following 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) located in Frankfort Township, Knox County, Nebraska described as follows: A 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) between the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 19, the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 30, the NW1/4 of Section 29 and across the SW1/4 of Section 20, all in Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. Also present were Frankfort Twp. Clerk Mark Keck, David Kramer, Barry Mischke, Melvin Jansen, Delbert Jansen, Steve Wieseler, County Attorney Thomas, and Terry Heimes. It was then moved by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote 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 Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2022 - 19** to vacate and abandon a portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) in Frankfort Township, Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 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 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) located in Frankfort Township, Knox County, Nebraska described as follows:

A 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) between the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 19, the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 30, the NW1/4 of Section 29 and across the SW1/4 of Section 20, all in Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Barta filed a study for the vacation and abandonment of the above-described portion of 547 Avenue on June 9, 2022 and such study shows a requirement of a perpetual easement that must be signed by the current landowners along this section of road so landowners will be allowed to have access to property along the road, and

WHEREAS a Private Road Agreement And Perpetual And Reciprocal Easement For Access was drafted and signed by Mark N. Keck and Judy K. Keck, husband and wife; Lois J. Keck, a single person; David N. Kramer and Marilyn K. Kramer, husband and wife; and Barry Mischke, a single person and is attached to this Resolution, and

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

Passed and approved this 14th day of July 2022.

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA
By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairman

Terry Heimes met with the Board regarding Road #732 in Frankfort Township. Mr. Heimes purchased property adjoining this road which has not been regularly maintained and he asked if the road was still open to which Hwy. Supt. Barta said it was. Discussion was held on the following: establishment of the fence line, fencing on the boundary line, Mr. Heimes had a survey made of the road area, Jansens' had put a new fence on north side, fence on south side has posts and wire, a gate and lock is presently on the road area and needs to be removed as it is still an open road, Frankfort Twp. Clerk Keck said the Township Board thought the road was abandoned, questioned if there is an abandonment clause if the road is not maintained, County Attorney Thomas said more is being learned as to where the fence should be if the road deviates from the section line and is vacated/abandoned as well as there had been a case determined many years ago that the landowners own on a straight line regardless of the curve in the road and that the road doesn't change the owner on north and south sides, County Attorney Thomas said it is not the business of the Board of Supervisors to say where the fence will be but is a situation for the Township Board and the adjoining landowners, the road could be vacated/abandoned and Mr. Heimes said he would give the Jansens an easement, and Mr. Heimes said he will fence on his south border and his north border.

Cedar County Transit manager Nikki Pinkelman and Bill Bivin and Katie Olsen with the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation presented an update on the Cedar/Knox County transit grant that will expire in January 2023. Discussion was held on public comment, number of Knox County residents using the service, future plans, and what to do once the grant ends. Mrs. Pinkelman will present proposed costs to the Board at a future meeting.

Economic Development Director Harvey met with the Board on the following: 1. Niobrara State Park submitted a Visitor's Improvement application requesting funds to build, staff and promote a professional disc golf course. The Visitor's Committee recommended approving the application in the amount of \$10,000. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to approve a Visitor's Improvement grant application in the amount of \$10,000 for buildings, staffing and promoting a professional disc golf course. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. The previous Visitor's Improvement application from the Village of Niobrara will be amended as it is not feasible to construct a public bathroom at the area boat dock until it is determined where the new boat dock will actually be built so they would like to use the grant funds towards playground equipment.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann, that Claim #22070099 payable to Niobrara State Park in the amount of \$10,000, 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.

Supervisor O'Connor left at 11:50 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into executive session at 11:51 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussion 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 that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual. The Board came out of executive session at 12:06 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to close at 12:06 p.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.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set the wage for full-time Visit Knox County Director Stacy Miller at \$16.50 per hour as recommended by the Visitor's Committee and the next wage review for increase to be held in June 2023 and further the insurance benefits for Mrs. Miller will be paid from the General Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:46 p.m. with all members present except Supr. O'Connor, District #1.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 3. The rental crane is here and added to the risk management insurance. Parts for the County's crane have not arrived; 4. Oil Crew update; 5. The bid opening for the Weigand Bridge and Shoofly will be held at the July 28, 2022 meeting; 6. For safety measures, Mechanic Crosley requested purchasing a Lawson D.O.T. Parker hydraulic hose fitting kit in the amount of \$1,582.90 and a Dump Brace in the amount of \$999. The Board agreed the purchases were necessary for safety reasons.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 1:00 p.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 2:00 p.m. with all members present except Supr. O'Connor District #1.

Discussion was held on starting wages. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to set the starting wage for Category 1 employees except appointed officials at \$16.00 per hour and the starting wage for Category 2 and Category 3 employees will be based on experience. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0191 Laurie Stout for a five-acre tract spit in the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 19, T32N, R3W of the 6th 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. Miller to place on file the June Permits Report. 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 recent Planning Commission meeting.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 2:36 p.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 3:30 p.m. with all members present except Supr. O'Connor District #1.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Emergency Manager Hintz who said that the Santee Sioux Tribe will mow the grass around the Lindy Tower.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue List for June 30 through July 13, 2022. 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. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of the District Court June 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. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 20** for the transfer of funds through the claims process from the General Fund to the Road Fund in the amount of \$117,281.31 in July and in August to cover incurred expenses in the Road Fund until the 2022/2023 budget is set. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 – 20

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2022-2023 County Road budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Knox County budget will not be adopted until September 2022, and

WHEREAS, transfers are needed from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund until the 2022-2023 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 \$117,281.31 in July 2022 and \$117,281.31 in August 2022 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 2022/2023 Knox County Budget will be reduced by the \$234,562.62 and the remaining balance of the 2022/2023 total transfer to be prorated accordingly from September 2022 through June 2023.

Dated this 14th day of July 2022.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Absent
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. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Knox County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report of Collections, Disbursements and Balances for Six Months Ending June 30, 2022 and further that there were no unpaid claims against Knox County as of June 30, 2022. 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. Miller to place on file the Knox County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected between April 1 and June 30, 2022. 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 appoint Mechanic Jeremy Crosley to the Knox County Employee Handbook Committee. 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. Schlote to add to the agenda by emergency action a Deed of Reconveyance for release of a portion of collateral for Knox County Reuse Loan #6872423. 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. Miller to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a Deed of Reconveyance for release of a portion of collateral for Knox County Reuse Loan #6872423. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Officials' update was given by County Clerk Fischer on the approved legislative bills that go into effect July 21, 2022. Chairman Mackeprang gave an update on the recent Planning Commission meeting he attended.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 183,313.11; Antelope County Sheriff Department, house inmates, 1,480.00; Applied Connective Technologies, programming/backup, 5,891.71; Art Kathol Appliance Inc., install faucet, 889.73; Bloomfield Dental Clinic, dental treatment for inmate, 1,002.00; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 190.00; Bruce Hagge dba Hagge Glass, repair door closer, 50.00; C-Mart, weed gas, 115.70; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,002.91; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,280.00; Dollar General, jail supplies, 41.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 584.23; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 682.50; Grafix Shoppe; graphics, 235.89; Gragert's, jail food, 933.77; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,404.38; Hefner Hardware, paint/tape, 35.98; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Kitchens by Kristen, sheriff desks, 3,525.00; Knox County Register of Deeds, record DOR, 10.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 150.82; KV Electric, replace light and bulbs, 128.68; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 269.98; Liz Doerr, mileage, 21.65; Madison County Sheriff, house inmate, 50.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 78.40; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; NACO, registration, 270.00; Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging, FY 2023 match, 6,556.00; Nebraska Public Health Environmental Lab, blood test, 105.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,266.95; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 252.66; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 404.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,058.88; R&K Motor parts, oil/filter, 65.15; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,396.59; Roger Vech dba Vech Construction, install flooring; 3,040.00; Telebeep, pagers, 106.95; US Cellular, cell phones, 191.02; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 176.90; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 962.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 71,640.21; B's Enterprises Inc., patch material/signs, 4,096.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel, 1,037.92; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 176.05; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 78.93; Carhart Lumber Co., shop supplies, 50.79; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 161.50; C-Mart, gas, 592.18; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,389.78; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 2,228.19; Country Market, shop supplies, 27.45; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,810.00; Dollar General, shop supplies, 40.60; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 2,988.27; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 5,302.00; Great Plains Communications, phone, 534.29; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 179.63; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 6,717.67; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 5,000.00; Jacob Dendinger, equipment rental, 523.68; Jebro Inc., asphaltic, 139,777.86; Kayton International, repairs/diesel/def/shop supplies, 969.79; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance county pays, 107.28; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 275.30; Powerplan, repairs, 459.73; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/shop tools, 860.76; RDO Truck Centers, repairs, 93.05; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,697.34; Schreier Lumber Company, shop supplies, 4.90; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 1,671.00; Sucha Repair, shop supplies, 483.98; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 412.25; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 5,230.19; Village of Center, water/sewer, 34.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.63; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 77.39; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 25,226.90.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Herbst Construction Inc., bridge contract, 1,200.00; John Prouty Construction Inc., dirt contract, 158,253.66.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 54.13; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. Niobrara State Park, improvement grant funds, 10,000.00.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 274.06.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,487.50.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 5,356.98; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 401.76; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 54.13; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Nebraska Travel Association, dues, 300.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 337.64; Stacy Miller, reimburse shirts, 59.98; US Cellular, cell phone, 161.62.

INHERITANCE FUND. B's Enterprises Inc., culverts/band, 58,367.76; Brogan Lamml P.C., court appointed attorney, 299.56; Carhart Lumber Company, sheriff flooring, 3,299.39; Galyen Boettcher Baier P.C., court appointed attorney, 603.51; Jarecki Sharp & Petersen, court appointed attorney, 741.00; Joseph Smith, special court appointed attorney, 3,120.71; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.08.
911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21.

| TOTALS | |
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| General Fund | \$ 274,180.40 |
| Road Fund | 300,863.43 |
| Flowage Easement Road Fund | 159,453.66 |
| Child Support Fund | 295.51 |
| Visitor's Improvement Fund | 10,000.00 |
| ROD Pres./Mod. Fund | 274.06 |
| Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund | 3,487.50 |
| C&C Development Fund | 6,722.89 |
| Inheritance Fund | 68,515.26 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 105.08 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | <u>534.21</u> |
| Total | \$ 824,432.00 |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 3:52 p.m. on July 14, 2022, until Thursday, July 28, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
July 28, 2022
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 28, 2022 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 Crofton Journal newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter and report from Nebraska Jail Standards Division of the Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice regarding a recent jail inspection showing full compliance.

The minutes of the July 14, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$298,056.55 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Jody Fuchtmann, Glenna Soucek, Chris Kreycik and Michael Chase representing concerned patriots against voter fraud met with the Board asking for support to do away with ballot counting scanners and to go with hand counting of ballots and to support voter i.d. No action was taken.

The Board set August 17, 2022 beginning at 8:30 a.m. as the date to review 2022/2023 budget proposals with officials and department heads.

The Board discussed a joint hearing to be held as per LB 644, setting a date and selecting a location. Superintendent Alexander with the Bloomfield Community School will be contacted to see if the hearing could be held at that school and possible dates.

At 10:15 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised bid opening on the Crofton North, C005410810 (Weigand Bridge) bridge and shoofly project. The Knox County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any irregularities in bids received. Bids received were: **Theisen Construction, Inc., Norfolk NE**, - bridge total \$1,066,962.06 shoofly total \$160,048.98, total for project \$1,227,011.04, shoofly start date August 15, 2022, shoofly end date September 4, 2022, bridge start date September 19, 2022, bridge end date December 2, 2022; **Herbst Construction, Inc., LeMars IA** - bridge total \$1,300,424.00 shoofly total \$221,989.00, total for project \$1,522,413.99, no shoofly start/end dates, bridge start date September 12, 2022, bridge end date 75 days after start; **Simon Contractors, North Platte NE** - bridge total \$1,265,000.00 shoofly total \$179,000.00, total for project \$1,444,000.00, shoofly start/end dates as required, bridge start date October 16, 2022, bridge end date December 30, 2022, both dependent on contract execution; KEA Constructors LLC, Milford NE - bridge total \$1,597,781.74 shoofly total \$187,978.49, total for project \$1,785,760.23 shoofly start date seven working days following COE 408 and borrow site approval, shoofly end date twenty-

one calendar days following start of construction, bridge start date November 1, 2022, bridge end date April 30, 2023 (181 calendar days). Hwy. Supt. Barta and Ramsey Robertson with Mainelli Wagner and Associates took the bids for review.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List for July 14 through July 27, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller 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 and 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 \$355/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 with exception of law enforcement and non-exempt employees are eligible for overtime pay for hours worked over 40 hours a week at one & one-half times hourly rate. The following are current salaries of Knox County officials and employees: ELECTED OFFICIALS: Supervisors- Supervisor/Chairman - \$2,279.26/month; 3 Supervisors - \$2,179.26/month; 3 Supervisor - \$2,179.26/month + \$355 opt out stipend/month; County Assessor Office - County Assessor - \$5,448.12/month; Deputy Assessor - \$23.57/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; 2 Clerks/Appraisers - \$16.50/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month + \$355 opt out stipend/month; County Attorney Office - County Attorney- \$5,448.12/month; 1 Administrative Assistant - \$16.50/hour + \$355 opt out stipend/month; County Clerk Office- County Clerk, Election Commissioner & Ex-officio Register of Deeds - \$5,448.12/month; Deputy County Clerk - \$23.57/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$23.00/hour + \$355 opt out stipend/month; 1 Office

Clerk - \$17.91/hour; 1 Recording Clerk - \$17.91/hour; Clerk of District Court Office - Clerk of District Court - \$5,448.12/month; Deputy Clerk of District Court - \$23.57/hour + \$355 opt out stipend/month; County Sheriff's Office - County Sheriff - \$7,201.97/month + \$120 uniform allowance/month & \$50 phone/internet/month; 911 Coordinator - \$21.48/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; Chief Deputy Sheriff - \$4,650.39/month + \$40.19 other hours + \$120 uniform allowance/month + \$355/month opt out stipend; 1 Deputy Sheriff - \$4,556.60/month + \$39.75 other hours + \$120 uniform allowance; 1 Deputy Sheriff - \$4,556.60/month + \$39.75 other hours + \$120 uniform allowance/month + \$355 opt out stipend/month; 8 Part-time Deputy Sheriffs - \$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 + \$355 opt out stipend/month; 1 Jailer - \$19.67/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Part-time Jailer - \$17.90/hour; County Surveyor Office - County Surveyor - \$83.33/month; County Treasurer Office - County Treasurer - \$5,448.12/month; Deputy County Treasurer - \$23.57/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$17.91/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$16.50/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$16.00/hour + \$355 opt out stipend/month; Custodian - 1 Custodian - \$18.49/hour; Extension Office (Interlocal agreement) - 1 Office Manager - \$21.69/hour; APPOINTED OFFICIALS: ARPA Fund - SLFRF Administrator - \$23.00/hour + \$355 opt out stipend/month; Emergency Manager Office - Emergency Manager - \$4,220.67/month + \$355 opt out stipend/month; Highway Superintendent Office - Highway Superintendent - \$6,156.48/month + vehicle benefit; 1 Office Manager - \$23.57/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$16.00/hour + \$355 opt out stipend/month; 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; 7 Motorgrader Operators - \$19.78/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 2 Motorgrader Operators - \$19.78/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month + \$355 opt out stipend/month; 1 Motorgrader Operator - \$19.50/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 + \$355 opt out stipend/month; 1 Truck Driver - \$19.78/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Truck Driver - \$19.50/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Truck Driver - \$17.96/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; Planning/Zoning Office - Part-time Zoning Administrator - \$29.73/hour + \$45 cellphone allowance/month & \$25 internet allowance/month (no insurance); Veteran Service Officer Office - Veterans Service Officer - \$22.22/hour + \$355 opt out stipend/month; Weed Superintendent Office - Weed Superintendent - \$21.26/hour summer months + \$35 uniform allowance/summer months (no insurance); OTHER OFFICES: Development Agency Director Office (Interlocal agreement) - Development Agency Director - \$3,458.33/month + \$355 opt out stipend/month; Visit Knox County Director - \$16.50/hour.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Audit Engagement letter FY 2021/2022 with the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts Office. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0192 Ken Poppe for a 5.33-acre tract split in the NW1/4NE1/4 of Section 29, T32N, R2W of the 6th 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 place on file the Planning Commission June 14, 2022 meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a list of Knox County businesses holding a lodging tax license.

