

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
January 5, 2023
9:45 a.m.

A swearing-in ceremony was held in the Board Room at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of January 5, 2023 at 9:45 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5 via telephone and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent were Supervisors Patrick J. Liska District #2, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, and Danny R. Schlote District #6. Virgil H. Miller District #3 did not seek reelection, retired and his term ended January 4, 2023.

Notice of possible 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. There was no agenda and there was no business that took place.

The Honorable Donna Taylor, District #7 County Judge, conducted the swearing-in of the newly elected, re-elected County Officials, Deputies of the elected officials and Appointed Officials. Sworn in at the ceremony were Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Supervisor David L. Pierce District #3, Supervisor Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Supervisor James J. Borgmann District #7, County Assessor Monica McManigal, Deputy County Assessor Christa Beckmann, County Attorney John Thomas, Deputy County Attorney Hanna Knox Jensen, County Clerk Joann Fischer, Deputy County Clerk Krista Nix, Clerk of the District Court Matthew Fischer, Deputy Clerk of the District Court Gayle Krohn, County Sheriff Donald Henery, Chief Deputy Daniel Henery, County Surveyor Michael Skroch, County Treasurer Lori Ebel, Deputy County Treasurer Susan Beckman, Highway Superintendent Kevin Barta, Weed Superintendent Steven Banks, Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Kelsy Jelinek, 911 Coordinator Heather Kienow and Veteran Service Officer Gary Jones.

Coffee and cake was served in the Basement Conference Room.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors will meet on Thursday, January 12, 2023 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
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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 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

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

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

The minutes of the December 21 and 29, 2022 and January 5, 2023 meetings were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$508,230.32 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Knox County Board of Supervisors recess at 10:07 a.m. on January 12, 2023.

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By _____
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:07 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 2023 Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Supr. Liska nominated Supervisor Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann 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 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Supervisor Mackeprang assumed the duties of the Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2023.

Chairman Mackeprang called for nominations three times from the floor for the 2023 Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Supr. Liska nominated Supr. Schlote.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce 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 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #6. Motion carried. Supr. Schlote assumed the duties of the Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2023.

Chairman Mackeprang announced the 2023 Committees as follows: **CATASTROPHIC LEAVE COMMITTEE** – the recipient employee's department head, Chairman – Supr. Kevin Mackeprang, Co. Clerk Joann M. Fischer, Sheriff Don Henery, Highway Superintendent Kevin Barta and an Outside Employee - Road Department; **CLAIMS COMMITTEE** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, Danny Schlote and James Sokol, Jr.; **COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE** – Supervisors in Respective Districts; **COUNTY MACHINERY CARE COMMITTEE** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, James Sokol, Jr. and Patrick Liska and Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta; **COURTHOUSE & GROUNDS COMMITTEE** – Supervisors Kevin Mackeprang, David Pierce, and James Sokol, Jr., Co. Clerk Joann M. Fischer, Senior Office Clerk Rhonda Surface, Custodian Beth Rudloff; **COURTHOUSE SECURITY COMMITTEE** – Sheriff Don Henery, Co. Attorney John Thomas, Deputy Co. Attorney Hanna Knox Jensen and Emergency Manager Kelsy Jelinek; **COURTHOUSE SUPPLY APPROVAL OFFICER** – Joann M. Fischer, Co. Clerk; **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK & PERSONNEL SYSTEM REVIEW COMMITTEE**

(Created 6/27/2019) – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang, Co. Clerk Joann M. Fischer, Deputy County Clerk Krista Nix, Senior Office Clerk Rhonda Surface, Deputy County Attorney Hanna Knox Jensen, Sheriff Don Henery, Mechanic Jeremy Crosley, and Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz; **FINANCING, BANKING & INSURANCE COMMITTEE** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, James Borgmann and David Pierce, Co. Treasurer Lori Ebel; **PRINTING COMMITTEE** – Supervisors James Sokol, Jr., James Borgmann and Patrick Liska; **PURCHASING COMMITTEE** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, James Borgmann and Kevin Mackeprang; **ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE** – Supervisors James Sokol, Jr., Patrick Liska and David Pierce, and Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta; **SAFETY COMMITTEE** – Supervisors Danny Schlote and Patrick Liska; Emergency Manager Kelsy Jelinek and Co. Clerk Joann Fischer – Co-Coordination; Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta; Road employees Mike Beckman, Mike Jelinek and Mike Kucera; Custodian Beth Rudloff, Sheriff Don Henery; and Katie Fritz - Secretary; **SAFETY COORDINATORS** – Emergency Manager Kelsy Jelinek and Co. Clerk Joann M. Fischer; **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE (ADA)** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang, Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta; and Co. Clerk Joann M. Fischer – Coordinator; **BLOOMFIELD AIRPORT JOINT ZONING BOARD** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang; **CREIGHTON AIRPORT JOINT ZONING BOARD (Created 5/14/1992)** – Supervisor James Borgmann; **GOLDENROD REGIONAL HOUSING AGENCY** – Supervisor James Sokol, Jr.; **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) COORDINATOR** – Co. Clerk Joann M. 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 James Borgmann, Dan Schlote and David Pierce; **NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang and a Spirited Citizen; **NORTHEAST NEBRASKA AREA AGENCY ON AGING** – Supervisor David Pierce; **NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (NENEDD) BOARD** – Supervisor James Borgmann and Mike Crosley; **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; **STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (SLFRF)** – Deputy County Clerk Krista Nix

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:22 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:41 a.m. with all members present.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce to authorize Co. Treasurer Ebel to invest all funds of the County for the calendar year 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set the current salary for Veterans' Service Officer Gary Jones at \$23.11 per hour. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to designate the publishing and posting requirements of 2023 Notices of Meeting as follows: All 2023 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 Niobrara Tribune, the Notice of Meeting for the second regular meeting of each month be published in the Wausa Gazette; and special meeting/quorum meeting notices be published in both the Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. County Bridge Match Program update; 2. The One and Six Year Hearing will be held on February 9, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.; 3. Safety inspections of the County Sheds will be January 23, 2023; 4. Road employee job evaluations will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Boardroom on January 26, 2023; 5. A wire welder and tools will be purchased for the Crofton Shed; 6. Discussed road conditions, complaints and a threat received after the snowstorm. The threat was reported to the County Sheriff; 7. Maintainer repair; 8. A safety meeting with Cedar County will be held on February 9, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.; 9. Verdigre North bridge update; 10. County sign inventory is being done; 11. Discussed proposed developments along the Rec Road; 12. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to go into executive session at 11:01 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session was being held so as to protect the reputation of an individual. The Board came out of executive session at 11:24 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to close at 11:24 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Kelly Hanvey met with the Board on a Rural Fellowship program administered through the University of Nebraska. The program is a unique program designed to connect college students to rural Nebraska communities. The students would move into the rural community for a seven-week period during the summer to complete community-identified projects. Past projects have ranged from economic development, workforce development, tourism, community planning, mental health and much more. The University pays the salary for one student, but the County would have to pay for the second student which would be approximately \$5,000 plus housing. The Board members said it would be an excellent experience. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve Knox County participating in the Rural Fellowship Program with the University of Nebraska for a seven-week period during the summer of 2023 with Knox County paying approximately \$5,000 for one student plus lodging for both students, and such funds to be paid from budgets to be determined at a later date. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the 2022 Permits Report, a Yearly Summary, and the December Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve Administrative Plat Application #P2301 Keith and Diana Eckmann for a five-acre tract split in the SW1/4NW1/4 of Section 14, T31N, R5W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 11:49 a.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:46 p.m. with all members present.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the Receipts Revenue List for December 28, 2022 through January 10, 2023. 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 Semi-Annual Report by the Knox County Treasurer of Collections, Disbursements and Balances for Six Months ending December 31, 2022, and further certifying that there were no unpaid claims against Knox County as of December 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 Clerk of District Court December 2022 Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected October 1 through December 31, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to set the 2023 mileage rate at 65.5 cents per mile and the County Sheriff paper serving mileage rate at 68.5 cents per mile. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept and place on file the Knox County Credit Card Accounts report as of January 1, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to approve adding Deputy County Clerk Krista Nix to the signature card for the Knox County Register of Deeds checking account at the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery updated the Board on the Lindy Tower. The costs for operating the tower are currently paid from the Emergency Manager budget within the General Fund and responsibility of the tower was done by the former Emergency Manager. Sheriff Henery said he will take over the responsibility of operations of the Lindy Tower with the costs to continue being paid from the Emergency Manager budget until the 2023/2024 budget is set at which time the operation costs will be built into his Sheriff's budget within the General Fund. The State took over the Winnetoon Tower so Knox County is not responsible for it any longer.

The Board changed the first meeting in April to Wednesday, April 12, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Deputy County Clerk Krista Nix updated the Board on the ARPA funds which must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. Discussion was held on suggested uses of ARPA funds and the funds received for the makeup of PILT contributions.

Discussion was held on the garbage pickup. Key Sanitation handles the garbage pickup in Center and had the misfortune of truck breakdowns. Key Sanitation did pick up the garbage at the Courthouse the first week of January and are attempting to catch up.

The Board discussed legislative bills being introduced that will affect County operations.

Officials' update was given by Sheriff Henery who said his year-end report will be published in the County papers.

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

The Board reviewed a draft of an Employment Agreement with former Zoning Administrator Doerr for consulting services. The draft will be returned to the Deputy County Attorney for contract changes.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into executive session at 1:14 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. The Board came out of executive session at 2:03 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce to close at 2:03 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a cellphone for Emergency Manager Jelinek or the use of her personal phone with a fringe reimbursement. The Board directed Emergency Manager Jelinek to purchase a new cellphone so as to keep the County business on a separate phone.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 205,724.80; Applied Connective Technologies, IT contract, 3,342.51; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, medical treatment, 190.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 15,750.18; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 39,611.37; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 763.12; Ecowater, bottled water, 453.00; Gragert's, jail food/supplies, 1,682.95; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,979.22; Hampton Inn Kearney, lodging, 359.85; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Hefner Hardware, snow shovels/pail, 67.57; Jansen Roofing & Construction, repair

buildings, 280.00; Knox County Register of Deeds, record deeds, 20.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 8.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 286.08; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/mannequin, 174.98; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; MIPS, data conversion, 783.41; N&B Gas Company, propane, 1,414.10; Northeast Nebraska Assessors Association, dues, 25.00; Nebraska Association of County Assessors, dues, 60.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, registration, 120.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,428.86; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 112.14; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 989.02; Postmaster, postage, 1,740.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,151.36; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 118.04; Reserve Account, postage, 3,000.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 14,177.17; US Cellular, cell phones, 949.06; US Cellular, cell phones, 718.61; Verizon Wireless, hot spot, 40.01.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 82,734.28; Bauer Built LLC, tires, 13,610.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 158.16; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 202.70; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs, 559.93; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 724.51; Bomgaars, shop supplies/fuel nozzle/ice melt/tordon, 1,593.81; CHS Wausa, diesel, 2,460.21; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, garbage/water/sewer, 170.39; C-Mart, gas, 352.86; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 6,063.50; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 2,112.24; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance county pays, 17,775.32; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 419.55; Crofton Lumber, shop supplies, 3.29; Ed Kleinschmit, mailbox repairs, 50.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 3,043.25; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 4,133.75; Great Plains Communications, phone, 543.10; Grossenburg Impl. Inc., repairs, 2,078.91; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 120.51; J&K Auto, gas, 39.75; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 436.86; Kayton International, def, 53.49; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance county pays, 113.24; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 35.00; Mike Jelinek, lodging, 108.82; N&B Gas Co., propane, 1,946.90; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 95.09; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 497.03; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 62.01; Powerplan, repairs, 1,190.20; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 806.76; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 5,461.38; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 266.17; Schreier Lumber, mailbox, 19.60; State of Nebraska Motor Fuels Division, diesel tax, 896.00; Steffens Service, gas, 3.25; Sucha Repair, repairs, 116.93; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 646.87; Vic's Service LLC, gas, 119.22; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.81; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; Wausa Medical Clinic, drug test, 60.00.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 3,737.50; Michael Zerbe, easement/fence, 31,356.98.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.52; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Northeast District Court Clerks Association, registration/dues, 125.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 2,904.00.

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

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,806.50.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 18.75.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,833.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, social security County pays, 285.20; 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; US Cellular, cell phone, 161.90.

INHERITANCE FUND. Cedar County Transit, contract, 2,000.00; Jeffrey M. Doerr, court appointed attorney, 731.94; Joseph M. Smith, court appointed attorney, 414.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.37.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 6.44; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.82; NESCA, membership, 10.80; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21; NESCA, membership, 124.20; 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

General Fund	\$301,832.13
Road Fund	152,098.69
Flowage Easement Road Fund	35,094.48
Child Support Fund	417.90
Visitor's Promo Fund	2,904.00
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	274.06
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	3,806.50
Economic Development Fund	18.75
C&C Development Fund	4,616.17
Inheritance Fund	5,229.31

911 Emergency Fund	140.77
911 Wireless Service Fund	862.11
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	<u>935.45</u>
Total	\$508,230.32

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:05 p.m. on January 12, 2023 until Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

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Center, Nebraska

January 26, 2023

9:30 a.m.

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Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., 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 #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$181,272.59 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Discussion was held on finding a person to represent Knox County as a "spirited citizen" on the North Central District Health Department Board. The search will continue.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of January 10 – 24, 2023. 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. Pierce to approve a Contract Agreement between the County of Knox and Elizabeth Doerr as Zoning Advisor which shall involve training and assisting the new Zoning Administrator. 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 authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Certification and Verification of Information and data for the Semi-Annual Reuse Loan report for period ending December 31, 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 10:01 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:16 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor District #1.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the 2022 Noxious Weed reports and to place the reports on file. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Safety inspections were conducted on the County Sheds and Yards on January 23, 2023. The Board reviewed the inspection list; 2. Discussion was held on recent snow storms. Good comments were received on removing snow from the County roads.

Senior Office Clerk Surface met with the Board on Building and Grounds matters. Discussion was held on the following: 1. Prisoners parking their cars in areas near the Courthouse that hinders moving snow; 2. The old Supervisors' meeting table was moved to the Center County Shed recently and will be moved to the garage; 3. Selling salvage building materials such as doors, windows and benches removed from the Courthouse. The materials have been stored in the garage and the storage building and need to be moved as the current storage building will be torn down and replaced. Notices will be placed in the local papers as well as on the Knox County Courthouse Facebook Page for the sale of surplus and salvage building materials; 4. Discussed plans for the new storage building.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to appoint Emergency Manager Kelsy Jelinek as the primary representative and Knox County Clerk Joann Fischer as the secondary representative to the Emergency Management Regional group known as the NORTHEAST REGION to fulfill all duties as required by the regional group. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on possibly replacing the Emergency Command Trailer. No action was taken and Emergency Manager Jelinek, who was attending a FEMA meeting, will be directed to research the matter.

The Board discussed introduced legislative bills and will invite Senator Barry DeKay to attend a meeting to review proposed legislation.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 10:53 a.m. for job evaluations of the Road employees. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was

District #1. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held for job evaluations of the Road employees. The Board recessed from executive session at 12:24 p.m.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:24 p.m. for lunch.