Committee update was given by Chairman Mackeprang, Supr. Sokol, Jr. and Supr. Miller from the Building and Grounds Committee regarding a proposed change to the storage building.

The advertised public hearing scheduled for a reuse loan application from Crofton Car Wash was not held as additional information was needed by NENEDD.

Jerry Nunan, a contract CFO for the Santee Sioux Tribe, met with the Board regarding the proposed Santee Sioux Nation Broadband Initiative. Discussion was held on grants and funds from the FCC that would provide multiple opportunities for broadband for tribal members not served or in unserved areas, assisted the Tribe to acquire a small WIFI company, working with the NICC, FCC 2.05 license given, need for WIFI for distance learning, proposed towers, the service could serve both tribal and non-tribal people, phases of the project, and possibly using the existing towers utilized by the County, possibly using a wind tower to cover the eastern side of the Santee Sioux reservation, and subsidized service. Mr. Nunan will contact Emergency Manager Hintz for information on Knox Tower 1. More information will come in the near future.

Hwy. Supt. Barta and Mr. Robertson returned to the meeting with the bids for the Crofton North bridge and shoofly project. After a short discussion, motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to accept the low bid from **Theisen Construction, Inc., Norfolk NE** with the bridge total at \$1,066,962.06, the shoofly total at \$160,048.98 for a project total of \$1,227,011.04, the shoofly start date to be August 15, 2022 and end date of September 4, 2022, and the bridge start date to be September 19, 2022 and end date of December 2, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. The Corps 408 permit has not been received yet on the project. Also, Mr. Gubbels with Theisen Construction said that they will give the white rock to the County after the shoofly is removed and the County would need to help haul it.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 1. Walton bridge update. All of the gravel has been delivered, the guard rails were installed, seeding will begin, and the adjacent landowner will be contacted regarding fencing. Hwy. Supt. Barta asked the Board if they would reconsider the additional thirteen culverts that were discussed at the last meeting. The Board took no action; 2. Bridge Crew update; 3. Oil Crew update; 4. Discussed possibly contracting propane for the County sheds that have propane supplied by N & B Gas. The Board took no action; 5. Mowing of roadsides was discussed. Landowners are to have mowed one time in July and many of the roads have not been mowed yet; 6. Update on Lazy River Acres.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess for Board of Equalization at 11:38 a.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 11:57 a.m. with all members present.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

The meeting was moved to the Courtroom to accommodate a large number of people for the discussion with Cedar-Knox Rural Water System/Lewis and Clark NRD on water demands. Supr. O'Connor conducted the forum. Discussion was held on water levels and depletion, usage of water where the System shows the average use is 250,000 gallons a day in the winter and 750,000 gallons a day in the summer, purification of nearly one million gallons daily, sedimentation problems, violation of water standards because of the levels of Trihalomethane, keeping up with water demands, test drilling taking place near Lindy and in Dolphin Township in Knox County and near Aten and Obert in Cedar County, water sources, need to update the water plant as it was built in the 1970s, aquafers, options researched to use water from Yankton and costs which included a 3% increase yearly, each site would have two wells, engineering and State requirements, maximum capacity of the new system to be 1.5 million gallons daily, difficulty of blending water that is run through two different treatment methods, water quality, funding through the State and grants, easements, classification of types of wells, recreation is a large part of the usage, effect on neighboring wells, updating pipes, and number of current meters on the System is nearly 1,000. Appreciation was extended to the staff of Cedar/Knox Rural Water System personnel present for their presentation and answers and there will be a meeting in December in Crofton with updates on the project.

The Board members returned to the Boardroom at 2:20 p.m.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the following: 1. New FEMA disaster 4662-DR that was declared for the May 12, 2022 derecho storm; 2. Update on the Tri-County hazard mitigation grant.

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

GENERAL FUND. Bear Graphics, recording paper, 728.54; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 99.22; Bomgaars, jail supplies/supplies/spray, 208.07; Centurylink, long distance, 65.54; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 44.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 349.62; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 524.38; DAS State Accounting Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 68.75; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 49.38; Doug DeShazer, meeting/mileage, 62.50; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage, 6,370.55; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co., janitor supplies, 853.44; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 55.00; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 45.00; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 41.88; Knox County Fair Board, fair entrance, 40.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 117,281.31; Loffler, printer contract, 521.59; Monica McManigal, reimburse board meals, 79.65; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 60.00; Northeast Nebraska News Company, subscriptions, 79.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 12.16; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 182.97; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 36.25; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 38.75; Security Shredding Services Inc., shredding, 105.00; Steve Swoboda, install cabinets, 750.00; Yankton Fire & Safety Co., inspection, 302.00.

ROAD FUND. B's Enterprises Inc., signs/Tyvek pants, 4,165.00; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 41.75; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 1,071.63; Burns Lumber Co, LLC, ash gro, 2,047.50; Cedar-Knox PPD, electricity, 87.21; CHS Wausa, diesel, 2,431.91; C-Mart LLC, gas, 675.99; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 398.71; Crofton Journal/Niobrara tribune, publishing, 156.00; First National Bank Omaha, repairs, 1,098.99; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 2,561.50; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filters/repairs/oil/grease/tractor rent, 6,854.86; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 5,303.02; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 2,157.50; Midwest Seeds of Creighton LLC, brome grass, 366.50; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 141.03; Netcom Inc., radios, 4,200.00; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 8.50; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 18.55; Rohrer Welding, shop materials, 265.01; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Steffen Service, gas, 108.65; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 32.50; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/tire repair/shop supplies, 10,108.41; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tire repair, 658.54; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 34,841.14; Yankton Fire & Safety Co., inspection, 225.75.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Allen Wavrunek, easement, 1,386.00; Herbst Construction Inc., bridge contract, 27,600.02; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 43,073.50.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 3.86.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. First National Bank Omaha, advertising, 93.95; Legendary Graphics LLC, koozies, 600.00; Miles Partnership, publishing, 2,000.00.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, internet, 183.90.

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

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 3.86; First National Bank Omaha, leadership/meals/subscription/gas, 712.26; Kelly Hanvey, reimburse meal, 27.00; Legendary Graphics LLC, embroidery, 90.00; NENEDD, KCDA registration, 10.00; Northeast Nebraska News Company, subscription, 39.50.

INHERITANCE FUND. Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 129.65; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 9,510.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel, 147.56.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 32.06; First National Bank Omaha, fair giveaways, 1,000.03; Police Legal Sciences, dispatch pro, 57.60.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 368.70; Police Legal Sciences, dispatch pro, 662.40.

TOTALS

General Fund
Road Fund

\$ 129,502.55
80,072.15

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| Flowage Easement Road Fund | 72,059.52 |
| Child Support Fund | 3.86 |
| Visitor's Promo Fund | 2,693.95 |
| Visitor's Improvement Fund | 183.90 |
| County Insurance Fund | 750.00 |
| C&C Development Fund | 882.62 |
| Inheritance Fund | 9,787.21 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 1,089.69 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | <u>1,031.10</u> |
| Total | \$ 298,056.55 |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:30 p.m. on July 28, 2022 until Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

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

ATTEST:

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OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By _____
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
August 11, 2022
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 11, 2022 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. 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 Creighton News newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the July 28, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition; 2. National opioid settlement check.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$520,070.26 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board on the following: 1. High speed fiber optics is now available at the Lindy tower. A five-year contract with Great Plains Communications was reviewed. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve a five-year contract with Great Plains Communications for internet services to the Lindy tower at a cost of \$611.80 per month. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried; 2. A meeting will be held on September 20, 2022 in the Basement Conference Room with entities to obtain information on Hazard Mitigation; 3. There are no villages or cities in Knox County that will be applying for FEMA funds on Disaster DR-4662.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 10:14 a.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 10:34 a.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 10:34 a.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.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess for Board of Equalization at 10:36 a.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:52 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Patrick J. Liska District #2.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 21** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign Environmental Services Agreement – BK1732 Supplemental Agreement No. 1 on BRO-7054(19) Bridge Project, Control Number 31821 Verdigre North. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – BK1732 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1

KNOX COUNTY
Resolution No. 2022 – 21

Whereas: Knox County and HDR Engineering, Inc. have previously executed an Environmental Services agreement for a transportation project for which the Local Public Agency (LPA) would like to obtain Federal funds; and

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

Whereas: Knox County and HDR Engineering, Inc. wish to enter into a Supplemental Environmental Services agreement, setting out modifications and/or additional duties and/or funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

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

Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chair of the Knox County Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized to sign the attached Environmental Services Supplemental Agreement No. 1 between Knox County and HDR Engineering, Inc.

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

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7054(19)
NDOT Control Number: 31821
NDOT Project Description: Verdigre North

Adopted this 11th day of August, 2022 at Center, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska:

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Danny R. Schlote /s/
Absent District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/
Martin J. O'Connor /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/
James Sokol, Jr. /s/

Attest: (Seal)

adopted

Joann M. Fischer /s/
County Clerk

Board/Council Member Supr. Sokol, Jr.
Moved the adopt of said resolution
Member Supr. Miller Seconded the Motion
Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 1 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Creighton West Project update; 3. Walton Bridge update; 4. Lazy River Acres update; 5. Center West bridge project update; 6. Weigand Bridge update; 7. Bridge Crew update; 8. Oil Crew update; 9. Black Hills Energy will be installing a private natural gas line north of Bloomfield. The private line will be paid for and owned by Mark Miller Feedlot; 9. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 22** 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, #4 #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
2022**

Resolution No. 2022 - 22

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 29-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include 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 11th day of August, 2022 at Center, Nebraska.

County Board Members

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Danny R. Schlote /s/
Absent District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/
Martin J. O'Connor /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/
James Sokol, Jr. /s/

ATTEST: (Seal)

adopted.

Joann M. Fischer /s/

County Board Member Supr. Miller
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Supr. Sokol, Jr. Seconded the Motion
Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 1 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as

(Signature of Clerk)

A grass roots patriot group met with the Board about election fraud. A video was presented by Connie Reinke on questioning of election equipment, election integrity and wanting to do hand counting of ballots.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:22 p.m. for lunch.

Supr. Sokol, Jr. left the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:54 p.m. with all members present except Supervisors Patrick J. Liska District #2 and James Sokol, Jr. District #4.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by the following officials: 1. Supr. O'Connor regarding ordering the microphones and the completion of the televisions in the Boardroom; 2. County Assessor McManigal said she had talked to Jerry Nunan regarding a tower placed on Santee Sioux Tribal ground and federal funds available. SLFRF Administrator Nix had reached out to NACO on the available communications funds; 3. County Clerk Fischer informed the Board that this coming Veterans Day, the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes and boroughs to join Operation Green Light and show support for veterans by lighting our windows or buildings green from November 7 to November 13 which will let veterans know they are seen, appreciated and supported. Veteran Service Officer Gary Jones and County Clerk Fischer support the project and the Board was asked if participation in Operation Green Light would be permissible on the Courthouse Square. The Board agreed to the project; 4. Sheriff Henery informed the Board that two people have been arrested in Iowa for the burglary in Crofton and are awaiting extradition to Knox County.

Insurance Agent Jeff Hammer met with the Board with health insurance options. Discussion was held on family coverage, effects of coverage on affordable tax credits, cost of insurance on the marketplace, possible premiums, and cost share of premiums. Mr. Hammer will return to a future meeting with proposals.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from July 28 through August 10, 2022. 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 place on file the Clerk of the 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. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the new corporate manager applications submitted to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission by Santee Sioux Nation Featherhill Express and Tatanka Golf Club. 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. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to pass on applying for FEMA funds on Disaster DR-4662 as the damage was minimal. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion ensued on the large number of campers that are not licensed or hold current licensing in campgrounds in the lake area. More recently approved campgrounds require the campground owners to make sure the people parking campers have the campers registered and licensed. Several newer campground owners were contacted, and one owner assured the matter will be remedied. The Board directed Zoning Administrator Doerr to send a letter to the campground owners to remind them of the requirements to retain their permits. Also, the State Department of Revenue will be contacted; 2. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the July Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Henery discussed the Wausa Law Enforcement Contract that expired June 15, 2022. Wausa Village paid the contract costs for the last two months and County Attorney Thomas informed County Sheriff Henery the payment of the village law enforcement constitutes a contract. A new written contract will be drafted and if the Board approves the contract now, Chairman Mackeprang would be able to sign it then. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve a law enforcement contract between the Village of Wausa and Knox County and once drafted it will be signed by Chairman Mackeprang. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays District #1. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 183,389.91; Applied Connective Technologies, programming, 3,190.51; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 49.31; Christal McDonald, transcript, 138.75; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,243.95; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 31,110.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper, 522.35; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 71.50; Gragert's, prisoner food, 1,097.55; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,370.21; Hefner Hardware, janitor supplies, 19.90; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Independent Pest Management, mole traps, 85.00; Jeannoutot Plumbing, jail sewer, 140.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 253.52; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fee, 761.25; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 275.94; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 213.26; Madison County Treasurer, probation officer, 10,626.70; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 48.76; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; Nebraska Sheriff's Association, registration, 130.00; Norfolk Daily News, subscription, 222.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,380.19; Pitney Bowes, meter supplies, 339.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,106.54; R&K Motor parts, oil/filter/repairs, 260.94; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,570.25; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; US Cellular, cell phones, 191.80; US Cellular, cell phones, 367.32; Vic's Service LLC, weed pickup tires, 336.76; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 1,068.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 66,576.38; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 946.54; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 130.08; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies/oil/oil filter, 145.55; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 1,279.49; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 385.44; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., shop supplies, 30.30; CHS Wausa, diesel, 1,703.67; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 96.18; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,002.39; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 6,623.51; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,810.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 335.22; Crofton Lumber, shop supplies, 36.43; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 6,954.83; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 2,197.80; Great Plains Communications, phone, 547.74; Grossenberg Implement Inc., repairs, 1,310.95; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,963.25; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 4,950.00; J&K Auto, tire repair, 15.50; Jebro Inc., mc3000, 72,237.33; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 22.96; Kayton International, repairs/equipment rental, 1,843.72; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 1,691.99; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Mariner Lane Sales & Service, clean off tar, 400.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 40.01; NMC Inc., repairs, 570.98; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 304.56; People's Grocery, shop supplies, 67.68; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; Pro Crane Services LLC, equipment rental, 4,690.00; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/supplies/filters, 1,796.75; RDO Truck Centers, repairs, 167.45; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,355.53; Schreier Lumber Company, shop supplies, 25.57; Spencer Quarries Inc., red rock, 703.06; Sucha Repair, oil/oil filter, 58.53; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 414.59; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/shop supplies, 3,143.30; Vic's Service LLC, gas, 690.13; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.13; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 82.64; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 159.95; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 20,974.83.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fee, 690.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.66; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 2,640.00.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 274.06.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,909.50.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 1,552.27.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,813.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 283.67; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.66; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 233.44; University of Nebraska, training, 2,000.00; US Cellular, cell phone, 162.14.

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

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 6.40; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 106.40; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. OPTK Networks, regionalization network, 1,220.83.

TOTALS

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| General Fund | \$ 269,446.63 |
| Road Fund | 230,497.16 |
| Highway Bridge Buyback Fund | 690.00 |
| Child Support Fund | 293.04 |
| Visitor's Promo Fund | 2,640.00 |
| ROD Pres./Mod. Fund | 274.06 |
| Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund | 3,909.50 |
| Economic Development Fund | 1,552.27 |
| C&C Development Fund | 6,595.02 |
| Inheritance Fund | 2,083.33 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 130.51 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 737.91 |
| 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund | <u>1,220.83</u> |
| Total | \$ 520,070.26 |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 3:00 p.m. on August 11, 2022 until Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. for a special budget meeting and until Thursday, August 25, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
August 17, 2022
8:30 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 Wednesday, August 17, 2022 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, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang District #5/Chairman. Vice-Chairman Schlote presiding.

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

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

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Creighton News and Crofton Journal 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.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that the PTO Conversion Payout 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, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$157,349.65 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Review of submitted proposed budgets of the officials for 2022/2023 was held. SLFRF Administrator Nix and County Clerk Fischer presented the proposed budget as per the submitted budget drafts from the officials and department heads. Also presented were options for the 2022 tax levy.

The Board met with the following officials prior to lunch: County Clerk Fischer, SLFRF Administrator Nix, County Attorney Thomas, , Economic Development Director Hanvey, County Assessor McManigal, Zoning Administrator Doerr, County Treasurer Ebel, County Court Clerk Boggs, Sheriff Henery, Weed Superintendent Banks, Extension Educator Hanefeldt, Veteran Service Officer Jones, Clerk of District Court Fischer, and 911 Coordinator Kienow.

Vice-Chairman Schlote moves the Board recess at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:35 p.m. with all members present except Supervisor Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5/Chairman.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board to review his budget proposals.

The review of the presented proposed budgets revealed that the officials/department heads kept their budget drafts low or manageable. The 2022 valuation is \$2,294,334,162 that is an increase of \$55,373,200 from last year's valuation. Several line items were decreased in the Road Fund and one line item was decreased in the Weed Function within the General Fund. Proposed transfers from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund as tax relief were discussed. The proposed transfers will cover the PTO Conversion Payout and the second loan payment on the Bloomfield North project.

Discussion ensued on the LB644 joint public hearing. With the proposed cuts and decreased tax asking, it appears that Knox County will not have to participate in the joint public hearing after reviewing the required computation.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries (PTO Conversion Payout), 137,505.84; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 10,519.23; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 9,324.58.

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| | TOTAL | |
| General Fund | | \$ 157,349.65 |

Vice-Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:19 p.m., August 17, 2022 until Thursday, August 25, 2022 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 _____
Danny R. Schlote, Vice-Chairman

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
August 25, 2022
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 25, 2022 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.

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 Crofton Journal newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Cultural Resources Evaluation on BRO-7054(22), CN32313 Center West bridge project; 2. Final settlement towards financing of Project #ER 54(23) Emergency repair.

The minutes of the August 11 and August 17, 2022 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 Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$237,613.65 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:56 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:14 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor James Sokol, Jr., District #4.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 23** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement – Bk1442 Supplemental Agreement No. 4 for Bridge project BRO-7054(19), Control Number 31821, "Verdigre North". By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT – BK1442 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 4

KNOX COUNTY
Resolution No. 2022 – 23

Whereas: Knox County and Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. have previously executed a Preliminary Engineering Services agreement for a transportation project for which the Local Public Agency (LPA) would like to obtain Federal funds; and

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

Whereas: Knox County and Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. wish to enter into a Supplemental Preliminary Engineering Services agreement, setting out modifications and/or additional duties and/or funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

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

Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chair of the Knox County Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized to sign the attached Preliminary Engineering Services Supplemental Agreement No. 4 between Knox County and Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc.

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

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7054(19)
NDOT Control Number: 31821
NDOT Project Description: Verdigre North

Adopted this 25th day of August, 2022 at Center, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors, Knox County, Nebraska:

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Danny R. Schlote /s/

Virgil H. Miller /s/
Martin J. O'Connor /s/
Absent – James Sokol, Jr.

James J. Borgmann /s/
Patrick J. Liska /s/

Board/Council Member – Supr. Miller
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member – Supr. Liska Seconded the Motion
Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 1 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/
County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Oil Crew update; 3. Bridge Crew update; 4. Concrete box culvert project update; 5. Update on Weigand Bridge; 6. The 2022 Chevrolet Malibu car was delivered; 7. Ashfall road update.

Knox County Fair Director Jerry Nipp updated the Board on the recent 2022 Knox County Fair and future projects. The fair was well attended this year and the number of entries increased. Mr. Nipp said that the Knox County Ag Society requests an additional \$25,000 over the allocated 2021/2022. The Board thanked Mr. Nipp and the Ag Society as they are doing a good job. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 24**, as per Nebraska Revised Statute §77-3443, the Knox County Board of Supervisors will allocate a final allocation of levy authority of \$175,000 to the Knox County Ag Society with the breakdown to be \$100,000 for General Expenses (~~0.003269~~ 0.004359 (corrected 9-8-2022) levy) and \$75,000 for Capitol Improvement (~~0.004359~~ 0.003269 (corrected 9-8-2022) levy) for a total levy of 0.007628 for budget year 2022/2023. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 24

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 \$175,000.00 to the Knox County Ag Society with the breakdown to be \$100,000.00 for General Expenses (0.004359) and \$75,000.00 (0.003269) for Capitol Improvement for a total levy of 0.007628 for budget year 2022/2023.

DATED this 25th day of August 2022.

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

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

Janet Frank and a group of grass roots patriots met with the Board regarding election equipment integrity. A video was shown, and discussion ensued on the 2020 General Election Presidential results, election turnout and election process. Seven resolutions were presented to the Board by Mrs. Frank, however, she asked that all resolutions be tabled until the next Board meeting except for the resolution for retention of the 2020 General Election records. The Board took no action.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess for lunch at 12:45 p.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 1:22 p.m. with all members present except Supervisor James Sokol, Jr., District #4.

Economic Development Director Hanvey met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve the Amendment of the Knox County Improvement Grant Application for Village of Niobrara and the Niobrara Promoters. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the July 12, 2022 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0193 Robert T. Neyens on a 5.03-acre tract split in the NW1/4 of Section 8, T29N, R5W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0194 Jennifer Hoferer for a five-acre tract split in the SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 30, T30N, R5W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Extension Educator Hanefeldt and Amy Topp with the University of Nebraska met with the Board with an updated Interlocal Agreement and Constitution for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the Constitution and By-Laws of the Nebraska Extension Program. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services with the University of Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 1:42 p.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing ~~personal~~ personnel (corrected 9-8-2022). By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual. The Board came out of executive session at 1:52 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close the executive session at 1:52 p.m. that was held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the renewal of an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Knox and Village of Verdigre. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the County of Knox and the Village of Verdigre for Law Enforcement Services for a term of two years beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

SLFRF Administrator Nix updated the Board on the 2022/2023 budget draft and the final tax request. The draft shows this year's tax request is \$7,422.93 less than last year and the levy would be 0.157603 which is 0.004234 less than last year. Knox County will not have to participate in the LB644 hearing as the allowable growth and tax request falls below the threshold of LB644.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 25** that as per Nebraska Statute §77-3443, the Board allocates 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 2022/2023. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 25

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 2022/2023.

DATED this 25th day of August 2022.

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

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

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 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, and Crofton Rural Fire Districts chose levies of 4.5 cents, Bloomfield and Wausa Rural Fire Districts 3.5 cents

and Verdigre Rural Fire District 3 cents. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 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 2022-2023 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 – 3 cents; Niobrara Rural Fire District – 4.5 cents; Wausa Rural Fire District – 3.5 cents; and Crofton Rural Fire District – 4.5 cents.

DATED this 25th day of August 2022.

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

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

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing for August 11 through August 24, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the Knox County Board of Supervisors Meeting Guidelines that is an update to the 2013 Guidelines. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the 2021/2022 Office Inventories. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Knox County Clerk Fischer informed the Board that the Clerk's Office will no longer be the Knox County Spelling Bee Coordinator and Tabitha Gilsdorf and Laura Hauger at the Bloomfield School have volunteered to take over the duties of the Knox County Spelling Bee. Mrs. Fischer discussed with the Board the cost of trophies and sending the Knox County 7th/8th grader winner to the Omaha competition. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to continue paying the costs of the Knox County Spelling Bee trophies and up to \$200 to the parents of the 7th/8th grade winner for representing Knox County at the Omaha competition. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the addition of Krista Nix, SLFRF Administrator/Office Clerk, on the signature card of the checking accounts of the County of Knox and the Knox County Clerk at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued on the Cedar County Transit grant that will end in December 2022 and if Knox County wants to contribute to the costs of continuance of the service into Knox County. Cedar County Transit Manager Nikki Pinkelman will meet with the Board at the September 8, 2022 meeting.

Committee updates were: 1. SLFRF Administrator Nix said the Applied Connective Technologies will be bringing the microphones for the Boardroom in time for the next meeting; 2. Chairman Mackeprang gave an update on the North Central District Health Department.

Officials' update was given by Sheriff Henery who said that he had nominated former Sheriff James Janecek to the Nebraska Law Enforcement Hall of Fame to which he was accepted. The Board commended former Sheriff Janecek on fifty years of law enforcement experience.

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

GENERAL FUND. Bartak Glass Inc., jamin door repair, 225.00; Bob Barker Company Inc., supplies, 48.26; Centurylink, long distance, 67.68; CMart LLC, gas, 101.44; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 479.54; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 282.88; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 49.38; Dollar General, jail

supplies, 57.30; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 125.74; F&M State Bank, annual ach fee, 240.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage, 5,326.92; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 55.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc., hazard mitigation, 7,836.00; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 45.00; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 41.88; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 117,281.31; Moody Motor Company Inc., oil/repair, 86.40; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 60.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 88.00; Postmaster, postal permit fee, 275.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 308.93; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 36.25; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 38.75; Roger's Auto Repair, wiper blades, 40.00; Verdigre eagle, publishing, 24.00.

ROAD FUND. Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 70.04; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 431.07; Cedar-Knox PPD, electricity, 82.58; C-Mart LLC, gas, 95.57; First National Bank Omaha, hats/t-shirts/teeth, 3,997.02; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 4,387.50; Jebro inc., demurrage, 160.00; Kevin Barta, title/tire fee, 22.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 134.12; Omaha Slings Inc., repairs, 1,598.51; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 41.50; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 187.14; Steffen Service, gas, 185.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 32.00; Village of Center, water/sewer, 34.00.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Herbst Construction Inc., bridge contract, 89,218.18.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.23.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Flagship Publishing Inc., publishing, 400.00; Rowan Productions, videography, 576.50.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 203.73.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.23; Dollar General, supplies, 33.20.

INHERITANCE FUND. Pitzer Digital, publishing, 170.10; Slowey Construction Inc., crushed asphalt, 1,461.62.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, unifi switch, 37.02; CenturyLink, phone, 32.04.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, unifi switch, 425.69; CenturyLink, phone, 368.40.

| TOTALS | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| General Fund | \$ 133,220.66 |
| Road Fund | 11,458.05 |
| Flowage Easement Road Fund | 89,218.18 |
| Child Support Fund | 4.23 |
| Visitor's Promo Fund | 976.50 |
| Economic Development Fund | 203.73 |
| C&C Development Fund | 37.43 |
| Inheritance Fund | 1,631.72 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 69.06 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 794.09 |
| Total | \$ 237,613.65 |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:52 p.m. on August 25, 2022 until Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. for the 2022/2023 Knox County Budget hearing and 2022 Final Tax Request Hearing and until after the public hearings 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
September 8, 2022
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 8, 2022 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.

Office Clerk Burman 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 2022/2023 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 2022 Tax Request.

Discussion was held on the 2022/2023 proposed Knox County budget and the proposed 2022 tax request.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the open budget hearing at 9:33 a.m. There was no one present in opposition to the proposed budget.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the open special hearing on the Final 2022 Tax Request at 9:33 a.m. There was no one present in opposition to the proposed final tax request/levy for 2022/2023.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors followed the 2022/2023 Budget Hearing and the Final 2022 Tax Request Hearing.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Creighton News newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the August 25, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that the executive session was held on personnel and the levies for the Knox County Ag Society will be 0.004359 for the General Fund and 0.003269 for the Capital Improvement Fund.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from County Attorney Thomas regarding Attorney General's opinion on SID #2 voting and participating in meetings by Zoom calls; 2. Copy of letter from Attorney General regarding notice of prospective litigation and demand for records retention on election challenge.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve an additional 1% over the 2 1/2% basic limitation allowable increase to restricted funds for the 2022/2023 budget process. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve and adopt the presented 2022/2023 Knox County Budget, noting the valuation increased by \$55,373,200 and the property tax request was decreased by \$7,522.93 from last year, and to adopt **Resolution #2022- 27** for the Adoption and Appropriations of the 2022/2023 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**KNOX COUNTY
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS**

RESOLUTION #2022 - 27

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 17th day of August with revisions completed on the 25th day of August 2022, 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, 2022 to June 30, 2023, 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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

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 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

Martin J. O'Connor /s/

Patrick J. Liska /s/

Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

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. O'Connor, seconded Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 28** setting the 2022 property tax request at \$3,615,935.98 with a levy of 0.1577603 per \$100 of assessed value noting the 2022 levy decreased by 0.004234 from last year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 28
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 2022-2023 property tax request be set at \$3,615,935.98.
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 \$0.157931 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Knox County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.157603 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 \$25,335,153.58 (does not include \$1,100,000 for cash reserve in the General Fund), which exceeds last fiscal year's operating budget by 2%.
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 15, 2022.

Dated this 8th day of September 2022.

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 Message of the adopted 2022/2023 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2022 - 29** to make monthly transfers through the claims process from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 29

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2022-2023 Knox County Road budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Knox County budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$1,034,829.37 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 2022-2023 budget was adopted to cover incurred expenses for July and August, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2022-20 directing the Knox County Clerk to transfer through the claims process \$117,281.31 in July, 2022 and \$117,281.31 in August, 2022, 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 \$800,266.75 needs to be transferred from September 2022 through June 2023 from the General Fund to the Road Fund, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2022/2023 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: **\$80,026.63 for September 2022, and \$80,026.68 for October, November and December of 2022, and January, February, March, April, May and June of 2023.**

Dated this 8th day of September 2022.