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

The Board went back into executive session at 1:00 p.m. to continue job evaluations of Road employees.

Supervisor Borgmann left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 4:10 p.m.

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

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

GENERAL FUND. Bomgaars, office supplies, 118.97; CenturyLink, long distance, 65.09; Creighton FCCLA, table fee, 40.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 456.92; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 282.88; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 70.85; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 50.55; Dollar General, jail supplies, 47.00; F&M State Bank, safe deposit box, 30.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals; 4,455.70; Grafix Shoppe, decals, 377.99; Hagge Glass, door closers, 318.00; Heartland Fire Protection, kitchen vent, 205.73; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging, 129.95; Jeannoutot Plumbing, jail drain, 75.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc., hazard mitigation, 12,216.20; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 45.96; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 80,026.68; KV Electric LLC, jail light, 148.68; Loffler, contract, 310.48; Lois Kumm, jail food, 69.00; MOCIC, dues, 100.00; Moody Motor Company Inc., repairs, 1,832.67; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 61.68; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 15.09; Postmaster, postage, 4.90; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 210.35; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/battery, 423.32; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 36.79; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 39.41; UNL Eastern Nebraska & Extension Center, salary, 11,755.47; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 220.87.

ROAD FUND. Avera Medical Group, drug test, 19.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 208.88; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 555.57; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, shop supplies, 4.47; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 290.00; C-Mart LLC, gas, 353.34; First National Bank Omaha, lodging, 72.78; Hagge Glass, repairs, 220.00; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 11,060.52; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 362.56; Nebraska Association of County Engineers, Highway Superintendents & Surveyors, dues, 160.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 268.58; NMC Inc., repairs, 215.35; R&K Motor Parts, shop tools/repairs, 2,159.19; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 6,775.25; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/supplies, 5,783.65; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 2,475.33.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.07.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.07; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 44.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 31.96; First National Bank Omaha, battery, 169.93.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 367.54.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. Motorola Solutions Inc., equipment hardware, 35,424.36.

TOTALS	
General Fund	\$114,242.19
Road Fund	30,984.47
Child Support Fund	4.07
C&C Development Fund	48.07
911 Emergency Fund	201.89
911 Wireless Service Fund	367.54
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	<u>35,424.36</u>
Total	\$181,272.59

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 4:11 p.m. on January 26, 2023, until Thursday, February 9, 2023 for a regular meeting.

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

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By _____

Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
February 9, 2023
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 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

Deputy County Clerk 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 Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the January 26, 2023 meeting were read. Chairman Mackeprang approved the January 26, 2023 meeting minutes.

Correspondence reviewed was a letter from Mark Simpson, President of Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition.

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 \$479,843.62 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of January 24 through February 7, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to appoint Jean Henes of Creighton as the "spirited citizen" representing Knox County on the North Central District Health Department Board of Directors. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of District Court January 2023 Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept and place on file the following township officers' appointments: Chris Rohrer as Bohemia Township Treasurer; Todd Strom as Central Township Treasurer; Brady Wortman as Creighton Township Chairman; Christopher Moline as Dowling Township Clerk; Kathleen M. Peschel as Herrick Township Treasurer; and Dean Wieseler as North Frankfort Township Clerk. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Sheriff's Report of Collection of Taxes from October 30, 2022, through January 25, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Knox County Treasurer's Report of Collection of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes FY 2021 & Prior. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:35 a.m. with all members present.

Chairman Mackeprang opened at 10:35 a.m. the One and Six Year Road Hearing. Hwy. Supt. Barta presented the following information: maps on the bridge and road projects completed in 2022 and future projects, budget review, revenue, expenditures, machinery purchased, and new staff. Also a letter from Attorney Ryan Cwach regarding Kohles Acres was submitted. Township Officers present were Jefferson Township Board member Jim Kotrous, Dolphin Township Board members Dale Van Heek and David Kube, and Herrick Township Board members Roger Palu and Joyce Woodbury. Township Board members discussed problems with electric fences in the road right of way, statutes that address fencing in the right of way, mowing of roads, and trees in the right of way. Chairman Mackeprang closed the One and Six Year Road Hearing at 11:22 a.m.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion was held on compensating Road employees pushing snow when the Courthouse is closed due to inclement weather. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to pay the Road employees for the hours the Courthouse is closed for inclement weather plus for the hours the Road employees work while the Courthouse is closed because of inclement weather. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Discussion was held on equipment repairs; 3. Discussed purchasing used loaders, costs and options; 4. Motor grader and wingbits were ordered; 5. The Nebraska Department of Transportation will not renew the permit for the Lazy River Acres sign along Highway 12 and the sign needs to be removed; 6. Road employees will be traveling to Hartington after lunch for a safety meeting.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1. The Board was informed that Knox County does not have a permit process for installing driveways along County roads. A new fee of \$20 for the permit and a late fee of \$200 was proposed along with an application form. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce to approve the permitting of installing driveways along County Roads, the application form and the fee of \$20 per permit and \$200 late fee for not filing the permit or obtaining a permit prior to installing the driveway. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. The public hearing that was to be held on the Devils Nest Replat of Lots 2652, 2653 and 2654 in Block 1 of Devils Nest Subdivision at this meeting will not take place as not all of the required materials were submitted. The hearing will be held at a later date.

Economic Development Director Hanvey met with the Board on the following: 1. Niobrara State Park Superintendent Cogan Thompson submitted an amendment to their original Improvement Funds Grant application that was approved for a Frisbee Golf area in the Niobrara State Park. The Park has been gifted several 30-foot Yurts so Supt. Thompson submitted an amendment to replace the Frisbee Golf project with the costs to install the Yurts and needed plumbing, electricity and concrete. The Board took no action as the amendment did not contain proposals or quotes for the needed materials to install the Yurts; 2. Update on the Placemaking subgrant that was approved for Knox County.

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

Supr. Sokol, Jr. left the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

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

Extension Educator Hanefeldt met with the Board on the following: 1. The Knox County Extension annual report was reviewed. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the Knox County Extension Annual Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #4. Motion carried; 2. Amy Topp with the University of Nebraska presented Strategic Direction that is focused on Nebraska's sustained success.

Officials' update was given by the following: 1. County Clerk Fischer gave an update on wages and benefits that were effective January 1, 2023; 2. Emergency Manager Jelinek is researching options for a command trailer; 3. Deputy County Clerk Nix gave an update on the progress of the surplus sale; 4. Sheriff Henery had received a written request for viewing tapes from the security camera. Deputy County Attorney Knox Jensen said a security camera policy will be drafted that will be first reviewed by the Courthouse Security Committee and then presented to the Board for their consideration; 5. Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Fritz asked the Board for their responses to several cybersecurity questions on the application for renewal of NIRMA insurance.

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

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 209,058.78; Applied Connective Technologies, IT contract/cabling, 4,352.96; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, medical treatment, 280.00; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 12.80; Bob Barker Company, supplies, 53.09; Center Garage, batteries, 336.95; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 40.00; Clerk of District Court, filing fees, 36.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 15,710.21; Country Bliss Flooring LLC, install carpet, 1,927.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 38,641.37; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/office supplies, 569.22; Ecowater, bottled water, 481.00; Elizabeth Doerr, contract hours, 1,170.00; First National Bank Omaha, van gas, 115.00; Flower Basket, spelling bee trophies, 162.00; Gragert's, jail food, 1,460.18; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,996.04; Hagge Glass, van windshield, 292.09; Hefner Hardware, supplies, 38.63; Jeannoutot Plumbing, toilets/clean sewer line, 1,386.53; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, paint/supplies, 90.96; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 34.44; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 30.79; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 299.78; Madison County Clerk, judges expense, 111.55; Marvin Planning Consultants, comprehensive plan, 2,000.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition, annual membership, 1,000.00; NACO, registration, 25.00; NACT, dues, 50.00; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, training, 395.20; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,198.71; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 130.65; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 306.43; Postmaster, postage, 126.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,285.82; Psychological Associates of Yankton LLC, evaluation, 1,375.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 462.61; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 14,091.05; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 157.50; Sucha Repair, tires, 620.00; Superior Turf Management LLC, lawn services, 1,106.75; University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension, showworks renewal, 225.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 466.35; US Cellular, cell phones, 320.10; Verdigre Eagle, envelopes/publishing, 538.73; Wayne County Clerk, judges expense, 5,529.63.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 83,114.47; Aspen Equipment, repairs, 345.59; B's Enterprises Inc., signs/post driver, 6,030.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 94.31; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 360.22; Center Garage, tire repair, 20.00; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; C-Mart, gas, 258.05; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 6,101.94; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 17,775.32; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 4,016.00; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,928.25; Great Plains Communications, phone, 543.25; Grossenburg Impl. Inc., filters/equipment rental, 4,008.72; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 5,656.61; J&K Auto, gas, 71.00; Kevin Barta, meals, 90.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 42.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop supplies, 16.75; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 12.08; Mike Jelinek, mileage, 37.99; N&B Gas Co., propane, 2,420.18; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 97.47; North American Truck & Trailer Inc., repairs, 304.09; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 474.39; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 7.33; Powerplan, repairs, 6,938.93; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 806.76; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 5,470.17; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 267.29; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Tyndall Motors Inc., repairs, 446.68; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 499.71; Vic's Service LLC, gas/repairs, 455.35; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.50; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 159.95; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel, 878.31.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 1,262.50.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.65; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 2,945.25; Yankton Daily P&D, advertising, 465.00.

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, 92.59; Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 18.75.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,833.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 285.20; First National Bank Omaha, dues/travel/meals/office supplies, 271.85; Gayle Krohn, leadership cupcakes, 30.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.65; Legendary Graphics, embroidery, 48.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Nebraska Development Network NE, dues, 50.00; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 63.32; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 233.44; Stacy Miller, meal, 12.00; US Cellular, cell phone, 162.14.

INHERITANCE FUND. Cedar County Transit, contract, 2,000.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 6.07; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 106.34; 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, 761.48.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$313,270.05
Road Fund	150,064.94
Flowage Easement Road Fund	1,262.50
Child Support Fund	212.03
Visitor's Promo Fund	3,410.25
Visitor's Improvement Fund	183.90
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	274.06
County Insurance Fund	342.59
Economic Development Fund	18.75
C&C Development Fund	5,091.71
Inheritance Fund	4,083.33
911 Emergency Fund	130.12
911 Wireless Service Fund	737.91
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	<u>761.48</u>
Total	\$479,843.62

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:08 p.m. on February 9, 2023, until Thursday, February 23, 2023 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
February 23, 2023
1:00 p.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 23, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., however, due to inclement weather, the meeting starting time was delayed. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

The minutes of the February 9, 2023, 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 District. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$188,573.18 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the bonds for the Clerks and Treasurers of the following townships: Addison, Bohemia, Central, Cleveland, Columbia, Creighton, Dolphin, Dowling, Eastern, Frankfort, Harrison, Herrick, Hill, Jefferson, Lincoln, Logan, Miller, Morton, Niobrara, North Frankfort, Peoria, Raymond, Spade, Sparta, Union, Valley, Verdigre, Walnut Grove, and Western. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1. Supr. Pierce updated the Board on the recent Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging meeting; 2. Supr. O'Connor informed the Board that Lewis & Clark NRD/Cedar Knox Rural Water will hold a public hearing in Hartington on March 8 regarding a new distribution plant. Also, Supervisors O'Connor and Liska gave information on a recent visit with the Yankton water superintendent about the feasibility of supplying water from Yankton to the northeastern part of Knox County; 3. Sheriff Henery said the new pickup is getting outfitted and will be delivered soon. The Chevy pickup will go to the Road Department.

Chairman Mackeprang recessed the Board at 1:38 p.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 1:52 p.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 01** for the submission of documents to the State of Nebraska on the One and Six Year Road Hearing that was held on February 9, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 01

In pursuant with Section 10 of LB 1302, Knox County did hold its Public Road Hearing on February 9, 2023. Enclosed under separate cover is a One Year Map and Six Year Map with current project listings and future listings, also proof of publication. The Knox County Board of Supervisors wishes to adopt these construction plans as compiled by Knox County Highway Superintendent, Kevin R. Barta, at this time.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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

David L. Pierce /s/
David Pierce, 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

Jim Borgmann /s/
Jim Borgmann, District #7

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Discussion was held on use of County/Township Allocation funds as several township boards questioned if they could use their portion of the allocation towards the cost of snow removal. Discussion continued on the creation of the County/Township Allocation which had been based on mail route miles and the primary use is for gravel; culverts have been allowed but couldn't be used on minimum maintenance roads; and not using the County/Township Allocation funds in place of using their general budget funds. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to allow the townships to use 25% of their allotted portion of the County/Township Allocation funds towards the costs of **emergency (corrected 3-9-2023)** snow removal, culverts or tree removal. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays District #6. Motion carried; 3. Discussed was assessment rates to mow road right-of ways. Currently the rate is \$200 per one-half mile per side of the road while Holt County charges \$400 per one-half mile per side of the road. No action was taken; 4. The new motor grader for District 2 is nearing delivery; 5. The gravel bid opening will be held at the March 30, 2023 meeting; 6. The oil bid opening will be held at the April 12, 2023 meeting; 7. Discussed purchasing a used loader.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Administrative Plat Application #P2306 Krista Demmel and Jenny Eggers for a boundary adjustment of a 6.65-acre tract in the S1/2NE1/4 of Section 24, T32N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve for Knox County Partnership the following Administrative Plat Applications: #P2302 5.57 acre tract in the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 4; #P2303 5.01 acre tract in the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 9; #P2304 5.00 acre tract in the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 5; and #P2305 an affidavit for a 1.82 acre tract in the SW1/4NW1/4 of Section 4, all in T30N, R4W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. A Planning Commission meeting will be held March 14, 2023; 4. Updates on Emergency Management.

Economic Development Director Hanvey met with the Board on the following: 1. Update on the Rural Fellowship Program where the student that will be paid for by Knox County will be considered a contract worker and there will be no advance payment towards travel or food; 2. A letter of support is encouraged for LB454 that was introduced by Senator Barry DeKay that would require the Department of Transportation to plan, design and purchase right-of-ways for expansion of U.S. Highway 81 into a four-lane divided highway between Norfolk and the South Dakota border.

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

GENERAL FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, IT work, 857.16; CenturyLink, long distance, 72.88; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 17.86; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 282.88; Dollar General, jail supplies, 194.95; Election Systems & Software, layout, 2,905.08; Empower Annuity Ins. Co. of America, deferred amendment fee, 300.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage; 965.86; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co., supplies, 455.04; JEO Consulting Group Inc., hazard mitigation, 10,369.85; Kayton International Inc., bobcat rent, 1,500.00; Knox County Register of Deeds, deed reprints, 30.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 265.04; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 80,026.68; Landmark Surveying, survey fee, 1,061.25; MIPS, shipping/forms, 74.90; Nebraska Association of County Clerks & Register of Deeds, dues, 50.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, registration, 150.00; NIRMA, CPR manuals, 357.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 229.50; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 528.29; R&K Motor Parts, wiper blades/oil/filter, 210.48; Thomson Reuters West, law books, 1,289.00; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 210.61; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 686.00.