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 adopt **Resolution #2022 - 30** to transfer through the claims process \$460,590.92 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund during the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year as tax relief noting that \$157,350 will be used for the PTO Conversion buyout and \$303,240.90 will be used for the second loan repayment for the Bloomfield North road project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 30

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 2022-2023, and

WHEREAS, transferring \$157,350.00 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 \$460,590.92 through the claims process from the Knox County Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund during the 2022/2023 fiscal year as tax relief.**

Dated this 8th day of September 2022.

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. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2022 - 31** to transfer through the claims process \$303,240.92 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Fund to be used as the second loan repayment for the Bloomfield North Road project with the transfer to be made during the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 31

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 Road 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 was made in the 2021/2022 Knox County Budget and

WHEREAS, the second loan repayment will be in the amount of \$303,240.92 with a transfer from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund during the 2022/2023 fiscal year, and

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2022/2023 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 Road Fund through the claims process during the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year** to be used as a partial loan repayment for the Bloomfield North Road project.

Dated this 8th day of September 2022.

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. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 32** to transfer through the claims process \$37,200 from the Knox County General Fund to the C & C Development Fund for the 2022/2023 Budget Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 32

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 \$355 health insurance stipend, 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 2022/2023 Knox County budget is approved, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of \$37,200 during the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 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, \$5,478 for the health insurance stipend, \$674 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, \$2,801 for the County-paid retirement rate and \$3,175 for the County's share of FICA/MEDICARE (Social Security).

Dated this 8th day of September 2022.

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

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

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

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

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

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 33** to transfer through the claims process \$17,931.50 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund during the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year to comply with Public Service Commission requirements. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022- 33

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 2022/2023 budget to be in compliance with Public Service Commission requirements, and
WHEREAS, there was \$17,931.50 in the 911 Wireless Service Fund that accumulated during the 2021/2022 fiscal year, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2022/2023 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 \$17,931.50 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund during the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year.**

Dated this 8th day of September 2022.

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

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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. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 34**, with a designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, declaring from October through Veterans Day, November 11, 2022, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service and in observance of Operation Green Light, Knox County encourages its citizens to recognize the importance of honoring those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 34 **SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS**

WHEREAS, the residents of Knox County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Knox County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid in the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors appreciates the sacrifices of our United States Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Knox County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11, 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Knox County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2022.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Martin J. O'Connor /s/
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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. 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 \$959,022.57 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Receipts Revenue Report from August 25, 2022 through September 6, 2022. 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. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve a Special Designated Liquor License Application for Bohemian One Stop for a special event at the Eagle View Group Lodge/Niobrara State Park on October 29, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to provide deer carcass dumpsters again this year at the Niobrara County Yard, the Creighton County Yard, in the north part of the Knox County Fairgrounds, and possibly a site in the Crofton area from November 1 through December 9, 2022 with the cost to be paid from the County KENO Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:13 a.m. with all members present.

Highway Superintendent Office Clerk Ranae Gall met with the Board on the following: 1. Chairman Mackeprang signed a contract in the amount of \$1,227,011.04 between Knox County and Theisen Construction, Inc. for the Weigand Bridge project. The Board had approved the Theisen Construction Inc. bid at the July 28, 2022 meeting; 2. Bridge Crew update; 3. Oil Crew update; 4. The Raymond Township Board submitted a request for the vacation and abandonment of three portions of Cottonwood Drive in the Lazy River Acres Subdivision. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 35** directing Highway Superintendent Barta to conduct a study for the vacation and abandonment of three portions of Cottonwood Drive in the Lazy River Acres subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 35

WHEREAS the Raymond Township Board has requested to vacate and abandon three portions of Cottonwood Drive in the Lazy River Acres subdivision described as follows:

1. The North-South portion of Cottonwood Drive contiguous to Lot 1 and Lot 2, except the South 25 feet thereof, Block G;
2. The East-West portion of Cottonwood Drive contiguous to Block F. This excludes the North-South portions of Cottonwood Drive contiguous to Blocks D and G;
3. That part of Cottonwood Drive that was conveyed as a tract to Carolyn Mass in Deed Book 115, Page 757 more fully described as: Commencing at a point 10 feet South of the Southwest corner of Lot 2 in Block D of the plat of Lazy River Acres; thence West 15 feet; thence Northwesterly to the Northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block F of said plat; thence due North to the South bank of the Missouri River; thence Northeasterly following the South bank of said river to a point due North of a point 10 feet East of the Northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block D of said plat; thence Southwesterly to the Northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block D of said plat; All located in Lazy River Acres Subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska.

WHEREAS the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of closing such roads, and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors hereby directs Hwy. Supt. Kevin R. Barta to conduct a study of vacating and abandoning three portions of Cottonwood Drive in the Lazy River Acres subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska as described above.

Passed this 8th day of September 2022.

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

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the August Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0195 Travis Barney for a 5.54 tract split in the S1/2SW1/4 and the SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 18, T33N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Technicians from Applied Connective Technologies were present to assist the Board with the new microphones and other technical matters in the Board room.

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

Sheriff Henery and the Board discussed updating the communications and technical systems in the Boardroom and the Basement Conference Room for security reasons and to use ARPA funds.

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

Janet Frank and several people with a grass roots group met with the Board and presented three election resolutions. Discussion was held on election processes. The Board took no action.

Nikki Pinkelman with Cedar County Transit met with the Board regarding the transit grant that will end December 31, 2022. Discussion ensued on the costs of Cedar County Transit providing service to the eastern side of Knox County, federal and state cost sharing, and scheduling a meeting with the Cedar County Commissioners to discuss the future of continued service into Knox County. Supervisors O'Connor, Schlote and Chairman Mackeprang will meet with the Cedar County Commissioners on September 27, 2022 to discuss projected costs and options.

Officials update was given by the following: 1. Chairman Mackeprang informed the Board of an upcoming North Central District Health Department meeting. 2. County Clerk Fischer reminded the Board of the upcoming Northeast District NACO meeting to be held in Norfolk on Friday, September 16, 2022. Also, North Central District Health Department will be at the Knox County Courthouse on September 29, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a vaccine clinic that will be available to the Knox County employees, their families, and the public.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 190,682.46; Amy Johnson, mileage, 90.63; Applied Connective Technologies, IT agreement, 3,180.31; Bob Barker Company Inc., uniforms, 76.05; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Cathleen Sue Stark, prior service, 12.00; Center Garage, battery, 210.00; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 44.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,867.01; Connie Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 30,195.00; Creston Fertilizer

Company, chemicals, 3,698.64; CVSOAN, training, 60.00; D&L Tire LLC., tires, 1,041.96; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance OCIO, teletype, 448.00; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper, 425.57; EcoWater Systems, bottled water/salt, 397.00; Gragert's, jail food, 1,561.39; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,408.65; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; Jeannoutot Plumbing, jail sewer, 75.00; Jo Ann Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Joann M. Fischer, reimburse title and tire fee, 15.00; Karen K. Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 170.08; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 281.90; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 30.98; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 131.25; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,398.69; Northeast Nebraska News Company, subscription/publishing, 175.54; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 554.39; Postmaster, annual permit fee, 275.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,151.36; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 775.99; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly bill, 6,700.75; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 13,067.58; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 191.80; US Cellular, cell phones, 367.32; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/envelopes, 700.00; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 75,243.37; B's Enterprises Inc., culvert, 28,000.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 3,457.43; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 106.11; Bruce Hagge, prior service, 24.00; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 153.29; C-Mart, gas, 278.12; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,665.42; Country Market, shop supplies, 9.89; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,810.00; Diesel Machinery Inc., dynapac roller, 69,800.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 4,925.25; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 2,387.10; Great Plains Communications, phone, 542.99; Grossenberg Implement Inc., repairs/oil/filters, 1,109.51; Jacob Bathke, dirt, 900.00; Jacob Dendinger, equipment rental, 523.68; Jebro Inc., mc3000, 192,597.51; Kayton International, def, 39.30; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 177.17; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 1,742.17; Light and Siren, shop supplies, 808.46; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 27.95; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 437.50; Marc Mastalir, prior service 14.00; Mobile Binders, surveyor books, 2,770.63; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 37.78; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 301.31; Powerplan, repairs, 1,282.31; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/supplies/filters, 2,127.06; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,938.20; Rohrer Welding, repairs/cattle gate, 1,495.00; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 164.55; Schreier Lumber Company, shop supplies, 54.40; SD Local Transportation Assistance Program, reg. dues, 125.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 414.59; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.38; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 77.39; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 21,703.02.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fee, 1,001.25; John Prouty Const. Co., dirt contract, 114,444.99; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 41,867.87.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 54.44; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 3,060.75.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, internet, 183.90.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 274.06; Mobile Binders, binding, 675.00.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 4,329.75.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,813.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 283.67; First National Bank Omaha, travel/leadership/supplies, 2,197.35; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 54.44; Legendary Graphics, banners, 95.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 233.44; US Cellular, cell phone, 162.14; 4Imprint, promo products, 1,327.04.

INHERITANCE FUND. Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 43,416.25; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Sid Dillon Chevrolet Buick, 2022 malibu, 17,782.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 6.33; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 106.40; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. City of Norfolk, regional host network, 536.39; OPTK Networks, regionalization network, 761.48.

TOTALS

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| General Fund | \$281,056.13 |
| Road Fund | 438,249.06 |
| Flowage Easement Road Fund | 157,314.11 |
| Child Support Fund | 214.82 |
| Visitor's Promo Fund | 3,060.75 |
| Visitor's Improvement Fund | 183.90 |
| ROD Pres./Mod. Fund | 949.06 |
| Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund | 4,329.75 |
| C&C Development Fund | 8,217.19 |

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| Inheritance Fund | 63,281.58 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 130.44 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 737.91 |
| 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund | <u>1,297.87</u> |
| Total | \$959,022.57 |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:06 p.m. on September 8, 2022 until Thursday, September 29, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
September 29, 2022
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, September 29, 2022 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 Krista 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 Crofton Journal newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that all claims except Claim #2022090209, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote that Claim #2022090209 payable to Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in the amount of \$5,302.96, 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. Abstain District #1. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$1,214,399.07 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 10:25 a.m. with all members present.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Update on the recent Planning Commission meeting; 2. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the August 9, 2022 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0197 Devils Nest Development for a 5.01-acre lot split in the SE1/4 of Section 30, T33N, R3W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

At 10:43 A.M., Chairman Mackeprang opened a public hearing on Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0049 Cedar Ridge Park and on Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0050 Travis Barney. Chairman Mackeprang closed the two public hearings at 10:47 A.M.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 36** approving Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0049 for Cedar Ridge Park for a 15-unit storage building, boat, jet ski, and trailer parking area, three rental units and a community room on a part of Tract 2 per survey dated April 15, 2020 by LS #689, located in the S1/2SW1/4 and the SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 18, T33N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 36

WHEREAS, Cedar Ridge RV Park has applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0049 for a 15-unit storage building, boat, jet ski, and trailer parking area, three rental units, and community room on a part of Tract 2 per survey dated April 16, 2020 by LS #689, located in the South half of the Southwest Quarter (S1/2 SW ¼) and the Southwest quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW ¼ SE ¼) of Section 18, Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Knox County, Nebraska more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the South quarter corner of Section 18; thence N00°02'02"W, along the West line of said SW ¼ SE ¼, for 1,300.52 feet to the Southerly Right of Way of County Road 54C; thence N88°25'09"E, along said Right of Way, for 613.74 feet to the Point of Beginning of herein described tract of land; thence continuing along said Right of Way, N88°25'09"E for 120.88 feet to the North line of said SW ¼ SE ¼; thence S89°59'00"E, along said North line, for 583.61 feet to the Northeast corner of said SW ¼ SE ¼; thence S00°01'19"E, along the East line of said SW ¼ SE ¼, for 351.88 feet; thence N88°42'23"W for 699.35 feet to the East line of that certain tract of land described in Deed Book 148, Page 479 of the Office of The Knox County Register of Deeds; thence N00°55'47"W, along said East line, for 332.96 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 5.54 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on August 9, 2022, 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. One business sign up to 80 square feet is allowed to be placed on the property (not on the right-of-way).
2. No outside storage is allowed except for the boat storage area (limited to boats, jet skis, and trailers) in the southwest corner of the parcel.
3. The self-storage units shall be of neutral color with under the soffit lighting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Cedar Ridge RV Park Conditional Use Permit #CU0049 be approved.

Dated this 29th day of September, 2022.

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. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 37** approving Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0050 for Travis Barney for construction of a 15-unit self-storage building on a tract of land in part of the E1/2NE1/4SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 18, T33N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 37

WHEREAS, Travis Barney has applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0050 to construct a 15 unit self-storage building on a tract of land in part of the East half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast quarter (E ½ NE ¼ SW ¼ SE ¼) of Section 18, Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on August 9, 2022, 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. One business sign up to 80 square feet is allowed to be placed on the property.
2. No outside storage is allowed.
3. The structure shall be of neutral color with under the soffit lighting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Travis Barney Conditional Use Permit #CU0050 be approved.

Dated this 29th day of September, 2022.

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Certification to Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards and the

Road and Bridge Contracts Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Update on repairs to the old Roscoe Roller; 3. Discussion was held on purchasing a 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup through the State bid. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to purchase a 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup through the State bid in the amount of \$42,664 from Gene Steffy Chrysler Center, Inc. of Fremont NE. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. There will not be a County sale this year; 5. Oil Crew update; 6. Bridge Crew update; 7. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to accept and place on file a study by Hwy. Supt. Barta for the vacation and abandonment of three portions of Cottonwood Drive in the Lazy River Acres Subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska.. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 8. Supr. Schlote, made a motion, seconded by Supr. O'Connor that the following Road Resolution be published in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper on October 6, 13, and 20, 2022. Also, a copy of said Resolution be sent by certified mail to current adjoining landowners namely Kent and Mary Snowdon, Carrie Weber, John Madsen and Sally McHugh Madsen, and Carolyne Maas. The date of hearing on this matter being set for Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 10:30 A.M. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 38

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 39-1722, Nebraska Revised Statutes, the County Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska, on the 8th day of September 2022 directed the County Highway Superintendent to make a study of the use of three portions of Cottonwood Drive in Lazy River Acres, a platted subdivision described as follows:

1. The North-South portion of Cottonwood Drive contiguous to Lot 1 and Lot 2, except the South 25 feet thereof, Block G;
2. The East-West portion of Cottonwood Drive contiguous to Block F. This excludes the North-South portions of Cottonwood Drive contiguous to Blocks D and G;
3. That part of Cottonwood Drive that was conveyed as a tract to Carolyne Maas in Deed Book 115, Page 757 more fully described as: Commencing at a point 10 feet South of the Southwest corner of Lot 2 in Block D of the plat of Lazy River Acres; thence West 15 feet; thence Northwesterly to the Northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block F of said plat; thence due North to the South bank of the Missouri River; thence Northeasterly following the South bank of said river to a point due North of a point 10 feet East of the Northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block D of said plat; thence Southwesterly to the Northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block D of said plat; All located in Lazy River Acres Subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska.

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of vacating and abandoning three portions of Cottonwood Drive located in Lazy River Acres, a platted subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2022, County Highway Superintendent did file his report in writing as to such road, containing a recommendation that said portion of Cottonwood Drive 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, in the Supervisors' Meeting Room in the Courthouse at Center, Nebraska on the 27th day of October, 2022 at the hour of 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of determining whether three portions of Cottonwood Drive located in Lazy River Acres, a platted subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., in Raymond Township, Knox County, Nebraska, be vacated and abandoned.