ROAD FUND. B's Enterprises Inc., boards/scarifier teeth, 4,150.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 355.70; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs, 253.05; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 293.17; CHS Wausa, diesel/propane, 3,748.17; C-Mart LLC, gas, 73.05; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 383.58; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 6.81; Farmer's Pride, propane/diesel, 3,713.26; First National Bank Omaha, lodging/gas, 211.50; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 594.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 106.45; Kayton International Inc., shop supplies, 177.80; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 16,472.50; Medical Enterprises Inc., forms, 6.25; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 224.39; NMC Inc., repairs, 1,733.76; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 8.46; R&K Motor Parts, shop tools/repairs/oil filters, 1,505.39; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 4,616.60; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/supplies/repairs, 8,703.33; Village of Center, water/sewer, 76.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 15,131.01.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Knox County Register of Deeds, recording, 248.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.56; First National Bank Omaha, labels, 73.82; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.56; Dollar General, supplies, 20.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 88.00; Whitetail River Lodge, leadership, 103.35.

INHERITANCE FUND. Brogan Lammli P.C., special court appointed attorney, 741.62; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 21,345.00.

KENO FUND. First National Bank Omaha, postage, 8.76.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. City of Norfolk, regional host network, 173.97.

TOTALS	
General Fund	\$103,090.31
Road Fund	62,590.23
Flowage Easement Road Fund	248.00
Child Support Fund	159.38
C&C Development Fund	215.91
Inheritance Fund	22,086.62
Keno Fund	8.76
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	173.97
Total	\$188,573.18

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:33 p.m. on February 23, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2023 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Hartington, Nebraska
March 8, 2023
10:00 a.m.

A public hearing was held by the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District and Cedar Knox Rural Water Project at the Hartington VFW Club in Hartington, Nebraska on the date of March 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, and Danny R. Schlote District #6. Absent were Supervisors David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, and James J. Borgmann District #7.

Notice of possible quorum was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette newspapers, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice is attached to these minutes. As there was not a quorum and that it was advertised that no County business would be conducted and there were to be no votes on County business, there was no agenda of matters to be considered.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors will meet on Thursday, March 9, 2023 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 9, 2023
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 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, and Danny R. Schlote District #6. Absent was James J. Borgmann District #7. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

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

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

The minutes of the February 23, 2023, meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that the word "emergency" be stricken from the motion for the allowance of townships to use 25% of their allotted portion of the County/Township Allocation funds towards snow removal, culverts or tree removal.

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, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent was District #7. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$630,190.21 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:09 a.m. with all members present as Supervisor Borgmann arrived at 10:08 a.m. during Board of Equalization.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. The Tribal Transportation Conference will be held on March 22, 2023 in Sioux City; 2. A NIRMA safety meeting will be held for the Road Employees on March 23; 3. Quotes received for inspection of twenty-seven fracture critical bridges in Knox County were: **Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc., Lincoln NE** - \$38,630; and **Speece Lewis Engineers, Lincoln NE** - \$39,150. Hwy. Supt. Barta informed the Board that the number of fracture critical structures dropped through the years from forty to twenty-seven. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to accept the quote from **Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. of Lincoln** in the amount of \$38,630 for the 2023 inspection of twenty-seven fracture critical structures in Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Discussion was held on maintenance of the Kohles Acres entrance. The Board reviewed a letter submitted by County Attorney Thomas. Deputy County Attorney Jensen updated the Board on options. Further research will be done; 5. A request was received from Mark Miller about graveling portions of Peoria Township roads. Mr. Miller said he would supply the gravel and asked if the County would be willing to haul and spread the gravel on approximately seven miles of Peoria Township roads. Discussion was held on the following: the County has assisted with graveling township roads if they were used as detours; charging equipment rental fees; private contractors could be contacted by Mr. Miller; and the Peoria Township Board should be contacted. The Board said they were not interested in hauling gravel and spreading it on township roads unless it was for a detour route for County roads; 6. A phone conference will be held on March 10 with the Corps of Engineers regarding dredging of the Ponca Creek in the Lazy River Acres area; 7. Update on bridge projects. The Walton Bridge project reimbursement from FEMA/NEMA is progressing to close out; 8. A consignment sale will be held in Cedar County on April 3 and Hwy. Supt. Barta may list a County tractor and pickup; 9. Grossenburg Implement is locating two tractors for the County to lease; 10. Discussion was held on replacing a door on the Creighton County shed.

Angie O'Connor with Avera met with the Board to discuss the annual on-site wellness program and the 2023 Services Proposal. The basic price will be \$109 per participant this year. Discussion was held on past results and optional testing. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve a 2023 On-site Wellness Health Screening for Knox County employees at a cost of \$109 per participant; to allow a \$30 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 2023 deductible paid between \$250 and \$500. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #1. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang opened at 11:11 a.m. a public hearing for a Devils Nest Replat of Lots 2652, 2653 and 2654, Block 1, Devils Nest Subdivision. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:15 a.m. No one was present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to approve the Devils Nest Replat of Lots 2652, 2653 and 2654, Block 1 in Devils Nest Subdivision and the Subdivision Agreement by Loreta Tompkins, Trustee of the Rodney R. Tompkins Irrevocable Trust, owner/developer. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the January/February Permits report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P2309 Lyle H. and Joann M. Fischer for a five-acre tract located in the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 3, T31N, R5W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

At 11:20 a.m., an advertised bid opening was held for the construction of a 36 ft. x 40 ft. x 10 ft. wood framed steel covered garage/storage building with 2 ~~ft~~ x 6 ~~ft~~ exterior walls and 2 ~~ft~~ x 4 ~~ft~~ ~~-(corrected 3-30-2023)~~ divider wall on existing concrete slab across the street from the Courthouse. The Knox County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids and further reserves the right to accept any bid that in their judgment best serves the County's needs. Bids received were opened in the order they were received: **L & D Construction David Mosel, Plainview NE** -

\$54,377.73, start date May 15, 2023, completion date June 15, 2023; **Scott Ober Construction LLC, Bloomfield NE** - \$49,885.00, start date ASAP, completion date ASAP with weather; **RaDec Construction Co., Inc., Hartington NE** - \$98,610, start date July 10, 2023, completion date September 8, 2023; **Corey Horstmann Construction LLC, Creighton NE** - \$47,500.00, start date November 1, 2023, completion date December 31, 2023; **Strom Construction – Brock Strom, Lynch NE** - \$53,585.45, start date May 1, 2023, completion date May 31, 2023. The Board will make a call to Corey Horstmann who had the low bid to see if he could change the start and end dates as the Board would like to have the project done earlier than November. The Board tabled action until later in the meeting.

Supr. Sokol, Jr. updated the Board on the Building and Grounds Committee meeting and options on removing building materials from inside the storage building before it is torn down.

Veterans Service Officer Jones met with the Board about allowing a volunteer to drive the County van to transport veterans to medical appointments. It would be on a case-by-case basis with the first trip to be on April 19 as Veterans Service Officer Jones has a scheduled conflict where he will not be able to take a veteran to Omaha for a medical visit. Deputy County Attorney Jensen and the Board reviewed the "Use of County Vehicles" section of the Employee Handbook that says a County vehicle is not to be operated by anyone other than an employee to whom it assigned, unless permission is given by a County official or employee with this practice to be kept to a minimum. Also reviewed was the conditions of driving a County vehicle. NIRMA said they would cover the volunteer driving the County vehicle as long as they follow the Knox County Employee Handbook. Deputy County Attorney Jensen said that in the future the Board may want to incorporate additional language into the Employee Handbook that addresses volunteers driving County vehicles and rules. Veterans Service Officer Jones said he had several veterans who are interested in volunteering. The Board thanked Veterans Service Officer Jones for coming to them with this matter and said that according to the current Employee Handbook, he could give permission to a volunteer to drive a County vehicle to transport a veteran to a medical visit and the Board asked that the volunteer review the Knox County Employee Handbook rules and regulations for the operation of a County vehicle.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of February 7 through March 7, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the appointment of Clint Pischel as the Raymond Township Chairman. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Schlote to accept the resignation of John P. McGlynn from the Washington Township Board and the appointment of Loren McCormick as the Washington Township Clerk. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the township bonds of the Eastern Township Treasurer, North Frankfort Township Treasurer, and Washington Township Clerk and Treasurer. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to cancel Check #22120156 payable to CenturyLink in the amount of \$6.10 written from the 911 Emergency Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the County Treasurer's Return of Sale Proceedings certifying that on March 6, 2023 all delinquent real estate taxes were offered for public auction, that the public tax sale is now closed and the private tax sale will begin and continue from day to day until all said land has been offered. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Deputy County Clerk Nix informed the Board of a cybersecurity grant program and asked the Board if they would be interested in the program, and if so, she would submit an application. The Board thanked Deputy County Clerk Nix for the information and said they would appreciate it if she would submit an application for grant funds to implement cybersecurity training and more.

Discussion was held on Legislative bills and hearings.

Committee updates were given by the following: 1. Chairman Mackeprang gave an update on a recent Region IV Advisory Board meeting. Supr. O'Connor received a complaint about the condition of the Region IV building in Wayne.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1. County Sheriff Henery informed the Board that he hired William Blevins as a deputy sheriff who is now certified as an officer plus is BIA certified. Also, a dispatcher resigned so there is now an opening; 2. Suprs. O'Connor, Schlote and Liska updated the Board about a public hearing in Hartington that they attended that was held by Lewis and Clark NRD/Cedar Knox Rural Water Project regarding a Preliminary Engineering Report for construction of a wellfield, pipeline, water treatment plant and distribution system improvements as required for State Revolving Loan Funding and other funding.

Corey Horstmann, who had the low bid for construction of a storage building discussed earlier in this meeting was contacted to see if his start date could be sooner than November 1, 2023 however he said November was the earliest he could begin the project if he was awarded the project. The Board said they wanted the project to be completed sooner than November. After a discussion, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce to accept the bid for the construction of a 36 ft. x 40 ft. x 10 ft. wood framed steel covered garage/storage building with 2 ~~ft~~ x 6 ~~ft~~ exterior walls and 2 ~~ft~~ x 4 ~~ft~~ (corrected 3-30-2023) divider wall on existing concrete slab across the street from the Courthouse from **Scott Ober Construction LLC, Bloomfield NE** in the amount of \$49,885.00 with start date as soon as possible and completion as soon as possible with weather. 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, 194,359.97; Applied Connective Technologies, IT contract/printer, 3,882.51; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, testing & immunization, 135.00; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 12.80; Bob Barker Company, supplies, 129.04; Bomgaars, jail supplies, 17.94; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Cathleen Sue Stark, prior service, 12.00; Chad Vanness, mileage, 33.41; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 48.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,564.50; Connie Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 39,611.37; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 746.08; CVSOAN, registration, 60.00; D & L Tire LLC, tires, 1,286.41; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/office supplies, 1,038.86; Ecowater, bottled water, 260.00; Elizabeth Doerr, contract hours, 575.49; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage, 3,711.93; Gragert's, jail food, 699.18; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,324.53; Hefner Hardware, supplies, 91.37; Holly Wortmann, mileage, 4.59; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc., hazard mitigation, 999.00; Jo Ann Eisenbeiss, prior

service, 45.00; Julie Dather, mileage, 16.38; Karen Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Knox County Court, cases bound over, 191.00; Knox County Register of Deeds, recording, 10.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 18.50; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 62.24; K/V Electric LLC, install outlets/jail heater, 588.40; Landmark Surveying, survey fees, 4,344.40; Laura Hintz, prior service, 15.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 295.91; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Lois Kumm, jail food, 45.50; Madison County Sheriff, service fees, 29.65; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/supplies, 38.44; Micro Distributing II LTD., test kits, 352.01; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; Moody Motor Company Inc, pickup, 46,484.00; N&B Gas Co., propane, 2,436.00; NACEB, dues, 100.00; NACO, registration, 330.00; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, training, 100.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,360.55; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 204.17; Pitney Bowes, meter ink, 91.29; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,196.18; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,326.15; Rebekah Poppe, mileage, 19.65; 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, 13,079.13; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, sprinkler agreements, 555.00; University of Nebraska, office equipment, 2,178.97; US Cellular, cell phones, 205.26; US Cellular, cell phones, 320.10; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 47.85; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 86.01; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 72,823.56; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC, drug test, 100.00; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 927.87; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 1,989.81; Bruce Hagge, prior service, 24.00; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; Cedar County Treasurer, safety presentation, 582.45; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 398.93; C-Mart, gas, 226.16; CNH Industrial Retail Accounts, repairs, 4,418.60; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,308.50; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 2,249.59; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 17,775.32; Fairfield Inn & Suites, lodging, 249.90; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 4,911.86; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 2,079.00; Great Plains Communications, phone, 542.06; Grossenburg Impl. Inc., filters/repairs, 10,793.58; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/oil, 6,285.50; J&K Auto, gas, 60.50; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 290.73; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop supplies, 17.24; Marc Mastalir, prior service, 21.00; Mike Jelinek, meals, 20.72; N&B Gas Co., propane, 4,541.40; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 96.12; Netcom Inc., repairs, 613.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 482.13; Powerplan, repairs, 4,037.46; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 806.76; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,775.52; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 3,028.87; Sucha Repair, repairs, 31.39; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 433.89; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 42,212.44; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 11.18; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/supplies/repairs, 4,531.76; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.56; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 16,386.72.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Dixon Construction Co., bridge project, 32,118.74; JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 1,193.75.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.65; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 2,640.00; First National Bank Omaha, advertising, 904.00; Flagship Publishing Inc., publishing, 1,300.00.

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

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 150.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,833.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 285.20; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 64.00; First National Bank Omaha, dues/travel/meals/office supplies, 1,568.89; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.65; 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; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 42.25.

INHERITANCE FUND. Cedar County Transit, contract, 2,000.00; Egley Fullner. Montag, Morland & Easland, court appointed attorney, 1,182.60; Klein Law Office PC, court appointed attorney, 1,972.60; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, .39; Equature/DSS Corporation, DSS recorder contract, 559.28; First National Bank Omaha, fair handouts, 1,025.24; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 106.34; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Equature/DSS Corporation, DSS recorder contract, 6,431.72; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. City of Norfolk, regional hosting, 173.97; OPTK Networks, regionalization network, 761.48.

TOTALS	
General Fund	\$353,348.12
Road Fund	214,400.36
Flowage Easement Road Fund	33,312.49
Child Support Fund	293.03
Visitor's Promo Fund	4,844.00
Visitor's Improvement Fund	183.90
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	274.06
Economic Development Fund	150.00
C&C Development Fund	6,331.68
Inheritance Fund	7,238.53
911 Emergency Fund	1,708.96
911 Wireless Service Fund	7,169.63
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	935.45
Total	\$630,190.21

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:05 p.m. on March 9, 2023, until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023 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 30, 2023
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 30, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman 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.

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Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce 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 \$230,272.74 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 10:29 a.m. with all members present.