Passed, approved and adopted this 29th day of September, 2022.

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairman

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 9. Weigand Bridge Project update; 10. Update on work done on the north approach to the bridge leading into Lazy River Acres; 11. Skid loader changed at the Creighton yard; 12. Discussed proposed road vacation/abandonment in Frankfort Township; 13. Bridge projects discussed; 14. Discussed motorgrader bids.

Angie O'Connor with Avera updated the Board on the 2022 onsite wellness program.

Executive Director Jon Cannon with NACO met with the Board on legislation, cybersecurity, upcoming conferences, County projects, purchasing real estate in Ogallala to build a NACO office, and ARPA funds.

Insurance Agent Hammer and the Board discussed health insurance options. More research and discussion will be made.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:07 p.m. for lunch.

Supervisor Liska left at 12:07 p.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:51 p.m. with all members present except Supervisor Patrick J. Liska District #2.

Clerk of District Court Fischer updated the Board on the Supreme Court mandate of placing a new audio and video system in the Courtroom. The State is paying for the equipment and will own it for five years at which time it then becomes the County's equipment and responsibility for upkeep. New outlets will be required for the installation of the system. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a Memorandum of Understanding – Nebraska Courtroom technology Transfer of Ownership for the facilitation of transfer of audio-visual components, equipment, or full systems (equipment) to be used in the courtroom located in the Knox County Courthouse and such agreement is made between the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation and Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

Deputy County Clerk Surface presented updates to the Knox County Employee Handbook. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the Knox County Employee Handbook updates that include revisions to the Classification of Employees and the Benefits. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

County Attorney Thomas sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors asking for their approval of appointment of Hanna Knox Jensen as Deputy County Attorney. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that County Attorney John Thomas may appoint Hanna Knox Jensen as Deputy County Attorney to assist him in the discharge of his duties, with the approval and consent of the Knox County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 23-1204. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the following: 1. The recent Hazard Mitigation kickoff meeting was well attended by Knox County cities, villages, schools, and fire departments; 2. Concerns of NEMA projects.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of September 7 – 27, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Treasurer's Report of All Real Property advertised having Delinquent Taxes in February 2022 and not sold, and to direct County Treasurer Ebel to proceed with issuance of tax sale certificates to the County upon any real property with delinquent taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

The Board changed the last meeting date in November to Wednesday, November 23, 2022, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 39** adopting and approving the execution of an agreement with the Department of Transportation of the State of Nebraska for Project No. STP-12-5(120) Control No. 32240 Project Name Crofton West. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 – 39

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR PROJECT NO. STP-12-5 (120), CONTROL NO. 32240, AGREEMENT NO.____, PROJECT NAME: CROFTON WEST.

Be it resolved by the Chairperson of the Board of the County of Knox, Nebraska, that:

1. The County shall enter into an Agency Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project No. STP-12-5(120) for the purpose of highway improvements on Highway 12 within the boundaries of Knox County.
2. The Chairperson of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the County of Knox and the County Clerk is authorized to attest said execution.
3. This resolution will be marked Exhibit "B" and a copy attached to each Original Agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/
County Clerk

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairperson of the Board

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 40** adopting and approving the execution of an agreement with the Department of Transportation of the State of Nebraska for Project No. STP-84-5(108) Control No. 31832 Project Name Bloomfield – US-81. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 – 40

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR PROJECT NO. STP-84-5(108), CONTROL NO. 31832, AGREEMENT NO.____, PROJECT NAME: BLOOMFIELD – US-81.

Be it resolved by the Chairperson of the Board of the County of Knox, Nebraska, that:

1. The County shall enter into an Agency Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project No. STP-84-5(108) for the purpose of highway improvements on Highway 84 within the boundaries of Knox County.
2. The Chairperson of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the County of Knox and the County Clerk is authorized to attest said execution.
3. This resolution will be marked Exhibit "B" and a copy attached to each Original Agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/
County Clerk

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairperson of the Board

Discussion was held on the public transit grant that ends December 31, 2022 with Cedar County Transit. The Cedar County Transit has been providing public transit services thirty miles into the east side of Knox County and with the grant ending, Cedar County Commissioners asked if the Knox County Board of Supervisors were considering continuance of the service provided by Cedar County and what they would pay for a local share. Chairman Mackeprang, Supervisors O'Connor and Schlote, and County Clerk Fischer attended a Cedar County Commissioners' meeting on September 27 where Nikki Pinkelman presented information on the proposed partnership and Knox County's local share total for 2023 to be \$23,105 with Federal and State grants to secure the funding for the remainder costs. After a discussion, motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve a pilot program partnership with an annual review in one year with Cedar County for public transit services provided by Cedar County with Knox County's local cost share to be \$23,105. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1. County Clerk Fischer informed the Board that the State is issuing a deed to Knox County for the one-mile road owned by the State of Nebraska Game and Parks east of Devils Nest. As per an interlocal agreement, Knox County will deed this road to SID #2; 2. Chairman Mackeprang said that Roger Wiese who was the director of the Northeast Central (corrected 10-13-2022) District Health Department resigned; 3. Chairman Mackeprang and Supr. Schlote gave an update of the recent Northeast District NACO Workshop; 4. Supr. Schlote said that the NorthStar building in West Point may be sold in the near future and relocation of the office has not been determined; 5. Supr. Miller gave an update on the Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging office building, rent issues and possibly looking for a different location in Norfolk.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 1:48 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. The Board came out of executive session at 2:05 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 2:05 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.

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

GENERAL FUND. Amy Johnson, registration, 85.00; Bomgaars, eyewear/gloves, 37.27; Centurylink, long distance, 74.06; Ciox Health, medical records, 20.00; CMart LLC, gas, 32.75; Cornhusker State Industries, plaques/pillows, 222.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 30.69; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 752.31; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 282.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 68.75; Dollar General, jail supplies, 44.40; Doug DeShazer, meeting/mileage, 62.50; Douglas County Assessor/Register of Deeds, class, 385.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 231.63; F&M State Bank, annual ach fee, 240.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage, 4,573.35; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co., supplies, 783.07; JEO Consulting Group Inc., hazard mitigation, 15,792.95; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 41.88; Knox County Court, cases bound over, 169.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 575.42; Knox County Treasurer, transfers to the Flowage Easement Road Fund, C & C Development Fund & Road Fund, 420,467.55; N&B Gas Co., propane, 626.50; NACO, registration, 300.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, dues, 210.00; Norfolk Lodge & Suites, lodging, 656.94; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 452.52; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,185.43; Ramada by Wyndam Kearney, lodging, 154.00; Reserve Account, meter postage, 6,000.00; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 36.25; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 38.75; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 87.50; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation LLC, sprinkler repair, 145.12; Verizon, hot spot, 40.01; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 1,183.00.

ROAD FUND. B's Enterprises Inc., signs, 4,876.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 86.95; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 70.04; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 76.99; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 1,330.05; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 308.43; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., shop supplies, 155.60; Cedar-Knox PPD, electricity, 91.66; CHS Wausa, diesel, 4,001.37; C-Mart LLC, gas, 230.77; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 454.25; Emme Sand & Gravel Inc., gravel/haul, 3,511.41; Fairfield Inn & Suites, lodging, 737.70; First National Bank Omaha, office supplies/meals, 286.31; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 27.96; Herbert Feed & Grains Co., diesel, 10,712.98; Jebro Inc., oil, 135,062.76; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 38.98; Kayton International Inc., pallet forks, 1,050.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 35.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 147.24; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 162.99; Spencer Quarries Inc., red rock, 722.52; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 1,288.72; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 47,121.97; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/tires/supplies/grass seed, 6,850.44; Vic's Service LLC, gas/oil filter, 453.00; Village of Center, water/sewer, 34.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/dirt/haul, 40,897.34.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, access point, 175.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 4.63; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, internet, 183.90.

COUNTY INSURANCE FUND. Avera Sacred Heart, wellness, 5,302.96.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 56.25.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.63; CMart LLC, gas, 36.82; Crowne Plaza Hotel, lodging, 124.95; Fairfield Inn & Suites, lodging, 169.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/leadership, 1,820.81; Kelly Hanvey, leadership/travel, 101.92; Rowan Productions, marketing, 100.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 30.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Brogan Lamml P.C., special court appointed attorney, 204.56; Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 2,789.12; John Aschoff, agreement, 7,000.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to General Fund, 460,590.92.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 21.70.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 249.49; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund, 17,931.50.

| TOTALS | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| General Fund | \$ 456,536.48 |
| Road Fund | 260,883.43 |
| Child Support Fund | 260.63 |
| Visitor's Improvement Fund | 183.90 |
| County Insurance Fund | 5,302.96 |
| Economic Development Fund | 56.25 |
| C&C Development Fund | 2,388.13 |
| Inheritance Fund | 470,584.60 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 21.70 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 18,180.99 |
| Total | \$1,214,399.07 |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:06 p.m. on September 29, 2022 until Thursday, October 13, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
October 13, 2022
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 13, 2022 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 Attorney Jensen 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 Creighton News newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the September 29, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that Roger Wiese resigned as director of the North Central District Health Department.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Copy of article from the Crofton Journal newspaper on the LB644 public hearing.

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 \$458,196.38 are listed at the end of these proceedings

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of September 28 – October 11, 2022. 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 September Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected between July 1 and September 31, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:12 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 1. Discussion was held on cost sharing of a dredging plan for the Ponca Creek in the Lazy River Acres area. It could possibly cost Knox County \$215,385 with additional costs in the future. Motion by Supr. Sokol, seconded by Supr. Liska to have Knox County commit to \$215,385 which is 35% of the cost of a proposed dredging project of the Ponca Creek in the Lazy River Acres area and part of the 35% County share will be in like-kind services. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. A request with petition signatures was received from the Frankfort Township Board for the vacation and abandonment of a 0.8-mile portion of Platted Road #732 in Section 19 of Frankfort Township. Discussion was held on directing Hwy. Supt. Barta to conduct a study for the requested vacation and abandonment, review of a letter from Attorney Mark Fitzgerald regarding the requested vacation/abandonment, gating of the platted open road, pending litigation, and parties using the road for access to their property. Chairman Mackeprang called for a motion to direct Hwy. Supt. Barta to conduct a study for the vacation and abandonment of a 0.8-mile portion of Platted Road #732 in the S1/2N1/2NW1/4 and the S1/2NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 19, T33N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. No motion was made so no action took place; 3. Oil Crew update; 4. Bridge crew update; 5. Update on the Weigand Bridge project.

At 11:17 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened a public hearing on Conditional Use Permit #CU0051 for a private Amish family cemetery for John and Susan Troyer.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 6. The road with the box culvert project will be opened in the next week. Funding of the project costs will be made from the Highway Bridge Buyback Fund; 7. Update on the Verdigre North bridge project; 8. Discussion was held on Supervisors delivering County checks to vendors in their district.

Chairman Mackeprang closed at 11:43 a.m. the open public hearing on Conditional Use Permit #CU0051. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Conditional Use Permit #CU0051 John and Susan Troyer for establishing a private Amish family cemetery for the private use of only members of the Amish community who move to or live in Knox County, Nebraska and said cemetery to be located in the SW1/4NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 12, T30N, R8W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. 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. Liska to place on file the September Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat #P0198 Clint Hughes for a zoning lot combination of Lots 1732, 1733 and 1734, Block 17, Devils Nest Subdivision with the stipulation that the fees be paid. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into executive session at 11:49 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussion 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 discussion personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 12:03 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to close at 12:03 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz discussed the invitation of the Ponca Tribe to partner with them regarding the chronic wasting disease of deer happening in Knox County. More information will be researched.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Accreditation of the Knox County Sheriff's Office from the Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

The State of Nebraska deeded to the County of Knox a road owned by the Nebraska Game and Parks in Section 21 of Herrick Township and as per an interlocal agreement between the County of Knox and Sanitary and Improvement District No. 2, the County will deed the road to the SID. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a deed from the County of Knox to Sanitary and Improvement District No. 2 for a one-mile portion of road in Section 21, T33N, R3W as per an interlocal agreement approved by the Knox County Board of Supervisors on June 30, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

SLFRF Administrator Nix presented information on the recent creation by the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund that would appropriate \$50,000 to Knox County because of the underfunding of PILT funds. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize SLFRF Administrator Nix to apply for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund allocation that would appropriate approximately \$50,000 to Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 189,001.59; Applied Connective Technologies, monthly programming, 3,199.31; Bridge Finch Tree Care, trim and remove trees, 11,400.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,694.82; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 30,195.00; Creston Fertilizer Company, chemicals, 841.25; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper, 1,041.55; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 624.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,362.67; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, janitor supplies, 24.98; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 28.13; K/V Electric LLC, fix lights, 774.53; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 275.94; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 159.72; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 101.25; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; Nebraska Association of County Assessors, meals, 25.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,347.47; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 211.05; Pitney Bowes, postage meter lease, 159.57; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 1,643.62; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,106.54; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 310.88; R&K Motor Parts, cushion/reservoir, 112.07; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,978.52; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 280.00; Software Unlimited Corp., software, 3,832.80; Superior Turf Management LLC, lawn service, 395.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 191.80; US Cellular, cell phones, 322.84; Verizon Wireless, hot spot, 40.01.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 74,825.53; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 213.06; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 994.16; Brian Dather, CDL renewal, 60.00; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; C-Mart, gas, 250.48; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,633.49; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 13,725.00; Dollar General, shop supplies, 36.65; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 7,922.32; Great Plains Communications, phone, 543.54; Grossenberg Implement Inc., def/oil/filters, 226.38; Herbert feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,800.81; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 11,475.00; J&K Auto, tire repair/gas, 72.50; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 46.42; Josh Bourn, safety vest, 13.99; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance county pays, 113.24; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 20.17; Moody Motor Co., repairs, 73.45; N&B Gas Co., propane, 2,156.95; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 38.30; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 305.66; Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk, door repairs, 176.50; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 28.00; Powerplan, repairs, 4,672.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 806.76; R&K Motor Parts, repairs /filters, 504.41; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,909.98; Roger's Auto Repair, shop supplies, 44.00; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 2,437.65; Russ Crosley, garbage, 92.00; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 1,646.00; Straight-line Striping Inc., centerline striping, 21,302.20; Sucha Repair, oxygen/acetylene, 458.79; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 414.59; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fee, 1,036.25.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.52; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38; Matthew R. Fischer, reimburse office supplies, 127.52; Maximus Inc., cost allocation, 1,000.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 2,879.25.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 274.06.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,958.88.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,813.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 283.67; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.52; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Pitzer Digital, subscription, 40.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 233.44; US Cellular, cell phone, 162.14.