The gravel bid opening was held at 10:30 a.m. Knox County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and further reserves the right to accept any bid that best serves the County's needs. Bids received were as follows: FOR BOTH COUNTY ROAD AND CO./TWP. ALLOCATION GRAVEL: **Emme Sand & Gravel Inc., O'Neill NE** – County haul gravel (pit price per cubic yard) – State Spec (Class A) \$17.35; Armor Coat \$17.35; Gravel per yard/delivered price – ALL STATE SPEC (CLASS A) West Raymond Twp., \$30.65; Washington Twp., \$25.75; **Bazile Aggregate LLC, Plainview NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per cubic yard) – State Spec (Class A) Road gravel, \$20.32; Mud Rock, \$23.50; **Backus Sand & Gravel, McLean NE** – County haul gravel (pit price per cubic yard) – State Spec (Class A) \$21.00; No bid for delivered price; **Spud Construction Inc. dba Sand & Gravel LLC, Clearwater NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per cubic yard), Ewing Pit – Road Gravel 3/8" x 1 screened rock \$21.95; Road Gravel \$12.95; Armor Coat Gravel \$12.95; Spud Mix \$13.95; Mud Rock \$13.95; Wash Sand \$4.00; Bank Run Sand \$4.00; Bank Run Clay \$4.00; Oakdale Pit – Road Gravel 3/8" x 1 screened rock \$23.95; Road Gravel \$14.95; Armor Coat Gravel \$14.95; Spud Mix \$15.95; Mud Rock \$15.95; Wash Sand \$6.00; Bank Run Sand \$6.00; Bank Run Clay \$6.00; **Vakoc Excavating LLC, Verdigre NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard), State Spec (Class A) \$14.25; Bank Run \$8.00; Armor Coat \$14.50; Gravel per yard/delivered price – ALL STATE SPEC (CLASS A) – Bohemia Twp., \$17.50; Central Twp., \$22.00; Cleveland Twp., \$23.00; Creighton Twp., \$19.50; Jefferson Twp., \$18.50; Logan Twp., \$19.35; Miller Twp., \$19.35; Morton Twp., \$22.00; Niobrara Twp., \$19.50; Peoria Twp., \$22.00; East Raymond Twp., \$23.50; West Raymond Twp., \$23.50; Spade Twp., \$19.00; Sparta Twp., \$19.00; Union Twp., \$20.50; Valley Twp., 19.50; Verdigre Twp. \$19.00; Walnut Grove Twp., \$21.20; Washington Twp., \$20.80; Western Twp., \$21.70; **Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, Orchard NE** – County haul gravel (pit price/per yard) – State Spec (Class A) \$14.00; Bank Run \$8.00; Armor Coat \$14.00; Gravel per yard/delivered price for State Spec. (Class A): Addison Twp., \$19.50; Central Twp., \$19.75; Cleveland Twp., \$21.50; Columbia Twp., \$22.00; Creighton Twp., \$20.00; Dolphin Twp., \$21.00; Dowling Twp., \$21.50; Eastern Twp., \$20.00; Frankfort Twp., \$22.00; Harrison Twp., \$19.25; Herrick Twp., \$21.00; Hill Twp., \$19.00; Lincoln Twp., \$23.50; Miller Twp., \$21.50; Morton Twp., \$19.25; Niobrara Twp., \$18.50; North Frankfort Twp., \$24.00; Peoria Twp., \$18.75; East Raymond \$19.50; West Raymond \$21.25; Spade Twp., \$18.75; Sparta Twp., \$18.75; Union Twp., \$18.50; Valley Twp., \$18.50; Verdigre Twp., \$19.50.

After a discussion, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept all gravel bids as submitted. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1). Received in March were funds in the amount of \$182,379.56 for bridge and \$207,694.41 for STP for a total of \$390,073.97 that were from the Federal Funds Purchase. Some of the funds received were used on the box culvert and the remainder will be used on the old Hwy. 121 bridge project; 2). Ponca Creek/Lazy River Acres area dredging was discussed. The Corps of Engineers is only allocating \$400,000 towards the project and they want the County to commit to over \$500,000. Further discussion was held on expected regulations, like-kind services that can count towards the committed amount and revegetating the area after dredging. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to proceed with the Ponca Creek/Lazy River Acres area dredging project with the Corps of Engineers and save the Lazy River Acres area. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6, and #7. Nays District #5. Motion carried; 3). Brian Bumann of Bloomfield submitted a job application to drive the 20-yard gravel dump truck during the 2023 summer months. After a discussion, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to hire Brian Bumann of Bloomfield as a part-time truck driver during the 2023 summer road season at \$20 per hour. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #6. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1). Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce to reappoint Rob Ganz to another three-year term on the Board of Adjustments. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2). Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Administrative Plat Application #P2310 Jerry and Rhonda Zuhlke on a zoning boundary adjustment on part of Lot 1B, Replat of Lot 1, Riverview Estates Subdivision and the Affidavit for the combining of parcels for zoning purposes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3). Discussion was held on the command trailer. There has been interest by several people in purchasing the trailer. The trailer will be advertised for sale by written offers on the Knox County Nebraska Courthouse Facebook page with such written offers to be received in the Knox County Clerk's

Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 11, 2023; 4). Discussed was the Riverpoint Bay Subdivision planned development. A zoom meeting will be held with Consultant Keith Marvin at the April 27, 2023, meeting to review the process on the planned development; 5). At 11:15 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on the Final Plat of Lazy River Acres 2nd Addition. Present were Sally McHugh Madsen, Ramon Brandt, Attorney Andrew Marshall, and County Surveyor Skroch. Submitted by email were requests from Rick Spellman and Melvin Hansen to postpone action on the Final Plat. Attorney Marshall and County Surveyor Skroch explained to the Board that the proposed Lot 2 would now become the “common area”. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:32 a.m. After a discussion, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve the Final Plat of Lazy River Acres 2nd Addition, a Replat of Block F and a part of Cottonwood Drive, Lazy River Acres Subdivision and a Subordination Agreement. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt the following Resolution, due to the failure of Raymond Township to petition against vacating and abandoning portions of Cottonwood Drive in the Lazy River Acres Subdivision described in the following Resolution and the Knox County Board of Supervisors directs the Knox County Highway Superintendent to enter the Resolution in the County Road Plat Records and the same be recorded in the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office. By Roll Call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. #2023 – 02

A RESOLUTION TO VACATE AND ABANDON:

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.

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: 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, 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 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 to revert to John Madsen and Sally McHugh Madsen, husband and wife; 2. The East-West portion of Cottonwood Drive contiguous to Block F noting this excludes the North-South portions of Cottonwood Drive contiguous to Blocks D and G to revert to Kent and Mary Snowdon, husband and wife and Carie Weber; and, 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 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. to revert to Carolyne Maas.

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 30th day of March 2023.

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. Liska to go into executive session at 11:39 a.m. for a job evaluation of Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held for a job evaluation of Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek. The Board came out of executive session at 12:06 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 12:06 p.m. the executive session held on a job evaluation of Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:06 p.m. for lunch.

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 4). Discussion was held on open positions at the Bloomfield and Wausa County Sheds and adding a second position at the Crofton County Shed. Applications are being received for the

Bloomfield and Wausa positions and advertising will begin for the second position at the Crofton County Shed; 5). Discussed was purchasing a used loader for the Niobrara County Shed. Supr. Liska presented a quote from Heavy Iron Sales & Rental in Minnesota for a used 2013 John Deere 544K wheel loader that had 7,000 hours at a cost of \$94,000 with a reduction in price to \$91,000. Ken Beaudette with Murphy Tractor presented a quote for a used 2012 John Deere 544K wheel loader, one owner, with 2,040 hours, the machine was not used in a feedlot or in highway salt, pre-emission and capable for fork or grapple attachments at a cost of \$127,500. The loader is located at the Grand Island store. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve a purchase from Murphy Tractor a used 2012 John Deere 544K wheel loader with 2,040 hours at a cost of \$127,500 contingent on verification of hours and inspection by Hwy. Supt. Barta and Mechanic Jeremy Crosley. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 6). Update on bridge projects; 7). Researching truck prices; 8). The new John Deere motor grader was delivered to the Niobrara County Shed; 9). There will be a safety meeting on April 14, 2023, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Road employees; 10). Discussion was held on heavy equipment training. Hwy. Supt. Barta informed the Board that this training would be beneficial for the newer road employees, that the cost would be \$1,700 per day with the training being two days, there is a limit of ten people and it could be a cost share with another county if the limit is not met by Knox County employees; 11). Requests from the Verdigre County Shed employees were received for the installation of business band radios in their motor graders as there are times that there is no cellphone service in their areas.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from March 8 through March 28, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to accept and place on file the Certificate of Death of Dolphin Township Treasurer Mike Jackson, appointment of Curtis Arens as Dolphin Township Treasurer, and the Certificate of Acceptance of Appointment by Curtis Arens. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Surety Bond of Dolphin Township Treasurer Curtis Arens. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the 2023-2024 Premium Managed IT Services Renewal Agreement and the 2023-2024 Cyber and Software Licensing Renewal Agreement with Applied Connective Technologies of Albion NE. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board had approved a 2023 On-site Wellness Health Screening and additional laboratory testing with conditions at the March 9, 2023 for employees. Discussion ensued on eligible spouse participation and conditions. Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set the following On-Site Wellness conditions for enrolled spouses/child(ren)/family in the 90 Degree Benefits health insurance: 1). Enrolled spouses in the 90 Degree Benefits health insurance may participate in the 2023 On-site Wellness Health Screening at a cost of \$109 per participant as long as the eligible employee is participating; 2). Allowance of a \$30 credit per participating spouse towards additional laboratory testing; 3). Participating eligible spouses shall complete a Wellness Questionnaire through the LiveNOW Portal and if they do not, they are not eligible to participate; 4). Participating eligible spouses shall meet with Avera staff in a Health Coaching session to review each participant's results of the Wellness Health Screening; 5). Approval of reimbursement to those eligible employees whose eligible spouses are enrolled in the County's health insurance benefit through 90 Degree Benefits Health Insurance 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 2023 deductible paid between \$250 and \$500; 6). An eligible employee enrolled in the 90 Degrees Benefits health insurance who has child(ren) coverage must participate in the 2023 On-Site Wellness Health Screening and follow all conditions to receive reimbursement of deductible paid between \$250 and \$500. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #1. Motion carried.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1). Chairman Mackeprang attended an EPIC Tax presentation in Norfolk recently; 2). Updates on the recent Northeast District NACO workshop; 3). County Clerk Fischer informed the Board that the Miles of Smiles program conducted through North Central District Health Department is ending and the Board is invited to a thank you celebration at the May 19, 2023 North Central District Health Department meeting at 9:30 a.m.; 4). Supr. Schlote presented the Knox County Region 4 Service Reimbursement FY22 report.

Legislative update was given by County Clerk Fischer regarding the Board's opposition that was submitted on LR23CA on Inheritance Tax. The Board requested an invitation be sent to Senator Barry DeKay to attend a future meeting to discuss proposed legislation.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 03** for the demolition of the storage building owned by Knox County at 205 Main Street in Center, salvaging remaining materials and contents in the storage building, and reiteration of the acceptance of a bid from Scott Ober Construction LLC for construction of a garage/storage building in the same location. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 03

WHEREAS, Knox County, Nebraska, owns a storage building located at 205 Main Street, Center, Nebraska; and
WHEREAS, the storage building no longer meets the needs of Knox County and has no commercial value; and,
WHEREAS, the storage building will be demolished by Knox County Road employees using County equipment;
and

WHEREAS, the remaining materials and contents in the storage building will be salvaged prior to demolition; and
WHEREAS, any individual entering the storage building to salvage materials must sign a Waiver/Release of Liability Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2023, an advertised bid opening was held at the Knox County Board of Supervisors' meeting for the construction at the same location of a 36 ft. x 40 ft. x 10 ft. wood framed steel covered garage/storage building with 2 x 6 exterior walls and 2 x 4 divider wall on the existing concrete slab; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors accepted the bid from Scott Ober Construction LLC, Bloomfield NE, for the construction of a garage/storage building in the amount of \$49,885.00 with the start date as soon as possible and completion as soon as possible with weather; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the storage building owned by Knox County located at 205 Main Street, Center, Nebraska, shall be demolished and a new garage/storage building shall be constructed at the same location as per the above stipulations.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 30th day of March 2023.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Senior Office Clerk Surface met with the Board regarding the salvaging of materials and contents in the current storage building across the street of the Courthouse. An ad was placed on the Knox County Nebraska Courthouse Facebook page and several people submitted interest. Jolin Heller of Atkinson submitted an email for the salvage of the entire materials in the storage building and Tom Carlstrom of Verdigre submitted an email but is interested in selected materials. The Board said they were interested in someone to remove the entire materials so Jolin Heller was granted permission to salvage the materials in the storage building, waivers and releases will need to be signed, there would be no cost for the salvaged materials and the materials must be removed by April 15, 2023.

Chairman Mackeprang left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Liska to go into executive session at 2:17 p.m. so as to protect the reputation of individuals when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6, and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried. Vice-Chairman Schlote reiterated the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of individuals when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 2:50 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to close at 2:50 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6, and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, security camera server, 332.24; Bartak Glass Inc., door repair, 255.00; Candlewood Suites, lodging, 294.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 66.20; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 165.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 192.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 282.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 50.55; Eakes Office Solutions, copier contract, 138.83; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage, 3,709.47; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co., supplies, 407.04; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 56.44; Jeannoutot Plumbing, toilet repair, 120.48; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 45.96; Jones Automotive, Sheriff pickup additions, 8,234.67; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 42.69; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 80,026.68; Marvin Planning Consultants, comp plan and regs, 500.00; NACO, registration, 35.00; Neil Claussen, meeting/mileage, 61.68; Netcom Inc., radio, 585.00; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 13.61; Northeast Nebraska RC&D, dues, 2,000.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 444.58; Platte Valley Communications, radio equipment, 585.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 542.35; Reserve Account, meter postage, 5,000.00; Rhonda Surface, reimburse recycling fee, 15.00; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 36.79; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 39.41; Roger Vech Construction, Extension Office window, 2,690.00; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 140.00; Valorie Olson, court reporting, 101.25; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 504.00.

ROAD FUND. B's Enterprises Inc., signs/blades, 39,164.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 384.44; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 132.23; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 236.58; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs, 595.07; Bloomquist Plumbing & Electric, supplies, 14.35; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 348.18; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 285.97; CHS Wausa, diesel, 3,507.68; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart LLC, gas, 159.50; Creighton Plumbing, repairs, 131.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 396.86; Farmer's Pride, propane/diesel, 2,575.00; First National Bank Omaha, meals/tool cabinet, 2,018.17; Freeman Oil Co., diesel, 1,898.10; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filters/repairs, 1,068.48; Herbert Feed & Grain, diesel, 9,928.55; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies/ice melt, 446.56; Jonathan Wagner, CDL renewal, 60.00; Kayton International Inc., shop supplies, 288.96; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 859.18; Lewis and Clark Lodge, lodging, 74.00; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 70.00; Midwest Radiator & Exhaust, repairs, 90.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 195.33; NMC Inc., repairs/oil, 2,493.24; Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk, door repairs, 578.00; R&K Motor Parts, shop supplies/repairs/oil filters, 1,670.61; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Santee Utility Commission, garbage, 65.00; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 6,578.86; Steffens Service, gas, 79.00; Truck Center Companies, repairs/filters, 598.59; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 27,410.70; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Wausa Medical Clinic, drug test, 60.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 15,251.75.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.14; K/V Electric LLC, courtroom audio video, 725.13; MIPS Inc., jury list, 329.14; Postmaster, postage, 231.60; Roger Vech Construction, courtroom audio video rack, 330.00.

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

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.14; Creative Revolution Marketing Agency, website updates, 164.85; First National Bank Omaha, subscriptions, 69.00; Rowan Productions, video, 240.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. First National Bank Omaha, phone, 6.10.

TOTALS		
General Fund		\$108,161.80
Road Fund		119,822.94
Child Support Fund		1,620.01
Visitor's Improvement Fund		183.90
C&C Development Fund		477.99
911 Emergency Fund		<u>6.10</u>
Total		\$230,272.74

Vice-Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:50 p.m. on March 30, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 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

By_____
Danny R. Schlote, Vice-Chairman

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
April 12, 2023
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, April 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

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

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

The minutes of the March 30, 2023, meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1). Email regarding the Lazy River Acres/Ponca Creek dredging project; 2). Updated information regarding the proposed federal-aid project involving the historic Verdigre North bridge.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1). A thank you note was received from Carol Besse and Pam Spaulding of Louisville KY expressing their appreciation for the kindness Officer Will Blevins extended when he changed their flat tire in Niobrara when all repair shops were closed; 2). Sheriff Henery submitted a nomination of Head Jailer/Dispatcher Donna Hays for the Excellence in Corrections Award that is given to only one individual in the entire state annually by the Nebraska Correctional Administrators and Managers Association. Word was received that nominee Head Jailer/Dispatcher Hays was selected to receive the award that will be presented at an April 20, 2023 banquet. The Board congratulated Ms. Hays on receiving the award and for her dedication to Knox County; 3). Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to approve an Interlocal Agreement for County Law Enforcement between Knox County and the Village of Niobrara with the interlocal agreement to be from May 1, 2023 continuing in effect from year to year thereafter through June 30, 2026. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$758,303.06 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

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

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1). The advertised asphaltic bid opening was held at 10:25 a.m. The Knox County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and further reserves the right to accept bids which are in the County's best interests. Bid received was from **Jebro Inc., Sioux City IA** – MC70 price per gallon - \$4.48; MC250 per gallon - \$4.14; MC3000 price per gallon - \$3.86; CRS-2 price per gallon (estimated gallons 7,500+) delivered to Creighton - \$3.38; 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. Pierce to accept the oil bid from **Jebro Inc., Sioux City IA** as submitted. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2). Discussion ensued on the State Contract quote for a new Western Star 47X dump/plow truck. It would be a 2025 truck built in 2024. The matter was tabled for further research; 3). Discussed was constructing a building in the Center County Yard. Contractors will be contacted for plans and projected costs.

Librarians from Bloomfield, Creighton, Niobrara, Verdigre and Wausa met with the Board with annual reports of activities and what the County funds were used for at their libraries. The Board expressed their gratitude for the work the librarians have done for their communities and Knox County. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve a cost-sharing of \$5,000 to each of the six Knox County libraries with the funds to be paid from the Inheritance Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 4). Deputy County Attorney Jensen informed the Board that several parties associated with the beginning process to possibly reopen a one-mile portion of Hill Twp. Road #893 (Platted Road #719) between Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, T32N, R4W (Hill Township) were unable to attend this meeting, therefore they requested that the Board reschedule the discussion. The Board took no action and tabled the matter until the April 27, 2023, meeting; 5). Interviews will begin for filling the open positions at the Bloomfield, Wausa and Crofton County Sheds; 6). Bridge project updates; 7). A safety meeting will be held April 14, 2023 in the Basement Conference Room; 8). Motorgrader operator training update.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of March 29 through April 10, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected between January 1 and March 31, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 04** declaring mobile equipment as surplus property and for the sale of the surplus property. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 - 04
RESOLUTION TO DECLARE
MOBILE EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY
AND FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Knox County owns mobile equipment which has a value of five thousand dollars or more which is not usable by the County and/or obsolete; and

WHEREAS, said mobile equipment consists of the following property:

1. 1999 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup
2. 1971 International Hydro 1066 Tractor
3. 2006 Jayco 26 Ft. Travel Trailer
4. 2008 Husqvarna Zero Turn Mower

WHEREAS, Knox County intends to dispose of said property as surplus pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 23-3115 through competitive bidding on the pickup and mower at the Annual Spring Machinery Consignment Auction in Hartington on April 24, 2023, on the travel trailer by advertising on the Knox County Nebraska Courthouse Facebook page with written offers to be submitted to the Knox County Clerk's Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 11, 2023 with the highest offer to be considered, and on the mower by advertising on the Knox County Nebraska Courthouse Facebook page with written offers to be submitted to the Knox County Clerk's Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 26, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the surplus property listed is being sold "as is" without any warranties, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the mobile equipment listed is unusable by Knox County and/or obsolete and is therefore declared surplus property.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Highway Superintendent and the Knox County Clerk be directed to coordinate disposal of said property in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska.

DATED this 12th day of April 2023.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/_____
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/_____
Chairman

Advertising for the sale of the 2006 Jayco 26 ft. travel trailer that was used as the Emergency Manager Command Trailer declared surplus property was done on the Knox County Nebraska Courthouse Facebook page. Bids received were reviewed. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the bid from Tom Rempp of Crawford NE in the amount of \$3,275 for the surplus property 2006 Jayco 26 ft. travel trailer noting the surplus property is listed as being sold "as is" without any warranty. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney Jensen informed the Board that after extensive review of the contracts between the County and the State on the Rec Road and other records, County Attorney Thomas and Deputy County Attorney Jensen said that in their opinions, the County does not have the responsibility to maintain the portion of 546 Avenue known as the Kohles Acres Entrance and it is a township road. The Board took no action as the Kohles Acres Entrance is a township road.

County Clerk Fischer updated the Board on the National Opioid Settlement to entities. Knox County has received two settlement payments so far and Knox County and the State of Nebraska are now filed in the settlements with Allergan, CVS, Tera, Walgreens, and Walmart. No action was taken at this time on how the funds will be used.

Discussion was held on beginning the process to determine the 2023 rural fire district final levy allocation. More discussion will be held at a future meeting.

Legislative update was given by County Clerk Fischer.

Officials' updates were given as follows: 1). Deputy County Attorney Jensen gave an update of a County Attorney "bootcamp" she attended recently; 2). Chairman Mackeprang said he had been contacted about a Cedar Knox Rural Water meeting that will be held on April 13.

Emergency Manager Jelinek discussed with the Board a service agreement with PowerTech LLC for the maintenance of emergency stand-by generating sets and associated equipment. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve a two-year service agreement from January 2023 through December 2025 with PowerTech LLC of Council Bluffs IA for maintenance of the County's emergency stand-by generating sets and associated equipment. 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, 202,438.71; Applied Connective Technologies, IT contract, 4,563.63; Carhart Lumber Company, window for extension office, 1,459.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 15,217.05; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 39,611.37; Eakes Office Solutions, janitor supplies/copier agreement/paper, 690.54; Ecowater, bottled water, 292.50; Elizabeth Doerr, contract hours, 710.00; Fire Protection Services LLC, fire alarm inspection, 600.00; Gragert's, jail food, 1,070.59; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,381.29; Hanna LK Jensen, mileage, 241.04; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Hefner Hardware, supplies, 21.99; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 34.88; Kristine Kumm, mileage/meal, 27.03; K/V Electric LLC, install outlets, 806.72; Landmark Surveying, survey fees, 401.60; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 295.91; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/meal, 122.68; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; Midwest Radar & Equipment, radar updates, 160.00; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; N&B Gas Co., propane, 1,183.20; NACO, registration, 250.00; NACT, registration/NADA title book, 415.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,120.77; One Office Solution, postcards, 288.51; O'Neill Shopper, publishing, 50.00; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 18.66; Postmaster, postage, 630.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,241.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 272.63; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filter, 102.40; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 13,650.30; Schumacher Elevator Co., elevator contract, 2,704.32; Steve Svoboda, install cabinets, 750.00; The Emblem Authority, patches/badges, 266.50; US Cellular, cell phones, 195.46; US Cellular, cell phones, 355.10; Verdigre Collision Repair, pickup repair, 42.43; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/statements, 563.00; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 257.51; Verizon Wireless, hot spot, 40.01.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 79,894.75; American Textile Mills, shop supplies, 809.74; Art's Garbage, garbage, 34.32; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 167.92; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 793.96; C-Mart, gas, 348.56; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,852.78; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 1,066.13; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 16,805.32; Dan Vakoc, rental, 500.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 8,040.84; Great Plains Communications, phone, 538.18; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 3.39; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,630.34; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 80.29; Kayton International, shop supplies, 120.69; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 267.30; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 101.32; Marlene Moeller, rental, 500.00; Moody Motor Company, repairs, 1,024.23; N&B Gas Co., propane, 3,656.17; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 91.10; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 436.11; Orin Pospisil, rental, 500.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 247.02; Powerplan, repairs, 1,183.06; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters, 1,603.73; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 5,284.89; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 422.00; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 1,792.00; Sucha Repair, repairs/welder, 4,898.60; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 413.93; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 812.13; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/tordon/seed/repairs, 5,011.76; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 44.56; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 77.39.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fee, 851.25.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 1,425.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, courtroom upgrade, 1,186.44; Gayle Krohn, supplies, 40.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.53; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38; Matthew R. Fischer, supplies, 47.88; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 2,994.75.

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

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Murphy Tractor Equipment Co. Inc., motor grader, 289,101.00.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 93.75.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,833.33; Bloomfield Community Club Bucks, Bloomfield bucks, 200.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 285.20; Creighton Chamber of Commerce, Creighton Bucks, 190.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.53; Kelly Hanvey, meal, 30.00; 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; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Institute of Excellence, 250.00; US Cellular, cell phone, 122.22; Verdigre Improvement Club, Verdigre bucks, 80.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Cedar County Transit, public transit interlocal agreement, 2,000.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Stratton, DeLay, Doelee, Carlson, Buettner & Stover P.C. LLO, court appointed attorney, 4,270.76.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.83; 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, 761.48.

TOTALS	
General Fund	\$299,855.05
Road Fund	146,837.45
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	851.25
Flowage Easement Road Fund	1,425.00
Child Support Fund	1,567.23
Visitor's Promo Fund	2,994.75
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	274.06
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	289,101.00
Economic Development Fund	93.75
C&C Development Fund	5,326.50
Inheritance Fund	8,354.09
911 Emergency Fund	123.54
911 Wireless Service Fund	737.91
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	761.48
Total	\$758,303.06

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:20 p.m. on April 12, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2023 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
April 27, 2023
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 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

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

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

The minutes of the April 12, 2023 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) Cedar County Transit quarterly report of Knox County rider statistics showing there were 115 Knox County residents who used the Cedar County Transit between January 1 and March 31, 2023; 2.) Letter from Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District with appreciation of continued support of regional economic development efforts in Northeast Nebraska.

Economic Development Director Hanvey and Visit Knox County Director Miller met with the Board on the recommendation of the Visitor's Committee for distribution of Visitor's Promo funds. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce to approve the following Visitor's Promo funds for special events as per the recommendation of the Visitor's Committee: Crofton Community Club \$1,000; Creighton Area Chamber of Commerce \$1,000; Center Improvement Club \$500; Wausa Swedish Smorgasbord/Wausa Community Club \$1,000; Harm & Tulley's Event Center \$500; Niobrara Promoters \$1,000; Winnetoon BBQ Committee \$500; Verdigre Improvement Club \$1,000; Lewis & Clark SRA \$1,000; Shannon Trail Promoters \$300; Bloomfield Community Club \$1,000; Knox County Ag Society \$1,500; and Niobrara State Park \$1,000. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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 \$603,801.50 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 10:38 a.m. with all members present.

The agenda item on the possible reopening of a Hill Township Road scheduled at 1:30 p.m. at this meeting was rescheduled to the May 25, 2023 meeting and no action was taken at this time.

Deputy County Clerk Nix discussed with the Board the Cybersecurity Grant process. A Teams' presentation was given by Applied Connective Technologies technician Matt Childress on the application for the grant funds of \$9,000 for Knox County, the County pay 10% for the proposal, policies, and procedures already in place, recovery procedures, and extension of work already being done.

Chairman Mackeprang opened at 10:59 a.m. a public hearing on the Riverpoint Bay Subdivision Preliminary Plat. Placed into record were letters of opposition received before April 27, 2023 from Elizabeth Bigley, Jeff and Julie Hartung, Vince and Cindy Jenness, Miron and Louise Jenness, Barbara Beye Lyle, Michael and Raejean Mattison, Jim and Lanita Recob, Tom and Sherri Sobotka, and Tom Sobotka. Read into record was a letter of opposition received from Shawn and Jennifer Weber via email at 10:56 a.m. on April 27, 2023. Russ Wilcox with Riverpoint Bay, LLC gave a presentation of the Preliminary Plat of Riverpoint Bay Subdivision being a proposed residential development in the Southwest Quarter of Section 15 and the North half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 22, and Lots 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 115 and 116, Merchant Hills, a subdivision of part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 15, all in T33N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County Nebraska. Information presented was: proposing twenty-nine three-acre lots and ten smaller lots; all lots to have septic storage tanks; a self-storage building would provide storage for the people in the development; the development could bring a \$10 million taxable valuation; proposing to allow internet providers to place a tower for better internet service in the area, drainage plan in place, boat docking at Weigand Area, Home Owners Association (HOA), HOA to deal with traffic and enforcement of operation of ATVs in the subdivision, building roads in the subdivision to County specifications, fire safety and space available for fire tankers, upcoming STARWARS development, and rural water. Cedar Knox Rural Water Project submitted a letter of approval of an Engineering Application submitted by Riverpoint Bay LLC not to exceed 42 individual water service connections or 42 Benefit Units for a single connection. Sherry and Tom Sobotka, Julie Hartung, Jim Recob, Gene Langenfeld, Hwy. Supt. Barta and Board members spoke during the public hearing regarding traffic in the area and ingress and egress onto the Rec Road, dust control, law enforcement, safety issues, landslides and damaged homes, HOA issues, engineering, the plat submitted is only a preliminary plat, and issues existed in the area prior to the submission of the preliminary plat. The Board thanked the people for attending the public hearing.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:36 a.m. The Board, Zoning Advisor Doerr, and Zoning Administrator Jelinek discussed possible special rules for roads, water hook ups, bonding, and covenants. Supr. O'Connor read a letter he composed about his experiences of living and raising a family in that area, and many of the issues voiced by the people who submitted testimony and gave testimony during the public hearing.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to not accept the Preliminary Plat of Riverpoint Bay Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, and #3. Nays Districts #4, #5, #6, and #7. Motion failed.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the Preliminary Plat of Riverpoint Bay Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #4, #5, #6, and #7. Nays Districts #1, #2, and #3. Motion carried.