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

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 6.09; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.82; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. City of Norfolk, regional host network, 173.97; OPTK Networks, regionalization network, 761.48.

| TOTALS | |
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| General Fund | \$280,834.06 |
| Road Fund | 159,272.27 |
| Flowage Easement Road Fund | 1,036.25 |
| Child Support Fund | 1,420.42 |
| Visitor's Promo Fund | 2,879.25 |
| ROD Pres./Mod. Fund | 274.06 |
| Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund | 3,958.88 |
| C&C Development Fund | 4,634.88 |
| Inheritance Fund | 2,083.33 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 129.62 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 737.91 |
| 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund | 935.45 |
| Total | <u>\$458,196.38</u> |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:16 p.m. on October 13, 2022 until Thursday, October 27, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
October 27, 2022
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 27, 2022 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 Crofton Journal newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the October 13, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr., that all claims except Claim #22100167, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote, that Claim #22100167 payable to Mariner Lane Sales & Service in the amount of \$500, 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. Abstain District #1. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$671,905.44 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to cancel Check #22090151 payable to the Douglas County Assessor/Register of Deeds in the amount of \$385.00. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

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. Oil Crew update; 2. Bridge Crew update; 3. Update on bridge projects

At 10:30 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened a public hearing for the vacation and abandonment of three portions of Cottonwood Drive in the Lazy River Acres Subdivision.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve **Resolution #2022 - 41**, due to the failure of Bohemia Township to petition against vacating and abandoning a portion of 521 Avenue 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 #2022 - 41

A RESOLUTION TO VACATE AND ABANDON:

Approximately the North 1,550 feet of 521 Avenue between the E1/2NW1/4 and the W1/2NW1/4 from the North Quarter Corner and the driveway of current owner Terry and Geri Swett in Section 11, T31N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

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

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

Section 1. VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF: Approximately the North 1,550 feet of 521 Avenue between the E1/2NW1/4 and the W1/2NW1/4 from the North Quarter Corner and the driveway of current owner Terry and Geri Swett in Section 11, T31N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, and that no damage will be sustained by the citizens of said County or the owners of property, therein, which matter has been ascertained by the Board of Supervisors.

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

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

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Knox, Nebraska this 27th day of October 2022.

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. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into executive session at 10:34 a.m. to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session was being held to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 10:54 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to close at 10:54 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of October 12 – 24, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to change the minimum dollar amount of items to be placed on the office inventories from \$100 to \$1,000. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The County owns a storage building across the street from the Knox County Courthouse and plans to tear down the building and replace it with a building that will have more garage space and less storage space. To gain more access to drive the County vehicles into the area from the alley, additional footage was needed. The Board and Brad Charrlin with Floor Fashions, Inc. who owns the Red Door Grill reached an agreement where Floor Fashions, Inc. would sell a strip adjacent to the County's property for \$2,000, and, in turn the County will deed over a very small area that was found to be within the fenced area of Mr. Charrlin's property as well as a small area so as to square the area to be fenced by Mr. Charrlin. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the purchase of the North 15 feet of Lot 8, Block 10, LESS the East 40 feet thereof, Original Town of Center, Knox Nebraska from Floor Fashions, Inc. for \$2,000 and the County of Knox will deed the West 4 feet of the East 40 feet of Lot 8, Block 10, LESS the South 10 feet and LESS the North 15 feet thereof, Original Town of Center, Knox County, Nebraska to Floor Fashions, Inc. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 42** for Conditional Use Permit #CU0051 that was approved at the October 13, 2022 meeting for John D. Troyer and Susan J. Troyer for the establishment of a private use cemetery for members of the Amish community who move to or live in Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 42

WHEREAS, John D. Troyer and Susan J. Troyer applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0051 to establish a private Amish family cemetery on a tract 60 feet east and west and 110 feet north and south located on the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Twelve (12), Township Thirty North, Range Eight West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission gave public notice and held a public hearing on September 13, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the cemetery is for private use only of members of the Amish community who move to or live in Knox County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, the plat of the cemetery is attached, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has found that the application complies with the Knox County Zoning Regulations, and hereby made a recommendation to approve the permit:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THAT THE JOHN D. TROYER AND SUSAN J. TROYER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #CU0051 WAS APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 13, 2022 MEETING OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Dated this 27th day of October, 2022.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

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

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

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

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

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

ATTEST : (Seal)

James J. Borgmann /s/

Discussion was held on the request from Frankfort Township to vacate a portion of Platted Road #732. Comments were given by Terry Heimes, Travis Barney, Melvin Jansen and Delbert Jansen, discussion was held on options, fencing, and access. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 43** directing Highway Superintendent Barta to conduct a study for the vacation and abandonment of 0.8-mile portion of Platted Road #732 in the S1/2N1/2NW1/4 & S1/2NW1/4NW1/4 of Sec. 19, T33N, R2W. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays District #1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 43

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

A .8-mile portion of Platted Road #732 located in the South Half of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter (S1/2N1/2NW1/4) and the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (S1/2NW1/4NW1/4) of Section 19 Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

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

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors hereby directs Hwy. Supt. Kevin R. Barta to conduct a study of vacating and abandoning a .8-mile portion of Platted Road #732 as described above.

Passed this 27th day of October 2022.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

Insurance Agent Jeff Hammer met with the Board to discuss the proposed health insurance premium for 2023 and the possibility of adding spouse coverage along with child(ren) coverage that is already available to eligible enrolled employees. Discussion ensued on how providing spouse and/or child(ren) coverage affects tax credits, renewal rates, and what portion of the spouse and/or child(ren) premiums the employee would pay through payroll deduction. Currently eligible enrolled employees pay \$650 per month for child(ren) health insurance coverage. The Board proposed the eligible enrolled employee's portion of premium cost for spouse coverage to be \$500 per month, child(ren) coverage to be \$500 per month or \$750 per month for spouse and child(ren) coverage, the County to continue providing a single health insurance policy to eligible employees with the deductible to remain at \$500. Enrolled married employees will need to complete before November 9 a waiver of adding a spouse or to complete an online health statement on the spouse's information if the employee is interested in adding the spouse to the coverage so 90 Degree Benefits can evaluate changes to the policy. Agent Hammer will return to the next meeting with more information.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1. SLFRF Administrator Nix on an upgrade to the Boardroom with the addition of a Samsung 85-inch LED TV and hardware replacing a smaller screen television; 2. County Clerk Fischer informed the Board that NIRMA will be representing her in Case No. CI 22-3020 Rick Hill v Election Systems & Software that also lists all county election commissioners/clerks in the State of Nebraska.

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

GENERAL FUND. Amy Johnson, lodging/meal, 132.20; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 22.31; Bomgaars, supplies, 19.20; Center Garage, tow pickup, 150.00; Centurylink, long distance, 55.67; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 48.00; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 101.00; Country Inn & Suites, training, 237.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 35.39; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 1,248.56; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 282.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dollar General, jail supplies, 99.55; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 14.77; Election Systems & Software, paper/programming, 11,465.54; Fairfield Inn-Kearney, conference, 329.85; Fire Protection Services LLC, inspection, 600.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage, 4,192.51; Gragert's, jail food/supplies, 2,409.63; Hefner Hardware, dryer for jail, 787.99; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 425.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc., hazard mitigation, 9,305.05; John Thomas, lodging/mileage, 687.93; Johnson Electric, wiring, 522.80; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 80,026.68; Loffler, copier agreement, 310.48;

Madison County Sheriff, house bell, 200.00; NACO, registrations/postcards, 5,197.58; National Sheriff's Association, membership dues, 440.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 207.44; RR Donnelley, gun applications/certificates, 79.96; Roger Vech Construction, wall opening; 2,417.00; UNL Eastern Nebraska Research & Extension Center, salary, 11,740.78; Verdigre Farm Service, tire repair, 30.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 699.00.

ROAD FUND. Avera Medical Group, drug test, 38.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 109.47; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 70.06; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 20.22; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., shop supplies, 7.50; Cedar-Knox PPD, electricity, 87.22; CHS Wausa, diesel, 3,097.86; C-Mart LLC, gas, 123.13; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 368.81; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 39.00; First National Bank Omaha, office supplies, 189.77; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 2,417.32; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 1,452.36; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 6,975.00; Jebro Inc., oil, 100,624.67; Kayton International Inc., equipment rental 2,500.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 218.52; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 769.62; Mariner Lane Sales & Service, detail oil pickup, 500.00; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 110.00; Mitteis Gravel, armor coat grave, 8,686.34; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 145.93; NMC Inc., repairs, 3,039.03; People's Grocery, shop supplies, 19.30; Pump Hook and Placement, equipment rental, 801.43; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; TB&K Construction inc., equipment rental, 1,380.00; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 614.32; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/tires/supplies/tordon, 6,263.75; Vic's Service LLC, gas/repairs, 253.54; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 159.95; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 34,578.04.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. A&R Construction, bridge contract, 306,160.84.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 3.48 First National Bank Omaha, zoom subscription, 158.14; Hometown leasing, copier lease, 160.38; Midwest Music Center, moving state computer, 440.04; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 322.52.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, internet, 183.90.

ROD PRES./MOD. FUND. Joann Fischer, flash drives, 105.72.

COVID ARPA FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, boardroom, 29,582.81.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 99.25.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 3.48; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, subscription, 40.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/leadership, 701.22.

INHERITANCE FUND. Brogan Lamml P.C., special court appointed attorney, 1,863.54; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland P.C., court appointed attorney, 397.46; Floor Fashions Inc., real estate purchase, 2,000.00; NIRMA, lawsuit deductible; 2,651.75; Stratton, DeLay, Doelle, Carlson, Buettner & Stover P.C., court appointed attorney, 470.92; Strom Construction, roofing, 14,950.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 32.01; First National Bank Omaha, class, 37.12.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 368.15; First National Bank Omaha, class, 426.88.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. OPTK Networks, regionalization, 31.92.

TOTALS

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| General Fund | \$134,969.75 |
| Road Fund | 175,744.16 |
| Highway Bridge Buyback Fund | 306,160.84 |
| Child Support Fund | 1,084.56 |
| Visitor's Improvement Fund | 183.90 |
| ROD Pres./Mod. Fund | 105.72 |
| Covid ARPA Fund | 29,582.81 |
| Economic Development Fund | 99.25 |
| C&C Development Fund | 744.70 |
| Inheritance Fund | 22,333.67 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 69.13 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 795.03 |
| 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund | 31.92 |
| Total | <u>\$671,905.44</u> |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:21 p.m. on October 27, 2022 until Thursday, November 10, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
November 10, 2022
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of November 10, 2022 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 Creighton News newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the October 27, 2022 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 \$696,626.80 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of October 25 – November 8, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. ~~Schlote~~ Sokol, Jr. (corrected 11-23-2022) to place on file the Audit Report of Knox County from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 which audit was conducted by the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts and to place on file publisher affidavits from the Crofton Journal and Creighton News/Knox County News giving notice the audit report was completed and is on file in the Knox County Clerk's Office. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Clerk Fischer updated the Board on the recent Operation Green Light program.

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

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

Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 10:27 A.M. that was opened at the October 27, 2022 meeting for vacation and abandonment of three portions of Cottonwood Drive in Lazy River Acres, a platted subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. No one was present in opposition. It was then moved by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska 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 Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 - 44** to vacate and abandon three portions of Cottonwood Drive located in Lazy River Acres, a platted subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 44

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 portions of Cottonwood Drive in the Lazy River Acres subdivision located in Raymond Township, Knox County, Nebraska described as follows:

1. The North-South portion of Cottonwood Drive contiguous to Lot 1 and Lot 2, except the South 25 feet thereof, Block G;
2. The East-West portion of Cottonwood Drive contiguous to Block F. This excludes the North-South portions of Cottonwood Drive contiguous to Blocks D and G;
3. That part of Cottonwood Drive that was conveyed as a tract to Carolyn Maas in Deed Book 115, Page 757 more fully described as: Commencing at a point 10 feet South of the Southwest corner of Lot 2 in Block D of the plat of Lazy River Acres; thence West 15 feet; thence Northwesterly to the Northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block F of said plat; thence due North to the South bank of the Missouri River; thence Northeasterly following the South bank of said river to a point due North of a point 10 feet East of the Northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block D of said plat; thence Southwesterly to the Northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block D of said plat; All located in Lazy River Acres Subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th 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 10th day of November 2022.

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA
By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairman

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following; 1. Discussed repairs needed for the 2015 John Deere backhoe purchased used in 2019; 2. Updates on the Weigand bridge and removal of the detour road; Ash Fall bridge; Center West bridge; Verdigre North bridge; and Hwy. 121 bridge; 3. Chris Adelman with Husker Steel and the Board reviewed proposed plans for replacement of the Creighton North bridge and the "Burkhardt" bridge southwest of Verdigre. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the quotes from Husker Steel for steel products in the amount of \$228,804 for the Creighton North steel beam bridge with concrete deck and \$123,796 for the "Burkhardt" inverset bridge southwest of Verdigre. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Supr. Sokol, Jr. told the Board he had received a call that a bucket of nails was left in the middle of a County road and he drove to inspect the site. Some of the nails were picked up by the caller however others had been moved on the road after the road had been bladed. The patrol operator brought a magnet to the site to pick up the rest of the nails; 5. A request to backslope an area that had been worked on many years ago was received and there has been an issue with planting in the right of way in that area.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 10:53 a.m. to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 11:05 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to close at 11:05 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz handed out news releases regarding the SBA Working Capital Loans Due to Drought and Winter Weather Preparedness Day is November 10.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 11:08 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 was being held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 11:34 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 11:34 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Insurance agent Jeff Hammer met with the Board regarding the addition of spouse coverage on the 90 Degree Benefits health insurance. After a discussion, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to set the premium for eligible employees at \$970 per month County pay; spouse coverage at \$500 per month employee pay; child(ren) coverage at \$500 per month employee pay; family (spouse and child(ren)) coverage at \$750 per month employee pay; County paying the balance of the spouse, child(ren), or family premium; and the opt out taxable stipend to be \$375 per month. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the following Resolution, due to the failure of Frankfort Township to petition against vacating and abandoning a portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) 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 #2022 – 45

A RESOLUTION TO VACATE AND ABANDON:

A 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) between the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 19, the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 30, the NW1/4 of Section 29 and across the SW1/4 of Section 20, all in Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

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

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

Section 1. VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF: A 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) between the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 19, the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 30, the NW1/4 of Section 29 and across the SW1/4 of Section 20, all in Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska and that no damage will be sustained by the citizens of said County or the owners of property, therein, which matter has been ascertained by the Board of Supervisors.

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

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

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Knox, Nebraska this 10th of November 2022.

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 go into executive session at 12:04 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 was being held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 12:17 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 12:17 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 194,641.75; Applied Connective Technologies, monthly programming, 3,193.08; Bob Barker Company, flip flops, 48.24; Bomgaars, weed supplies, 149.82; CNA Surety, notary bond, 40.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 15,120.83; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 30,195.00; Crowne Plaza Kearney, lodging, 479.80; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 329.43; Election Systems & Software, print ballots, 5,302.80; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co., janitor supplies, 367.78; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,790.20; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 110.02; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 275.94; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 25.45; Lois Kumm, jail food, 16.00; Madison County Sheriff, mental health board, 29.14; Madison County District Court, mental health board, 50.00; Marvin Planning Consultants, zoning regulations update, 500.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 67.50; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; NACO, dues, 2,102.01; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,843.40; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 808.36; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 35.50; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,106.54; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 419.59; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filters, 185.76; R.S. Technologies Inc., server hosting, 500.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 13,348.02; US Cellular, cell phones, 191.44; US Cellular, cell phones, 322.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/log books, 612.25; Verizon Wireless, hot spot, 40.01.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 66,617.71; B's Enterprises Inc., signs, 720.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 100.84; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 217.49; CHS Wausa, diesel, 361.20; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 154.86; Clark's Rentals LLC, equipment rental, 440.00; C-Mart, gas, 483.58; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,007.65; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,810.00; Crane Sales & Service, repairs, 8,971.85; Farmer's Pride, diesel/propane, 8,487.21; Great Plains Communications, phone, 542.43; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop supplies, 36.72; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 4,277.31; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 37.86; Norfolk Construction Co. Inc., equipment rental, 10,000.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 287.21; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 17.00; O'Neill Shopper, publishing, 19.50; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, shop supplies/filters, 1,343.80; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,358.34; Schreier Lumber Co., concrete, 3,685.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 413.51; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 8,631.10; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 77.39.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. Husker Steel, bridge steel, 89,857.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 900.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., bridge contract, 21,968.26.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineering fee, 2,861.25.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.52; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Postmaster, postage, 1,060.80.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 2,772.00.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 274.06.