Heidi Borg, Agriculture Liaison for Congressman Adrian Smith gave an update on Committee matters, SNAP, the 2023 Farm Bill and federal subsidies on crop insurance within the Farm Bill, E15 fuel update, Social Security changes, IRS workforce increase and tax issues.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:55 p.m. with all members present.

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

Weed Supt. Banks met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Reports and Requirements for the year 2022 addressing inspections, office evaluation, county reports and continuing education of Weed Supt. Banks, noting that Weed Supt. Banks received a perfect score. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Currently Weed Supt. Banks is Chairman of the Northeast Weed Management Area (NWMA) which includes seven area counties. There are funds available that will need to be spent by June 30, 2023 and will be used for biocontrol bugs, youth education at a rendezvous at the Niobrara State Park, and a youth camp at Yankton. Weed Supt. Banks said that he wants to leave the NWMA and join the Nebraska Weed Management Area Coalition (NEWMAC) that includes counties west of Knox County. More information will be shared in the future by Weed Supt. Banks; 3.) Discussion was held on 10-Day Individual Notices that are issued when landowners are given sufficient time to control noxious weeds, and nothing is done by the landowner. If the County must control the noxious weeds after the notice is issued, the costs for the control activities shall be at the expense of the owner of the property and shall become a lien against the property as a special assessment levied on the date of control. Also discussed was the 15-Day Individual Notice which is like the 10-Day Individual Notice however the penalty associated with the 15-Day Individual Notice is a fine of \$100 per day for each day of noncompliance up to a maximum of \$1,500. Weed Supt. Banks informed the Board that the 10-Day Individual Notice is his choice of notice. There is a property that is severely infested with leafy spurge that is not being controlled even after notification to the land manager and the renter. A letter is being sent to the property owner's son to inform them of the penalty if a 10-Day Individual Notice is issued and the County would have to spray the property if the landowner does not control the leafy spurge after being issued the 10-Day notice. Further discussion was held on aerial spraying, costs, and assessment filed as a lien against the property through special assessment with the taxes.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Discussed was the proposed construction of a mechanic's shop at the Center County Yard with an estimated cost of \$635,805 for a 80 ft. x 150 ft. x 21.5 ft 6 inch building with additional costs for heating and plumbing, possibly researching costs for an 80 ft. x 100 ft. or 80 ft. x 120 ft. building, and uses of the building. No action was taken; 2.) Discussed was researching costs for a new dump truck/snowplow for the Crofton County Shed; 3.) Filling open positions at the Bloomfield, Crofton and Wausa County Sheds was discussed. One person has been hired for the Bloomfield County Shed and will start mid-May; 4.) Bridge project updates; 5.) The 1971 International Hydro 1066 tractor and the 1999 Dodge pickup that were declared surplus property were sold on April 24, 2023 at a consignment sale in Hartington. The tractor brought \$19,500 and the pickup brought \$750; 6.) Fence posts were damaged when snow was pushed with a County loader. The County will purchase replacement posts; 7.) Discussed was a safety grant available through NDOT that has two options of use being replacement of stop signs and posts, or adding "Stop Ahead" signs, replacing stop signs, and replacing the posts with posts that would have reflective tape affixed to them. Hwy. Supt. Barta is interested in the second option and will apply for the grant. Like-kind service being installing the signs would be the County's cost towards the grant; 8.) Plans for the Rec Road were discussed which included a bond, engineering, attempt to give the road back to the State, widening the road, additional traffic because of added subdivisions and the STARWARS plans. Hwy. Supt. Barta said he will contact Mainelli Wagner and Associates.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board regarding the progress of the updating of the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation plans. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2023 - 05** approving the most recent FEMA-approved version of the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 - 05

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was signed into law on October 30, 2000, placing new emphasis on state and local mitigation planning for natural hazards and requiring communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by Antelope, Holt, and Knox Counties, known as the Tri-County area, in Nebraska with assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the mitigation plan was to lessen the effects of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the counties and participating jurisdictions located within the planning boundary by identifying the hazards that affect Knox County and prioritize mitigation strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards, and

WHEREAS, FEMA regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of Knox County in the form of a resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body of Knox County does herewith adopt the most recent and FEMA approved version of the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023 in its entirety;

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of April, 2023.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairman

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve an Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement between Knox County and Boyd County for one year beginning March 1, 2023 for providing personnel backup and such other assistance as either party may require in time of emergency or other time of need. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Discussed interlocal law enforcement agreement renewal with Wausa Village; 3.) Head Jailer Donna Hays was recognized at an April 20 Annual

Spring Conference in Kearney and was presented with the Nebraska Correctional Administrators and Managers Association “Excellence in Corrections Award”; 4.) Sheriff Henery said he is still in need of one deputy and two dispatchers.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of April 11 through April 25, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 06** declaring the 2008 Husqvarna Zero Turn Mower is no longer surplus property and will not be sold at this time as it is being used at the Center County Yard. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 - 06

**DECLARED SURPLUS PROPERTY MOBILE EQUIPMENT
NO LONGER FOR SALE**

WHEREAS, Knox County owns mobile equipment which has a value of five thousand dollars or more which is not usable by the County and/or obsolete; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted at their April 12, 2023 regular meeting Resolution #2023 – 04 declaring a 1999 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup, a 1971 International Hydro 1066 Tractor, a 2006 Jayco 26 Ft. Travel Trailer, and a 2008 Husqvarna Zero Turn Mower were surplus mobile equipment to be sold, and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Husqvarna Zero Turn Mower is now needed for use at the Center County Yard, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the 2008 Husqvarna Zero Turn Mower is declared to be no longer surplus property and will not be sold at this time.

DATED this 27th day of April 2023.

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 approve a Special Designated Liquor License for Camp Missouri LLC (CJ’s at the Lake) for a special event at the Lewis and Clark SRA (Weigand) on June 3, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. through 10:00 p.m. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Updates by Officials were given by the following: 1.) County Assessor McManigal said that there are over six hundred personal property schedules not filed yet. The deadline is Monday, May 1. Also, she received a letter from an attorney regarding a property boundary issue that has one landowner requesting back taxes be refunded from 2006 to present on a 20-acre tract that is in question; 2.) Deputy County Clerk Nix updated the Board on an alert received from the National Association of Counties that Senator Rick Scott (R-Fla.) offered an amendment that would require the U.S. Treasury Secretary to identify and transfer unobligated funds from the American Rescue Plan Act’s (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) to the administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. County Clerk Fischer and Deputy County Clerk Nix submitted testimony to Senators Deb Fischer and Pete Ricketts regarding “Claw Back” of ARPA funding.

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

GENERAL FUND. Alcohol Countermeasure Systems Inc., solution bottles, 129.80; Armscor Cartridge Inc., ammo, 1,530.43; Beth Rudloff, reimbursement for floor nozzle, 105.90; Boarders Inn & Suites, lodging, 285.00; Bomgaars, key/hooks, 20.23; CenturyLink, long distance, 79.93; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 48.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 247.17; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 282.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Denise Albrecht, witness fee/mileage, 55.00; Dollar General, jail supplies, 83.20; Eakes Office Solutions, paper, 64.95; Fairfield Inn, lodging, 559.80; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage; 4,342.59; JEO Consulting Group Inc., hazard mitigation, 3,703.15; Jones Automotive, sheriff pickup additions, 702.29; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 80,026.68; Loffler, printer contract, 310.48; Lois Kumm, jail food, 56.00; Moody Motor Company, repairs, 919.10; NACVSO, dues, 50.00; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 43.50; NPZA, dues, 40.00; Platte Valley Communications, radio equipment, 22,223.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 422.26; The Scarlet Hotel, lodging, 161.00; Thomsen Reuters West, law books, 299.00; Vic’s Service LLC, gas, 31.80.

ROAD FUND. Bazile Creek Power Sports, mower, 4,950.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 359.98; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs, 52.03; Bomgaars, shop supplies/tank/pump, 1,686.28; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 288.34; CHS Wausa, diesel/propane, 3,638.65; C-Mart LLC, gas, 147.51; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 479.80; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 144.48; First National Bank Omaha, book cases/supplies, 454.20; Freeman Oil Co., diesel, 1,728.00; Herbert Feed & Grain, diesel, 4,028.85; Jonny Dodge Chrysler Jeep Inc. repairs, 739.20; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 407.64; LCL Truck Equipment Inc., repairs, 461.40; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 11,167.50; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 75.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 260.95; NMC Inc., repairs, 827.95; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 79.01; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 45.22; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 2,132.00; Vic’s Service LLC, gas/tire repair, 332.60; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 44,306.97.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. Dixon Construction Co. Inc., bridge contract, 60,562.50.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Dixon Construction Co. Inc., bridge contract, 23,394.87.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 5.00.

VISITOR’S PROMO FUND. Bloomfield Community Club, promo grant, 1,000.00; Center Community Club, promo grant, 500.00; Creighton Chamber of Commerce, promo grant, 1,000.00; Crofton Community Club, promo grant, 1,000.00; CTM Medi Group Inc., marketing, 2,280.00; First National Bank Omaha, meals, 87.35; Friends of the Missouri

River, membership, 125.00; Harm & Tulleys Event Center, promo grant, 500.00; Knox County Ag Society, promo grant, 1,500.00; Lewis & Clark SRA, promo grant, 1,000.00; Niobrara Promoters, promo grant, 1,000.00; Niobrara State Park, 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 BBQ, promo grant, 500.00.

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

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Scott Ober Construction LLC, payment on garage/storage building, 2,000.00.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 915.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 5.00; Crofton Community Club, Crofton bucks, 330.00; First National Bank Omaha, subscriptions/travel/supplies/meals, 1,556.39; News Channel Nebraska, marketing, 200.00; Niobrara Promoters, Niobrara bucks, 160.00; Rowan Productions, video, 225.00; Wausa Community Club, Wausa bucks, 170.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Bloomfield Public Library, cost sharing, 5,000.00; Creighton Public Library, cost sharing, 5,000.00; Eastern Township Library, cost sharing; 5,000.00; Highway Signing Inc., bridge contract, 40,675.00; Lincoln township Library, cost sharing, 5,000.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 4,435.00; Niobrara Public Library, cost sharing, 5,000.00; Theisen Construction, bridge contract, 210,906.82; Verdigre Public Library, cost sharing, 5,000.00.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. City of Norfolk, network, 173.97.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$117,271.14
Road Fund	78,839.56
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	60,562.50
Flowage Easement Road Fund	23,394.87
Child Support Fund	5.00
Visitor's Promo Fund	13,792.35
Visitor's Improvement Fund	183.90
Covid ARPA Fund	20,000.00
Economic Development Fund	915.00
C&C Development Fund	2,646.39
Inheritance Fund	286,016.82
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	173.97
Total	\$603,801.50

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:42 p.m. on April 27, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2023 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 11, 2023
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 11, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

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

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

The minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) Email, letter and project packet from the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation regarding US-20-N-59 project (Highway 14); 2.) Emails received from Elizabeth Bigley and Jim Recob and a letter from John and Susan Arens regarding the Riverpoint Bay Preliminary Plat; 3.) Letter and information from the Corps of Engineers on the Weigand Marina Expansion at Lewis and Clark State Recreation Area; 4.) Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition letter about the 22nd Annual Membership Meeting to be held on May 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the United Way Community Room in Yankton.

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 \$550,586.04 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 10:12 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) A Safety Committee meeting was held at 8:30 a.m.; 2.) Brian Bumann started as a seasonal truck driver; 3.) Updates on bridge projects. The Weigand bridge may reopen next week so shoofly materials will need to be removed. Discussion ensued on where the materials will be reused; 4.) Update on the Ponca Creek dredging in the Lazy River Acres area. The Army Corps of Engineers has now changed their cost benefit ratio on the project and will not be participating in it. Discussion was held on proposed work to Highway 12 in that area. The matter was tabled; 5.) Discussed was possible construction of a mechanic's shop at the Center County Yard. An 80 ft. x 120 ft. building would cost approximately \$508,000 not including additional costs for electrical and plumbing installations. An option to add onto an existing building was discussed. More research will be done; 6.) The position at the Bloomfield County Shed and a position at the Crofton County Shed have been filled. More advertising will be done to fill the position at the Wausa County Shed and a second position at the Crofton County Shed; 7.) Oil Crew update; 8.) Bridge Crew update; 9.) The bid opening for a new dump truck/snowplow will be held at the June 8, 2023 meeting; 10.) A radar speed sign near Miller Feedlot, with an estimated cost of \$3,200, is missing. Videos from cameras in the area will be viewed and a report will be made by the Sheriff's Office; 11.) The bid opening for the Shaw bridge and the Cedar County bridge will be held at the May 25, 2023 meeting; 12.) The Lazy River Acres sign along Highway 12 fell over and needs to be removed. Supr. Sokol, Jr. will contact Niobrara Valley Electric to cut the electricity to the sign; 13.) Hwy. Supt. Barta was contacted that the marker east of Winnetoon that should be located at the end of State maintenance was moved and needs to be moved back as it makes it appear that the State's maintenance area is less than should be; 14.) Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 10:50 a.m. 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 to protect the reputation of individuals when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 11:11 a.m.; 15.) Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to close at 11:11 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Jim Kotrous met with the Board regarding the loss of calves by coyotes in his area and animal damage control. The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service – Wildlife Services (APHIS-WS) program resolves wildlife conflicts to allow people and wildlife to coexist. Mr. Kotrous said that he has his cattle tested each year for neosporosis as his cattle have had the disease, and according to his veterinarian, the disease is caused by the protozoan parasite which is carried by canines including coyotes. Neosporosis survives in soil and water for prolonged periods after canine feces have decomposed. Discussion was held on contracting with the USDA, information from counties who have used the USDA services and landowners giving local hunters access to hunt coyotes. No action was taken.

Senior Office Clerk Rhonda Surface met with the Board on the following: 1.) Upgrade to the telephone system in the Courthouse. The present telephones are antiquated and need to be replaced. Discussion was held on options and quotes received were: **Applied Connective Technologies of Albion NE** - \$22,916.95 for Grandstream SIP 48-button telephones, portable phones, hardware and professional services along with \$245 per month for managed services; **Great Plains Communications of Blair NE** - \$39,689 for Sangoma phones plus \$16,500 business solutions wiring for a total of \$56,189. The internet and local phone service would continue with Great Plains Communications. The Building and Grounds Committee recommended the purchase of telephones from Applied Connective Technologies. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the quote from **Applied Connective Technologies of Albion NE** in the amount of \$22,916.95 for forty Grandstream SIP 48-button telephones, nine portable phones, hardware and professional services along with \$245 per month for managed services, and the costs of the telephones and setup to be paid from ARPA funds and the monthly managed services to be paid from the General Fund until the services are no longer needed. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Discussion was held on the heating/cooling units in the Courthouse that were installed in 2007 by Heartland Heating of Norfolk. No action was taken;

3.) The colors of the metal siding for the new storage/garage building were selected and conveyed to contractor Scott Ober who is now ordering the siding as increased steel prices are coming soon.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat Application #P2311 Marlene Wragge for a boundary line adjustment and easement of an 8.82-acre tract in the E1/2SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 15, T30N, R4W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr., to place on file the March/April 2023 Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3.) Update on the Safety Committee meeting.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Knox and Village of Wausa for Law Enforcement Services from June 15, 2023 through June 15, 2026. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the Knox County Sheriff's Office/Cedar County Sheriff's Office Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement from June 1, 2023 through June 1, 2026 to provide for personnel backup and such other assistance as either party may require in time of emergency or other time of need. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of April 26, 2023 through May 9, 2023. 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 April Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on ARPA funds and projects. Deputy County Clerk Nix updated the Board on the funds remaining and obligated projects. Federal legislation has been introduced to "claw back" unobligated ARPA funds. The ARPA funds must be obligated before December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to obligate \$1,183,587.72 as follows: \$127,500 Murphy Tractor - wheel loader; \$70,000 Scott Ober Construction remaining storage/garage obligation; \$23,000 Applied Connective Technologies phone system upgrade; \$175,587.72 Eagleview flights – Assessor's Office; \$270,000 dump truck/snowplow; and \$517,500 mechanic's shop at Center County Yard with a \$306.74 balance remaining of unobligated ARPA funds. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1.) Supr. O'Connor reviewed the Corps of Engineers letter regarding Weigand Marina Expansion at Lewis and Clark State Recreation Area and said that it was misleading as the letter says they are adding a boat ramp however upon review there is proposed putting a new convenience store in the location of a current ramp which then eliminates one ramp; 2.) County Clerk Fischer informed the Board that Rhonda's Café in Creighton is now adding KENO which will fall under the interlocal agreement between Knox County and the City of Creighton; 3.) Chairman Mackeprang said there will be a Lewis and Clark NRD/Cedar-Knox Rural Water meeting where they plan to drop the Dolphin Township well project and may be looking to the Aten area in Cedar County; 4.) Supr. O'Connor and Hwy. Supt. Barta are subpoenaed to the District Court on the case of Kenneth Jansen, et al vs Terry Heimes et al.

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

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 189,244.36; Applied Connective Technologies, IT contract, 4,508.31; Bomgaars, mulch, 174.50; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 72.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,181.04; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 41,111.37; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 28.80; D&L Tire LLC, tires, 1,061.96; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper, 727.58; Ecowater, bottled water, 630.50; Elizabeth Doerr, contract hours, 480.00; Fairfield Inn Kearney, lodging, 659.70; Floor Maintenance Paper Supply Co., janitor supplies, 421.66; Gragert's, jail food, 1,318.67; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,998.59; Heartland Counseling Services, training, 115.28; J&K Auto, mower gas, 22.07; JEO Consulting Group Inc., hazard mitigation plan, 1,719.00; Knox County Register of Deeds, record resolution, 16.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 299.48; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 41.92; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 295.91; Lois Kumm, jail food, 45.50; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; NACO, 1st half dues, 2,132.85; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,915.46; Northeast Nebraska News CO., publishing, 606.07; O'Neill Shopper, publishing, 61.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 216.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,241.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 477.20; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filter, 84.87; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,740.71; Top Appraisal Co., appraisal work, 1,350.00; UNL Eastern Nebraska Research & Extension Center, salary, 11,884.40; US Cellular, cell phones, 195.16; US Cellular, cell phones, 354.36; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/envelopes, 1,048.68; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 167.04; Verizon Wireless, hot spot, 40.01; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 500.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 61,370.96; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 25.00; B's Enterprises Inc., patch mix/flag material/bolts/nuts/culverts, 36,590.00; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 4,774.40; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 110.43; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 52.01; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, drug test, 100.00; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 368.58; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 51.50; C-Mart, gas, 266.51; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,442.30; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 5,969.86; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 15,835.32; Crane Sales & Service, repairs, 1,434.18; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 504.03; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 989.40; Great Plains Communications, phone, 535.71; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filters/repairs, 1,444.97; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 47.97; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 4,076.50; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 187.79; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 95.36; Marlene Moeller, sand, 1,200.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 59.91; Netcom Inc., repairs, 292.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 349.60; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 23.07; Omaha Slings Inc., repairs, 387.46; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 17.52; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 627.48; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters, 2,496.25; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,034.55; Roger Lemke, clay, 750.00; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 24.00; Sucha Repair, repairs, 47.62; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 413.13; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 35,000.30; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 201.99; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/repairs, 3,644.61; Vic's Service LLC, gas/repair, 194.57; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.94; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 95.39; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 146.45; Wausa Medical Clinic, drug test, 60.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 22,714.86; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, publishing, 394.19..

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fee, 4,823.75.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fee, 4,821.25.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 49.76; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38; Maximus Inc., cost allocation, 1,434.10; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.
VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 2,640.00; Flagship Publishing Inc., publishing, 553.00.
ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 274.06.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 56.25.
C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,833.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 285.20; Grandpa Dan's Popcorn, meals, 41.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 49.76; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 318.32; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 88.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 233.44; US Cellular, cell phone, 122.02; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 154.00.
INHERITANCE FUND. Cedar County Transit, contract, 2,000.00; Egley, Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland P.C., court appointed attorney, 930.98; Highway Signing Inc., bridge contract, 5,425.00; Jamie Miller Legal Services LLC, court appointed attorney, 9,153.19; Klein Law Office P.C., court appointed attorney, 635.41; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.
911 EMERGENCY FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.83; 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, networking, 173.97; OPTK Networks, regionalization network, 761.48.

TOTALS	
General Fund	\$295,913.16
Road Fund	212,578.67
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	4,823.75
Flowage Easement Road Fund	4,821.25
Child Support Fund	1,725.24
Visitor's Promo Fund	3,193.00
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	274.06
Economic Development Fund	56.25
C&C Development Fund	5,175.85
Inheritance Fund	20,227.91
911 Emergency Fund	123.54
911 Wireless Service Fund	737.91
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	935.45
Total	<u>\$550,586.04</u>

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:27 p.m. on May 11, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 25, 2023 for a regular meeting.
I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By _____
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
May 25, 2023
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 25, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Chairman/Supervisor Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5. Vice-Chairman Schlote presiding.

Supr. O'Connor 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 Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the May 11, 2023 meeting were read and approved by Vice-Chairman Schlote.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) Brochure, Water System Analysis and Development Plan, Memorandum for Water Supply & Water Treatment Plant Site Selection and 2023 Water Systems Improvements maps for the Cedar Knox Rural Water System; 2.) Region 4 Regional Data Outcomes for May 2023; 3.) Emails received from Shawn Weber and Elizabeth Bigley opposing the recent approval of the Riverpoint Bay Subdivision Preliminary Plat.

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, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$682,437.75 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 07** closing the Knox County Register of Deeds' petty cash fund. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 07

WHEREAS §23-106(2) Nebraska Revised Statute authorizes the County Board to establish a petty cash fund and set the amount of money to be carried in such fund; and

WHEREAS, the office of the Knox County Register of Deeds conducts cash transactions on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, a petty cash fund had been established in the amount of \$50.00 in the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office on August 29, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Recording Clerk in the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office was moved into the main County Clerk's Office in February 2023 and a separate petty cash fund is no longer needed for the Register of Deeds' Office, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Knox County Register of Deeds' petty cash fund was closed on May 1, 2023, the \$50.00 cash was given to the Knox County Treasurer and receipted into the General Fund.

Dated this 25th day of May, 2023.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

<u>Absent</u> Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5	<u>Martin J. O'Connor /s/</u> Martin J. O'Connor, District #1	<u>Patrick J. Liska /s/</u> Patrick J. Liska, District #2
<u>David L. Pierce /s/</u> David L. Pierce, District #3	<u>James Sokol, Jr. /s/</u> James Sokol, Jr., District #4	<u>Danny R. Schlote /s/</u> Danny R. Schlote, District #6
ATTEST: (Seal) <u>Joann M. Fischer /s/</u> Knox County Clerk	<u>James J. Borgmann /s/</u> James J. Borgmann, District #7	

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce to appoint Deputy County Attorney Hanna Jensen to the Safety Committee. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List May 10 through May 23, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Schlote 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 except absent was Chairman/Supervisor Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) The Weigand Bridge reopened on this date; 2.) There is a plugged culvert along the Rec Road. A pond of water was pumped and a new drain may be bored in; 3.) Bridge project updates; 4.) Motorgrader training will take place May 31, 2023; 5.) Discussion was held on the size and design of a new mechanic's shop; 6.) At 10:30 a.m., the advertised bid opening was held on the bundled STWD-CBMP(6): C-54(609B)

(Knox County – “Shaw Bridge”) and C-14(820) (Cedar County bridge). The Knox County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any irregularities in bids received. Award of the contract will be in accordance with the County Purchasing Act’s competitive bidding considerations as set forth in Nebr. Rev. §Stat. 23-3110 to §23-3114. While the projects were bundled for the bidding process, each County Board will approve the bid that best serves their respective County. Bids were opened in the order they were received and the following bids are for Knox County for a three span concrete slab bridge project C-54(609B) (Shaw Bridge): **KEA Constructors, Milford NE** – \$1,486,626.04, start date September 4, 2023, end date – 120 working days; **Herbst Construction, Inc., LeMars IA** – \$1,305,929.00, start date December 4, 2023, end date May 4, 2024; **Simon Contractors, North Platte NE** - \$1,815,000.00, start date April 1, 2024, end date July 30, 2024. The bids were taken to another area for review; 7.) Engineer Jeff Wagner with Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. discussed with the Board his preliminary scope of the Rec Road and meeting with Supr. O’Connor and Hwy. Supt. Barta. Engineer Wagner said it would be a substantial project to upgrade the Rec Road and, to his surprise, a road upgrade was not included in the proposed Weigand Expansion project. Discussion ensued on permitting, turn lanes, possible options that would depend on the thickness of the existing asphalt, State funding, that this project would be reconstruction and not maintenance of the road, and the need to do something soon with the road. The Board reviewed the submitted Phase 1 – Scoping for construction estimating with a cost of \$58,470.00. Motion by Supr. O’Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to proceed with engineering services with Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc. for Phase 1 for the scoping for construction estimates of nine miles of the Rec Road and the cost of Phase 1 to be \$58,470.00. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried; 8.) Oil Crew update; 9.) New Road employees have started their jobs with Knox County. Brian Bumann is a seasonal truck driver, John Kauth is a patrol operator at the Bloomfield County Shed and Kevin Smith is a patrol operator at the Crofton County Shed; 10.) Discussion was held on the Kenneth Jansen etal vs. Terry Heimes, etal court case and a ruling from District Court Judge Kube that a Motion for Partial Summary Judgement is sustained in its entirety for Defendant Heimes which may close the case; 11.) Vice-Chairman Schlote informed the Board that the agenda item for the reopening of a one-mile portion of Hill Township Road #893 (Platted Road #719) will be tabled until another meeting as per the request of Attorney Ron Temple who had a scheduling conflict.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce to go into executive session at 11:02 a.m. to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried. Vice-Chairman Schlote reiterated the executive session will be held to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 11:28 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 11:28 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

Engineer Wagner and Hwy. Supt. Barta returned to the meeting with the bridge bids opened earlier in the meeting. They recommended the low bid submitted by Herbst Construction, Inc. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the low bid from **Herbst Construction, Inc., LeMars IA** in the amount of \$1,305,929.00 for a three-span concrete slab bridge project C-54(609B) (Shaw Bridge) with a start date of December 4, 2023 and an end date of May 4, 2024. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

James Coburn discussed with the Board a possible ten-year tax freeze for the Devils Nest Subdivision because of a proposed “The Nest on the Missouri” which would be a self-contained resort style community of single-family homes, duplexes, a hotel, a marina, and other improvements constructed near the existing Yacht Club. Adjacent to the existing Yacht Club and the new Event Center would be “Dreammland” by Dreammation, an indoor and outdoor theme park with a planned indoor water park. Discussion was held on proposed job opportunities, the tax freezing request was not made to be a part of a TIF, investors for the project, and road maintenance. The Board took no action.

Officials’ update was given by the following: 1.) County Clerk Fischer updated the Board on the following: a.) Changes made to the Register of Deeds’ processes; b.) The Knox County Scrap Tire Collection Event will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at the Center County Yard from 7:30 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.; c.) Applied Connective Technologies assisted with a computer program so work can be done from home; d.) Discussed executive session procedures; e.) County vehicle log summary from May 2022 through May 2023 that showed what departments are using the County vans/car and miles driven; 2.) Deputy County Attorney Jensen discussed the County Attorney budget and a County Coroner training she will be attending; 3.) Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek is obtaining large wall maps of Knox County roads and landowners for the Knox County fire districts. The cost of the maps was not listed as an obligation in the ARPA funds. The Board directed Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek to proceed with the project and the cost will be paid from other funds; 4.) Vice-Chairman Schlote updated the Board on the recent Cedar Knox Rural Water meeting where it was said that the update to the project will not include wells in Dolphin Township as originally proposed; 5.) Senior Office Clerk Surface informed the Board that, after testing was completed, there is no asbestos in the tiles or glue in the old storage building so the building can now be taken down anytime.

Supervisor O’Connor and Supervisor Liska left at 12:04 p.m.

Vice-Chairman Schlote moves the Board recess for lunch at 12:04 p.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:48 p.m. with all members present except Chairman/Supervisor Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5 and Supervisors Martin J. O’Connor District #1 and Patrick J. Liska District #2.

Economic Development Director Hanvey, Visit Knox County Director Miller, Rural Prosperity Nebraska/Extension Educator Jordan Grummert Rasmussen, and Kurt Hesser with Maly Marketing of Lincoln met with the Board regarding the tourism and economic development marketing options provided by Maly Marketing. Discussed was cost of three options, targeting people to visit Knox County, and types of services covered such as billboards, magazine features, videos, group tours, rack cards and more. As three Board members were absent, the Board requested Mr. Hesser meet with the Board at the June 8, 2023 meeting via Zoom to go over the information with the entire Board. No action was taken.

Economic Development Director Hanvey presented a Visitor’s Improvement Grant Application for the City of Bloomfield in the amount of \$10,000 for installation of ten stalls available to house horses or animals and provide shelter for them prior to and during events at the Harm and Tulleys Center. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve a Visitor’s Improvement Grant Application for the City of Bloomfield in the amount of \$10,000 for installation of stalls and shelter near the Harm and Tulleys Center to be used for horses or other animals prior and during events. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1, #2 and #5. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND. Bomgaars, spray/mulch, 150.85; Carhart Lumber, cabinets/countertop, 5,079.00; Center Garage, tire repair, 20.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 82.79; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 589.93; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 282.88; Dollar General, jail supplies, 79.75; Eakes Office Solutions, paper/copier, 1,528.77; ESRI, Arc Gis program, 440.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage; 4,234.57; gWorks, annual fee, 8,610.00; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 350.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 80,026.68; Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker, lodging, 196.00; Madison County Sheriff, service fees, 23.45; MIPS, tax forms, 356.58; Monroe Systems, calculators, 398.35; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 14.66; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 148.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,333.29; RR Donnelley, gun certificates, 99.25; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 140.00; Thomsen Reuters West, law books, 653.00; Top Quality Glove, gloves, 90.15; Tri State Turf & Irrigation, sprinkler repair, 201.73; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 520.00.