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

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,990.50.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,813.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 283.67; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.52; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Lizzie Swalley, leadership meals, 65.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 233.44; US Cellular, cell phone, 161.90.

INHERITANCE FUND. Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 10,735.04; Mark D. Albin, mental health board, 199.50; NIRMA, case deductible, 3,597.76; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Theisen Construction, bridge contract, 133,497.45.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 6.46; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.82; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. City of Norfolk, regional host network, 173.97; OPTK Networks, regionalization network, 761.48.

| TOTALS | |
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| General Fund | \$ 276,931.31 |
| Road Fund | 139,053.03 |
| Highway Bridge Buyback Fund | 112,725.26 |
| Flowage Easement Road Fund | 2,861.25 |
| Child Support Fund | 1,193.32 |
| Visitor's Promo Fund | 2,772.00 |
| ROD Pres./Mod. Fund | 274.06 |
| County Insurance Fund | 250.00 |
| Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund | 3,990.50 |
| C&C Development Fund | 4,659.64 |
| Inheritance Fund | 150,113.08 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 129.99 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 737.91 |
| 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund | 935.45 |
| Total | \$ 696,626.80 |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:17 p.m. on November 10, 2022 until Wednesday, November 23, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
November 23, 2022
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of Wednesday, November 23, 2022 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 Crofton Journal newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the November 10, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that the motion to place on file the Audit report for the period ending June 30, 2022 was made by Supr. Schlote and seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote, that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$243,863.41 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue list from November 9 – 21, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney Jensen and the Board discussed the Purchase of Service Contract between Cedar County and Knox County for public transit services, estimated costs, Knox County to pay a portion of the maintenance costs and if payment to Cedar County should be made on a quarterly basis or on a monthly basis of payments of \$2,000 per month. The Board directed Deputy County Attorney Jensen to inform Cedar County Transit Manager Nikki Pinkelman that Knox County would pay \$2,000 per month for one year with additional amounts paid at the end of the one-year contract if needed.

Celine Mlady who was the Knox County "Spirited Citizen" on the North Central District Health Department Board resigned and Knox County needs to find another person to take that position.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:14 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion was held on the assignment of County Sheds. The assignment will be: Crofton Shed – Supr. O'Connor; Niobrara Shed – Supr. Liska; Center Shed – District 3 Supervisor who will be David Pierce effective January 5, 2023; Verdigre Shed – Supr. Sokol, Jr.; Bloomfield Shed – Chairman Mackeprang; Wausa Shed – Supr. Schlote; and Creighton Shed – Supr. Borgmann; 2. Update on the Weigand Bridge Project.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 46** adopting and approving the execution of a Master Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for County survey services and for the authorization for Chairman Mackeprang to sign the five-year Master Agreement that is a change of the process for Knox County to provide survey services for highway projects within the boundaries of Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 – 46

Exhibit "A"

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MASTER AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR COUNTY SURVEY SERVICES.

Be it resolved by the Chairperson of the Board of the County of Knox, Nebraska, that:

1. The County shall enter into a 5-year Master Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation concerning a Process for County to Provide Survey Services for Highway Projects within the boundaries of Knox County.
2. The Chairperson of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the County of Knox and the County Clerk is authorized to attest said execution.
3. The resolution will be marked Exhibit "A" and a copy attached to each Original Agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022.

ATTEST: (Seal)

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Madison County Attorney Joseph M. Smith and Knox County Attorney John Thomas for the designation of the Madison County Attorney's Office as the official applicant and "lead county" for the Nebraska Crime Commission's 2023-2024 Community Based juvenile Services Grant application for Madison and Knox Counties. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to cancel Check #22100142 in the amount of \$440 payable to the National Sheriffs' Association. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Committee update was given by Supr. Schlote on the NIRMA Self-Defense workshop held in October and Region IV Regional Data Outcomes for 2022.

Officials' update was given by County Clerk Fischer who presented a copy of the NACO newsletter, "The Ninety-Three", that featured a picture of the Knox County Courthouse during the Operation Green Light project.

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

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the September 13, 2022 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve the Conservation Easement Application for Donrel Herbolsheimer Revocable Trust on approximately 126.1 acres in the SW1/4 of Section 21 and the NW1/4 of Section 28, all in T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney Jensen updated the Board on the matter of Dowling Township where there were no candidates who filed for election and Herrick Township where only one candidate was elected to the three-position township board. Deputy Jensen said that she had received direction that the Board of Supervisors will have to fill the vacancies and the potential candidates must be registered voters in the township and would have to go through an interview process. The vacancies will need to be filled within forty-five days after January 5, 2023.

Chairman Mackeprang, Supr. Sokol, Jr. and Supr. Miller updated the Board on the proposed new 14' x 36' storage building/garage that will be built across the street once the old storage building is torn down.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to accept the report brought by Knox County Highway Superintendent Barta for the vacation and abandonment of a .8-mile portion of Platted Road #732 located in the S1/2N1/2NW1/4 and the S1/2NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 19 T33N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

Supr. O'Connor made a motion, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that the following Road Resolution be published in the Crofton Journal newspaper on December 8, 15, and 22, 2022. Also, a copy of said Resolution be sent by certified mail to current adjoining landowners namely Terry and Sandra Heimes; Travis and Robyn Barney; Kenneth Jansen; Christopher Jansen, Trustee of the Del Jansen Family Protection Trust; Melvin Jansen; Phyllis A. Jansen; and Charlotte F. Jansen. The date of hearing on this matter being set for Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 10:30 A.M. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 47

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 27th day of October, 2022 directed the County Highway Superintendent to make a study of the use of a portion of a platted Frankfort Township road described as follows:

A .8-mile portion of Platted Road #732 located in the South Half of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter (S1/2N1/2NW1/4) and the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (S1/2NW1/4NW1/4) of Section 19 Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of vacating and abandoning the above-mentioned portion of Platted Road #732 in Frankfort Township, Knox County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2022, County Highway Superintendent did file his report in writing as to such road, containing a recommendation that said portion of Platted Road #732 in Frankfort 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 29th day of December 2022 at the hour of 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of determining if a .8-mile portion of Platted Road #732 located in the South Half of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter (S1/2N1/2NW1/4) and the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (S1/2NW1/4NW1/4) of Section 19, Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., in Frankfort Township, Knox County, Nebraska, be vacated and abandoned.

Passed, approved and adopted this 23rd day of November 2022.

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. Borgmann to go into executive session at 11:06 a.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 the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of individuals when discussing personnel.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to close at 11:55 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND. CMart LLC, gas, 61.95; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 36.13; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 2,383.98; CVSOAN, dues, 100.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 282.88; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 68.75; Dollar General, jail supplies, 114.90; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 169.61; Echo Group Inc., bulbs, 201.60; Ecowater, bottled water, 325.00; Gragert's, jail food, 1207.57; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 55.00; Holly Wortmann, mileage, 41.25; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank Inc., bulbs, 12.98; JEO Consulting Group Inc., hazard mitigation, 2,225.50; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 45.00; Julie Dather, mileage, 22.50; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 41.88; Knox County Register of Deeds, recording, 116.00; Knox County Sheriff, transport, 255.52; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 80,026.68; K/V Electric LLC, electrical work, 691.78; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fee, 400.00; Madison County Sheriff, summons, 29.14; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; Monroe Systems, toner, 275.61; NACO, dues, 450.00; Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, audit cost, 18,493.42; Nebraska Sheriff's Association, membership dues, 440.00; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 60.00; Physicians Laboratory Services Inc., autopsy, 257.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 1,330.23; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 180.17; RR Donnelley, gun certificates, 57.05; Reserve Account, meter postage, 5,000.00; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 36.25; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 38.75; Sharla Hanzlik, mileage, 27.50; Tyler Technologies, subscription, 449.00; Verdigre Eagle, envelopes, 609.50; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 55.46; Vic's Service LLC, van tires, 224.36; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 160.20.

ROAD FUND. A&R Construction, bridge contract, 46,640.46; B's Enterprises Inc., sign posts/culvert/band, 4,825.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 84.31; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 260.19; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 971.98; CHS Wausa, diesel/DEF, 2,961.57; C-Mart LLC, gas, 238.48; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 192.76; Country Market, shop supplies, 9.56; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 550.59; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 146.40; Eakes Office Solutions, scanner, 2,619.38; Emme Sand & Gravel Inc., gravel/haul, 8,064.38; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 31.75; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,231.36; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 184.33; Kevin Barta, meals, 55.30; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 118.88; Laflan Medical Clinic, drug test, 65.00; Larry Olsen, clay, 450.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 17.00; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 15.87; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 132.25; Netcom Inc., repairs, 65.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 144.75; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Straight-Line Striping Inc., centerline striping, 8,917.20; Sucha Repair, oxygen/acetylene/oil/filter, 233.25; Vakoc Excavating LLC, sand/gravel/haul, 12,976.94; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/repairs/supplies/grass seed, 3,642.18; Vic's Service LLC, gas/repairs, 257.98; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 18,635.08; Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan, publishing, 540.48.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38.

COUNTY INSURANCE FUND. Name redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Bloomfield Community Club Bucks, Bloomfield bucks, 60.00; Creighton Chamber of Commerce, Creighton bucks, 60.00; Crofton Community Club, Crofton bucks, 60.00; Lizzie Swalley, lanyard, 75.00; NEDA, membership, 150.00; Niobrara Promoters, Niobrara bucks, 60.00; Verdigre Improvement Club, Verdigre bucks, 60.00; Wausa Community Club, Wausa bucks, 60.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 1,984.94; John Aschoff, agreement, 2,000.00; Joseph M. Smith, special court appointed attorney, 1,461.25; North Central District Health Department, miles of smiles agreement, 2,500.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 31.81.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 365.77.

TOTALS

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| General Fund | \$ 117,100.60 |
| Road Fund | 117,423.66 |
| Child Support Fund | 160.38 |
| County Insurance Fund | 250.00 |
| C&C Development Fund | 585.00 |
| Inheritance Fund | 7,946.19 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 31.81 |

911 Wireless Service Fund
Total

365.77
\$ 243,863.41

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:56 ~~p.m.~~ a.m. (corrected 12-8-2022) on November 23, 2022 until Thursday, December 8, 2022 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Center, Nebraska
November 23, 2022
10:00 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at 10:00 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 Borgmann presiding.

Chairman Borgmann 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 Crofton Journal newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the November 10, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Borgmann.

County Assessor McManigal met with the Board on the following: 1. Continuance of review work; 2. Files transferred to the County Treasurer so tax statements can be printed.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. Schlote who asked how private sales are determined to be arms-length sales when setting valuations.

Chairman Borgmann adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:14 a.m. on November 23, 2022 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022 for a regular meeting.

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

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By _____
James J. Borgmann, Chairman

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
December 8, 2022
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of December 8, 2022 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.

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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, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$826,049.13 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the National Functional Classification map with updated census data as it relates to Federal-Aid Urban Area boundaries. 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 November Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve Renewal Affidavits #2023 – 1 through #2023 – 15 of other coverage to opt out of Knox County Health Insurance for 2023. 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 of November 22 – December 6, 2022. 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 10:09 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Updates on the Weigand bridge, Ash Fall bridge, Bailey bridge, and Center West bridge; 2. A Webex meeting will be held with NCRS and the Corps of Engineers regarding Lazy River Acres; 3. Repairs needed on John Deere 310K Backhoe; 4. Update on the new employees at the Verdigre, Center and Crofton Sheds; 5. Motorgrader tires purchased; 6. Discussion was held on slick conditions and traffic on the hill street going west out of Verdigre Village. The hill in question is in the Village limits.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to reappoint Highway Superintendent Kevin R. Barta, License #S-1109, Class A, employee of Knox County, with a beginning date of January 1, 2023 and to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 48** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent Form For Determining Incentive Payment in Calendar Year 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION SIGNING OF THE YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT 2022

Resolution No. 2022 – 48

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2501 through 39-2505 detail 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 31st of each year) the appointment(s) of the County Highway Superintendent(s) 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 8th day of December, 2022 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.

O'Connor

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

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/
(Signature of Clerk)

Public comment on agenda items was given by Ed Burkhardt who asked about the John Deere 310K backhoe and repairs. He said that each expenditure needs to be scrutinized to see if it is saving money fixing equipment or replacing it. Public comment on non-agenda items was given by County Assessor McManigal who said she had been contacted by AMI Consulting who is requesting her files for the area near the Weigand Marina area that is under the Star Wars project.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0200 Beth Rudloff on a zoning boundary adjustment of three tracts in the NW1/4 of Section 3, T30N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0199 Carmen Reid for a zoning boundary adjustment on the West 200 feet of the East 800 feet of the South 544.50 feet of the W1/2SW1/4 of Section 14, T29N, R6W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the November Permit Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to reappoint Greg Kuhlman, Keith Nielsen, and David Arens to another three-year term on the Planning Commission. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Michael Mattison was present regarding a request for an easement to install a new drain field on the public use area immediately adjacent to his property in Walker's Valley View. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve an easement to Michael and Raejean Mattison to place a drain field on a portion of the public use area in Walker's Valley View adjacent to the South Half of Lot 10, Block 2, Walker's Valley View. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney Jensen and the Board discussed the Purchase of Service Contract for transportation services between Cedar County Transit and the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the Purchase of Service Contract for transportation services between Cedar County Transit and the Knox County Board of Supervisors with a correction of a date to be January 20, 2024 under Section F (5) for deadline to request a refund of excess payments, the contract to be from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and the estimated cost to Knox County to be \$24,000 for the 2023 year of service with monthly payments of \$2,000 to be paid to Cedar County. 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 11:00 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 so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 11:26 a.m.

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

The Board announced that Emergency Manager Laura Hintz and Zoning Administrator Doerr will be retiring effective December 31, 2022. After advertising to fill the positions with possible added duties, the Board hired Kelsy Jelinek of Verdigre as the full-time Emergency Manager who will also handle zoning duties.

Officials' update was given by Sheriff Henery who said the new patrol pickup is here and the equipment will be added. A used Chevy patrol pickup will be turned over to the Road Department.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 192,769.88; Applied Connective Technologies, monthly programming, 3,187.51; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 24.63; Blue360 Media, law books, 177.94; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Cathleen Sue Stark, prior service, 12.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 63.32; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 44.00; Clerk of District Court, filing fees, 36.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,918.14; Connie J. Janeczek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 31,110.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 21.70; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 9.43; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance,

teletype, 448.00; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper/supplies, 736.38; Ecowater, bottled water, 331.50; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/postage, 4,647.79; Gary D. Marshall, prior service, 12.00; GiGi Larsen, election help/mileage, 312.75; Gragert's, jail food/supplies, 1,437.90; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,979.10; Hartington Tree LLC, maple tree, 1,000.00; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; Jane Davidson, election help, 156.00; Jane Wilmes, election help/mileage, 428.75; Jo Ann Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Julie K. Rayer, prior service, 12.00; Karen K. Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 253.52; Kristine Kumm, food, 5.60; Landmark Surveying, survey fees, 1,945.90; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 287.86; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 53.75; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Lois Kumm, jail food, 50.00; Loren Hintz, election help, 42.00; Madison County Sheriff, return service, 67.28; Marvin Planning Consultants, zoning regulations update, 500.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/meals, 258.22; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; N&B Gas Company, propane, 1,091.90; Nebraska Secretary of State, notary application, 30.00; Nebraska Sheriff's Association, conference, 40.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,031.02; Pitzer Digital LLC, subscription, 40.00; Postmaster, postage, 176.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,196.18; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,326.58; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filters, 108.46; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly bill, 6,700.75; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 13,171.34; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 105.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 191.44; US Cellular, cell phones, 322.00; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 25.69; Verizon Wireless, hot spot, 40.01; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 341.00; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 69,204.34; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 50.00; B's Enterprises Inc., grader blades, 33,920.00; Bauer Built LLC, tires, 5,191.13; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 190.37; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, drug test, 100.00; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 501.62; Bomgaars, shop supplies/tools/ice melt, 2,183.13; Bruce Hagge, prior service, 24.00; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 118.17; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 274.05; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,205.52; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 1,677.26; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,810.00; Crane Sales & Service, repairs, 13,790.92; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 531.75; Crofton Lumber, shop supplies, 187.98; Farmer's Pride, diesel/propane, 4,990.76; First national Bank Omaha, license/motel, 222.11; Gragert's Grocery, shop supplies, 20.98; Great Plains Communications, phone, 539.66; Grossenburg Impl. Inc., repairs, 3,338.95; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 6,819.59; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 68.94; Kayton International, def/batteries, 418.96; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 11.87; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 17,618.09; Marc Mastalir, prior service, 21.00; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 180.00; N&B Gas Co., propane, 2,398.60; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 58.32; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 362.69; Powerplan, repairs, 3,445.56; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, shop tools/filters/repairs, 1,225.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,528.20; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 819.68; Sucha Repair, wipers/tires, 1,070.94; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 390.21; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 23,612.78; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.38; Village of Stuart, equipment rental, 900.00; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 8,118.13.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 573.75.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 1,491.25; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineering fee, 160.00; Motacek & Sons LLC, concrete/equipment rental, 6,300.18.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 3.96; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.52; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 2,882.55; First National Bank Omaha, advertising, 365.00.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, internet, 183.90.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 274.06.

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

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,198.15; Applied Connective Technologies, BOS room TV, 3,270.00.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 37.50.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,813.33; CenturyLink, long distance, 3.96; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 283.67; First National Bank Omaha, gas/ supplies/leadership/meals, 1,235.66; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.52; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 233.44; Stacy Miller, promo, 35.00; US Cellular, cell phone, 161.90.

INHERITANCE FUND. Joseph M. Smith, special prosecutor, 104.50; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 41,233.65; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Theisen Construction, bridge contract, 238,882.71.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 6.10; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.82; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. City of Norfolk, regional host network, 173.97; OPTK Networks, regionalization network, 761.48.

TOTALS

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| General Fund | \$ 288,745.87 |
| Road Fund | 228,204.00 |
| Highway Bridge Buyback Fund | 573.75 |
| Flowage Easement Road Fund | 7,951.43 |
| Child Support Fund | 136.48 |
| Visitor's Promo Fund | 3,247.55 |
| Visitor's Improvement Fund | 183.90 |
| ROD Pres./Mod. Fund | 274.06 |
| County Insurance Fund | 250.00 |
| Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund | 6,468.15 |
| Economic Development Fund | 37.50 |
| C&C Development Fund | 5,869.26 |
| Inheritance Fund | 282,304.19 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 129.63 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 737.91 |
| 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund | <u>935.45</u> |
| Total | \$ 826,049.13 |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:31 a.m. on December 8, 2022 until Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. for a regular meeting.

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

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By _____
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
December 21, 2022
11:45 a.m.

A Knox County Courthouse Employee Christmas Dinner was held at the Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at 11:45 a.m. Present were Supervisors Virgil H. Miller District #3, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, and Danny R. Schlote District #6. Absent were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, and James J. Borgmann District #7.

Notice of quorum was given in advance thereof by publication in the Creighton News and Crofton Journal 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 is attached to these minutes. As there was not a quorum and as it was advertised as a social event, there was no agenda and there was no business that took place.

The Knox County Courthouse Employee Christmas Dinner concluded at 1:00 p.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors will meet on Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. for a regular meeting.

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

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By _____
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
December 29, 2022
9:00 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 29, 2022 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. 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 Crofton Journal newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the December 8, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Hwy. Supt. Barta regarding the replacement project at Structure #C005404120P that crosses Bazile Creek on Bazile Street (881 Road) at Center.

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 \$604,816.35 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Discussion was held on setting the 2023 holidays. The Board reviewed a survey of holidays recognized by other Nebraska Counties. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to observe the same holidays as was observed in 2022 with the exception of adding Juneteenth and not observing Arbor Day. The motion died for a lack of a second. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to observe the same holidays as was done in 2022 which will be: 2023 New Year's holiday – January 2; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 16; Presidents' Day – February 20; Memorial Day – May 29; Independence Day – July 4; Labor Day – September 4; Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day – October 9; Veterans' Day – November 10; Thanksgiving Holiday – November 23 and 24, and Christmas – December 25. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:37 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 9:46 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. NIRMA approved an ASSIST grant of \$5,463.75 to be reimbursed to Knox County for the purchase of roll-up signs, cones, and barricades as well as \$7,800.75 for the purchase of radios; 2. Discussion was held on snow removal and the complications in the areas where the roadsides had not been mowed as well as needing to do dirt work in areas with snow traps.

Sheriff Henery, Hwy. Supt. Barta and the Board discussed severe weather and policy when someone is stranded. Consensus of the Board was that if the road employees can't get through with equipment, then the County's law enforcement deputies should not be expected to travel.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of December 7 – 27, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Clerk Fischer informed the Board that long-time Deputy County Clerk Rhonda Surface is stepping back as deputy effective January 1, 2023 as she plans in the near future to take more time to spend with family. Mrs. Surface will now become the Senior Office Clerk in the County Clerk's Office and Krista Nix who is also the SLFRF Administrator has been appointed to assume the Deputy County Clerk position effective January 1, 2023. The Board commended Mrs. Surface on her dedication and service to Knox County.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. The Board adopted Resolution #2017-36 on December 12, 2017 with conditions approving Conditional Use Permit #CU0031 for Jim Herzog dba H&H Cattle Co. to expand his feedlot from 7,500 animal units to 20,000 animal units in parts of Peoria and Dolphin Townships which approval was made by relying on the impact easements that had been previously recorded. A lawsuit was filed in the Knox County District Court regarding the improperly executed Impact Easement that was filed by Bernadette Tramp. The District Court Judge reversed and vacated the decision approving the permit. Epic Land and Cattle purchased the property in 2018 and the County and Epic Land and Cattle appealed the Court's decision. In 2020, the Nebraska Supreme Court held that the Impact Easement was not valid because the eight children of Mrs. Tramp had not signed it. On December 15, 2022, Arrow Diamond Holdings, LLC, became the owner of the Bernadette Tramp property and filed an Impact Easement to Epic Land and Cattle, LLC which owns and operates the feedlot. This corrected the problem with the original Impact Easement thereby making it possible to reinstate Conditional Use Permit #CU0031. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to reinstate Conditional Use Permit #CU0031 allowing the expansion of the former H&H Cattle Co. feedlot from 7,500 animal units to 20,000 animal units along with the conditions as originally approved. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to reappoint Rob Ganz and Travis Barney to another three-year term on the Board of Adjustments. By roll

call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. The Planning Committee will meet on January 10 at which Consultant Keith Marvin will present information via Zoom.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the 2023 Printing Report where the legal papers will be the Niobrara Tribune and the Wausa Gazette, the Delinquent Tax List will be printed by the Bloomfield Monitor and the Verdigre Eagle, the Creighton News and Crofton Journal will 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. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the County Treasurer's Certificate of Pledged Securities. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Resolutions by Board of Directors of Depository Banks and Securities. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 49** approving the Knox County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 49

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska, pursuant to Nebraska Statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of Knox County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a Knox County Local Emergency Operations Plan has been developed in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Knox County, and the cities and villages in Knox County, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Knox County, deems it advisable and in the best interest of Knox County to approve said Local Emergency Operations Plan, and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approve Knox County Local Emergency Operations Plans, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska, that the Knox County Local Emergency Operations Plan be, and hereby is, approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 29th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.

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

There were no candidates who filed for the Dowling Township Board and only one person filed for the Herrick Township Board in the 2022 General Election therefore the Board of Supervisors are statutory responsible for appointing township board members. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to appoint Scott Hauger and Jody McFarland to the Dowling Township Board with terms that begin on January 5, 2023 and will end in January 2027 and these township board members will need to appoint a third person to their board. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to appoint Roger Palu to the Herrick Township Board with the term that begins on January 5, 2023 and end in January 2027 and Mr. Palu and Joyce Woodbury who was elected to the Herrick Township Board will need to appoint a third person to their board. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Officials' update was given by the following: 1. County Clerk Fischer informed the Board that the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (DEE) awarded Knox County \$24,738 from the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program for a scrap tire collection that will be held on June 14, 2023 at the Center County Yard; 2. County Assessor McManigal informed the Board of an upcoming Zoom program from NACO regarding Broadband; 3. Supr. Schlote gave updates from the NACO December Conference; 4. Chairman Mackeprang updated the Board on the new director of the North Central District Health Department and the need to appoint a "spirited citizen" to represent Knox County on the NCDHD Board of Directors.

At 10:33 A.M., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing for the vacation/abandonment of a 0.8-mile portion of Platted Road #732 in Frankfort Township. Testimony was given by landowners adjoining the 0.08-mile portion of Platted Road #732 as well as information presented by Attorneys Keelan Holloway and Mark Fitzgerald, and by Frankfort Township Board member Duane Guenther. Discussion was held on the need to remove the gates across the open road, a proposal to the Board to "close" the west 0.5-mile portion of Platted Road #732 where only the adjoining landowners would use that portion and vacate/abandon the eastern 0.3-mile portion, the west gate across the road has been there for decades and was installed by an adjoining landowner who was an attorney who has now passed, that there is no statute to address "closing" the road to only select users, the Board is not participating in the boundary dispute between landowners, the request to resolve the matter peacefully, a lawsuit between the Jansen family and Terry Heimes, and Hwy. Supt. Barta's recommendation in the vacation/abandonment study was to leave the road open to the public. Maps and pictures were presented by Attorney Keelan Holloway and landowner Terry Heimes.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the Public Hearing at 11:39 A.M. for vacation and abandonment of the following portion of Platted Road #732 located in Frankfort Township, Knox County, Nebraska described as follows: A .8-mile portion of Platted Road #732 located in the South Half of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter and the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, T33N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. Also present were Keelan Holloway, Mark Fitzgerald, Terry Heimes, Delbert Jansen, Kenneth Jansen, Melvin Jansen, Jonathon Jansen, Al Jansen, Hwy. Supt. Barta, and Deputy County Attorney Jensen. It was then moved by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote 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 Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2022 - 50** to not vacate and abandon a portion .8-mile portion of Platted Road #732 in Frankfort Township, Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 50

WHEREAS, upon the public hearing duly held, after proper notice given, it appears that it would be in the public interest to not require the vacation and abandonment of the following portion of Platted Road #732 located in Frankfort Township, Knox County, Nebraska and the following portion of Platted Road #732 remain open to the public:

A .8-mile portion of Platted Road #732 located in the South Half of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter (S1/2N1/2NW1/4) and the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (S1/2NW1/4NW1/4) of Section 19, Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, and

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

Passed and approved this 29th day of December 2022.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairman

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

Chairman Mackeprang presented a plaque to retiring Supervisor Virgil Miller who has served Knox County for twenty years, a clock to retiring Emergency Manager Laura Hintz who has served Knox County in various County jobs for forty-nine years, and to retiring Zoning Administrator Liz Doerr who has served Knox County for eighteen years. The Board, family members, and other County officials and employees congratulated the retiring officials. A luncheon followed in the Basement Conference Room.

GENERAL FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, monthly IT, 3,337.21; Blue360 Media, law books, 177.94; CenturyLink, long distance, 60.71; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 52.00; Comfort Inn, lodging, 109.95; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 780.36; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 282.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dollar General, jail supplies, 38.20; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 73.97; Fairfield Inn, lodging, 2,518.95; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals; 2,741.73; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co., janitor supplies, 846.41; JEO Consulting Group Inc., hazard mitigation, 11,134.30; Knox County Register of Deeds, recording, 10.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 80,026.68; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fee, 431.34; Matthew Fischer, reimburse lodging, 129.00; National Sheriffs Association, dues, 71.00; Nebraska Sheriffs Association, dues, 30.00; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 335.44; Physicians Laboratory P.C., autopsy, 2,050.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 643.35; Rhonda Surface, janitor supplies, 68.00; Secretary of State, voter ID cards, 20.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 1,427.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 355.00.

ROAD FUND. Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 110.97; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies/repairs, 144.93; Brian Dather, skid loader plate, 100.00; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, ash gro, 1,487.70; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., tire repair, 68.00; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 211.88; Chris Rohrer, driving/CDL renewal, 640.00; CHS Wausa,

diesel, 1,587.85; C-Mart LLC, gas, 201.43; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 48.17; Eakes Office Solutions, copier, 4,977.78; First National Bank Omaha, copies/blades, 229.38; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 2,570.50; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 4,791.45; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental/clay rock, 450.00; Kayton International, equipment rental, 4,786.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 283.90; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop supplies, 32.40; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 199.25; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 97.29; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 5,832.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 40.50; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/oil/supplies, 6,998.66; Vic's Service LLC, gas, 344.32; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel, 317.11.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Dixon Construction Co., bridge contract, 76,589.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, courtroom upgrade, 652.50; CenturyLink, long distance, 3.80; First National Bank Omaha, binders, 80.81.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Discover Northeast Nebraska, marketing, 900.00.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, kiosk, 183.90.

COUNTY INSURANCE FUND. Name redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 3.80; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 65.00; First National Bank Omaha, dues/gas/meals/supplies, 364.42; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 48.24; Stacy Miller, Crofton bucks, 15.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 81.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland P.C., court appointed attorney, 294.50; Jeffrey

M. Doerr, court appointed attorney, 1,900.41; Theisen Construction, bridge contract, 378,090.36.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 31.90.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 366.82.

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| General Fund | \$108,199.42 |
| Road Fund | 36,695.47 |
| Flowage Easement Road Fund | 76,589.00 |
| Child Support Fund | 737.11 |
| Visitor's Promo Fund | 900.00 |
| Visitor's Improvement Fund | 183.90 |
| County Insurance Fund | 250.00 |
| C&C Development Fund | 577.46 |
| Inheritance Fund | 380,285.27 |
| 911 Emergency Fund | 31.90 |
| 911 Wireless Service Fund | 366.82 |
| Total | \$604,816.35 |

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:00 p.m. on December 29, 2022 until Thursday, January 5, 2023 where there may be a possible quorum at the swearing in of a newly elected official, the re-elected officials, and their deputies and of appointed officials, and further until January 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. for a statutory reorganization 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