ROAD FUND. Art's Garbage, garbage, 18.00; B's Enterprises Inc., washers, 100.00; Bloomfield Auto Parts, filters, 386.34; Bomgaars, shop supplies/stump killer, 516.54; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 172.71; CHS Wausa, diesel, 669.17; C-Mart LLC, gas, 107.50; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 194.88; Dwarriner Clearing & Grading LLC, snow removal, 1,377.50; Farmer's Pride, diesel/propane/oil, 6,210.48; Freeman Oil Co., diesel, 1,593.00; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 1,700.00; James Carlson, sand, 1,500.00; Kristel Mackeprang, clay, 600.00; Laflan Medical Clinic, drug test, 150.00; LCL Truck Equipment Inc., repairs, 73.41; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 145.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 143.46; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 73.50; Ronald Bourn, gravel/haul, 4,200.00; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Santee Utility Commission, garbage, 195.00; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 85.54; Village of Center, water/sewer, 70.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 53,181.75; Yankton Fire & Safety CO., inspection, 137.25.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. Dixon Construction Co. Inc., bridge contract, 320,651.60.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Dixon Construction Co. Inc., bridge contract, 30,562.97.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 5.18.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. First National Bank Omaha, advertising, 1,876.98; Yankton Thrive, membership, 300.00.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, downpayment of phones, 8,020.93; K/V Electric, new service pole, 2,606.89; Murphy Tractor Equipment Co. Inc., loader, 127,500.00; North Central Public Power District, pole, 856.39.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 5.18.

KENO FUND. First National Bank Omaha, postage, 10.92.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. GeoComm, mapping, 859.52.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. GeoComm, mapping, 9,884.48.

TOTALS		
General Fund		\$105,649.68
Road Fund		73,647.03
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund		320,651.60
Flowage Easement Road Fund		30,562.97
Child Support Fund		5.18
Visitor's Promo Fund		2,176.98
Covid ARPA Fund		138,984.21
C&C Development Fund		5.18
Keno Fund		10.92
911 Emergency		859.52
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund		9,884.48
Total		\$682,437.75

Vice-Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:23 p.m. on May 25, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2023 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 _____
Danny R. Schlote, Vice-Chairman

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
June 8, 2023
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 8, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Patrick J. Liska District #2. 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 Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the May 25, 2023 meeting approved by Chairman Mackeprang as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) NIRMA/NIRMA II 2023-24 billing statement and letter; 2.) Copy of letter regarding the partial summary judgment in CI 22-38; 3.) Article on Debt limit Deal and no "clawbacks" of ARPA SLFRF funds.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce 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 \$1,066,477.19 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of May 24 through June 6, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce to approve the Great Plains Service Order Q-19332-KNOX CO COURT HOUSE New SIP Trunks, Bulk Caller ID and 12 POTS for sixty months. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:18 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Patrick J. Liska District #2.

Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz met with the Board on the following: 1.) Oil Crew update; 2.) Bridge Crew update; 3.) No applicants have applied for the Wausa County Shed position; 4.) Discussion was held on CDL licenses, County paying for employees testing and licenses, and a contract for repayment to the County if the employee leaves within a determined period. More research will be done; 5.) Supr. O'Connor showed pictures of culverts and work completed; 6.) Update on the recent motorgrader training.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the May Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried; 2.) Update on the Courthouse generator and maintenance; 3.) Deputy County Attorney Jensen is drafting a contract for the River Bay Plat; 4.) A Zoom meeting with Consultant Keith Marvin will be scheduled so the Board can approve the updated zoning regulations; 5.) The Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan update is nearing completion; 6.) There will be a flood assessment meeting in Bloomfield. The schedule for the meeting will be sent to the Supervisors once it is received; 7.) Work continues on replacing the sirens in Crofton; 8.) Discussion on fire protection in the lake area will be held with the Crofton Fire Chief and the Rescue Captain; 9.) Star Wars project update; 10.) Command trailer - discussion was held on the use of borrowing a command trailer from Wayne County or Yankton County. The Board directed Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek to research purchasing a command trailer; 11.) Supr. O'Connor showed pictures of the Walker's Vally View beach front. Research will be done to see who owns the property where boats have been parked as someone wants to put in a pickle ball court in that area.

Economic Development Director Hanvey and Visit Knox County Director Miller met with the Board on the following: 1.) The new fellows from UNL have started; 2.) A Zoom meeting was held with Kurt Hesser with Maly Marketing. Mr. Hesser presented options for targeting and attracting tourists to Knox County, strategy and messaging, creating photo shoots, and designing advertising. Mrs. Miller said that the Maly Marketing campaign would draw a different group of visitors to Knox County, and she would like the County to purchase their services. The Board took no action and will discuss the matter later in the meeting.

The advertised bid opening for a new dump truck with snowplow and tailgate sander unit was held at 11:00 a.m. The Knox County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids and further reserves the right to accept any bid that best serves the County's needs. Bids received were: **RDO Truck Center, Norfolk NE** – 2025 Mack Granite tandem axle dump truck, Henderson RSP 11 ft. snow blade and Henderson TGS Salt/Sand Spreader, estimated delivery date May 2024, \$282,811.22; **Truck Center Companies, Omaha NE** – 2024 Western Star 47X set forward axle truck, Henderson RSP 11 ft. snow blade and Henderson TGS201SS spreader, estimated delivery date 4th quarter 2023, \$258,823; **I-STATE Truck Center, Sioux City IA** – 2025 Western Star 47X set forward axle truck, Henderson RSP 11 ft. snow blade and Henderson TGS Salt/Sand Spreader, estimated delivery date early-mid 2024, \$270,888; **Master Tech Truck & Equipment, Wichita KS** – 2024 Kenworth T880S dump truck, Monroe 12 ft. snowplow and Monroe under-tailgate spreader, estimated delivery date 4th Quarter 2023/1st Quarter 2024, \$320,574. Mechanic Crosley took the bids for review.

Supr. Liska arrived at 11:10 a.m.

Steve Jessen of Norfolk presented information on the EPIC Tax Option Action. Information presented was the following: elimination of all Nebraska property, income, inheritance, corporate and sales tax and would impose a

Consumption Tax rate on all services and new goods; there would be no taxes on groceries; elimination of double taxation; budget processes; funding for entities; and Amendment 314 to LB79; seven States currently have no income taxes, and upcoming townhall meetings.

Weed Superintendent Banks met with the Board on the following: 1.) Update on the newly formed Northeast Weed Management Area. The annual dues will be \$100. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve the dues of \$100 and participation in the Northeast Weed Management Area By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) There will not be forced spraying on an area pasture as the land manager sprayed the leafy spurge.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:39 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 1:19 p.m. with all members.

Mechanic Crosley returned to the Board to review the truck/snowplow/sander bids. He recommended the low bid of Truck Center Companies of Omaha. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to accept the bid from **Truck Center Companies, Omaha NE** for a 2024 Western Star 47X set forward axle truck, Henderson RSP 11 ft. snow blade and Henderson TGS201SS spreader with an estimated delivery date 4th quarter of 2023 in the amount of \$258,823 with payment of the unit to be made from the ARPA Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Clerk Fischer presented a Power Point presentation on the MIPS Biweekly Payroll and Time and Attendance programs. The Time and Attendance program is a program where employees would clock in and clock out on their scheduled working days by using an app on an electronic device and this information would go into a centralized program that tracks hours worked, FMLA, PTO, funeral leave and hours not worked.

Motion by Supr., O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce to implement Biweekly Payroll beginning August 1, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the MIPS Time and Attendance Program where the employees would clock in and clock out on the scheduled workday via the electronic device beginning August 1, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on changing meeting dates. Currently the Board meets every second and last Thursday of the month, however, with the implementation of Biweekly Payroll, the Board will need to meet twenty-six times in a year, which would be every two weeks to approve payroll claims. Also, meetings on Wednesdays would not pose a scheduling conflict with the County Attorney's Office and Court. Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to change the Board of Supervisors/Board of Equalization meetings' dates to Wednesdays every two weeks beginning August 9, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the current wages of Categories 1, 2 and 3 employees and proposed wage increases. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to set the beginning wage for Category 1 employees at \$17.50 per hour, eliminate the step-up process for new hires, the new employees to receive the \$17.50 per hour for one year, move the current Category 1 step-up employees to \$18.00 per hour plus a 3% wage increase, and other Category 1 employees including deputies and not including elected and appointed officials to receive a 6% increase beginning July 1, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to move the Category 2 step-up employees to \$20.77 per hour with no percentage increase and the other Category 2 employees to receive a 9.6% wage increase beginning July 1, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery and the Board discussed wage increases for the Category 3 employees. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to increase the wages by 8% for Category 3 employees not including elected Sheriff Henery beginning July 1, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3 and #5. Nays District #1, #4, #6 and #7. Motion failed.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to increase the wages by 9.6% for Category 3 employees not including elected Sheriff Henery beginning July 1, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Harvey met with the Board to discuss the Zoom presentation by Maly Marketing held earlier in the meeting. Also discussed was the use of Tik Tok on County cellphones. The Board directed Director Harvey to research creating a photo shoot through Maly Marketing. Also, the Board recommended Director Harvey to use other social media programs other than Tik Tok.

Supr. Schlote left at 3:50 p.m.

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

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 206,522.15; Amy Johnson, mileage, 15.73; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Cathleen Sue Stark, prior service, 12.00; James Peschel dba Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 49.50; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 15,533.30; Connie J. Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 38,641.37; Creston Fertilizer Co., Bloomfield Branch, spray, 1,583.41; DAS State ACCTG-Central Finance OCIO, network charges, 448.00; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper/office supplies, 1,428.76; Ecowater, bottled water & cups, 553.25; Elizabeth Doerr, contract hours, 250.00; Farm & Home Publisher LTD, Knox County plat books, 1,250.00; Gragert's, jail food, 803.49; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,030.06; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; JoAnn Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Justice Data Solutions, Inc., JAMIN software, 2,900.00; Karen K. Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 69.44; Laura Hintz, prior service, 15.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 289.95; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Lois Kumm, jail food, 30.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage & office equipment, 49.80; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer programs, 23,513.94; MIPS, computer program, 13,864.24; NIRMA, risk management renewal, 84,758.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,952.86; Northeast Nebraska News CO., publishing, 296.45; PIP Marketing, plate envelopes, 330.00; Pitney Bowes, supplies, 273.87; Platte County Sheriff, paper service, 25.38; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,196.18; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,090.91; R&K Motor Parts, repairs, 227.25; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly billing, 6,700.75; Region IV Inc., quarterly billing, 2,521.50; Reserve Account, meter postage, 3,980.00; Rhonda Surface, reimbursement of office supplies, 23.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 13,946.64; Sunset Law Enforcement, ammunition, 360.90; US Cellular, cell phones, 195.16; US Cellular, cell phones, 354.36; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 70,676.51; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 25.00; B's Enterprises Inc., patch mix/blades, 7,172.00; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 5,396.16; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, drug test, 100.00; Bruce Haggen, prior service, 24.00; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; CM Tools LLC, tire changer, 6,580.00; C-Mart, gas, 307.37; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,154.19; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 866.28; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 15,835.32; Crofton Journal, advertisement, 17.22; Farmer's Pride, diesel, \$7,905.52; Great Plains Communications, phone, 540.52;

Rosenburg Implement Inc., repairs, 100.49; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 4,025.00; Husker Steel, bridge steel, 69,835.00; Jackson’s Heavy Equipment Training, LLC, training, 1,133.34; Jacob Dendinger, equipment rental, 523.68; Jedlica’s Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 128.49; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 95.36; Linn Post & Pipe, Inc., shop supplies, 25.02; LTL Holdings, Inc., gas, 180.35; Marc Mastalerz, prior service, 21.00; Medical Enterprises, Inc., drug test, 35.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 42.66; NIRMA, risk management renewal, 104,167.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 282.54; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 224.60; Power plan, repairs, 202.80; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 672.30; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters, 1,339.57; Retirement Plans Div. of Americas, retirement County pays, 4,655.94; Rohrer Welding, repairs, 94.31; Suchi Repair, repairs, 1,000.51; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 352.46; Vukic Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 52,985.27; Vic’s Service LLC, gas, 403.26; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.56; Village of Verdigris, water/sewer/garbage, 79.39; Walton Electronics, CB & antenna, 79.95; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 41,677.95; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, publishing, 254.19..

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 9,907.50.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 2,417.50.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 49.76.

VISITOR’S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 3,036.00; First National Bank, advertising, 590.00.

VISITOR’S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank, internet, 183.90.

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

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Eagle view – Pictometry International Corp., imaging & software, 175,546.32; Robert H. Krepel, Jr., LLC, asbestos inspection, 300.00.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 161.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,833.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 285.20; Crofton Journal, ad/promo, 192.00; First National Bank, dues, travel, supplies, postage, meals and Promo, 616.81; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 49.76; 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, 122.02.

INHERITANCE FUND. Cedar County Transit, contract, 2,000.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

KENO FUND. gWorks, GIS annual fee, 5,450.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.83; Special Ts & More, Inc., youth shirts, 2,520.00; 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, networking & equipment, 9,689.52; OPTK Networks, regionalization network, 761.48; South Sioux City/Dakota County Law Enforcement Center, networking & equipment, 10,581.85.

TOTALS		
General Fund		\$429,349.10
Road Fund		405,331.08
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund		9,907.50
Flowage Easement Road Fund		2,417.50
Child Support Fund		49.76
Visitor’s Promo Fund		3,626.00
Visitor’s Improvement Fund		183.90
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund		274.06
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund		175,846.32
Economic Development Fund		161.00
C&C Development Fund		5,383.34
Inheritance Fund		4,083.33
KENO Fund		5,450.00
911 Emergency Fund		2,643.54
911 Wireless Service Fund		737.91
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund		21,032.85
Total		\$1,066,477.19

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 3:55 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2023 for a regular meeting.
I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By _____
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
June 29, 2023
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 29, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

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

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

Chairman Mackeprang approved the minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting as read.

Chairman Mackeprang informed the Board that on June 19, 2023, Supervisors O'Connor, Borgmann, Schlote (corrected 7-13-2023) and he attended a meeting with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, along with other County Officials and County employees. The meeting addressed the Weigand Marina Expansion and other projects the Game and Parks is working on. Supr. O'Connor made comments to the Nebraska Game and Parks representatives following their presentation. No action was taken by the Supervisors present, and there was no discussion amongst the Supervisors.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) Letter from Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice confirming that an annual inspection of the Knox County Jail was conducted for the Nebraska Jail Standards Board; 2.) Letter from the Secretary of the Interior notifying the Board that the Department of Interior issued a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PIIT) in the amount of \$46,975 to Knox County.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims, except Claim #2023060199, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce that Claim #2023060199, payable to Preston Schlote, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #6. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$1,309,059.76 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

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

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) The Board reviewed and signed their respective County Shed/Yard inventories; 2.) Discussion ensued on a new Mechanic's Shed for the Center County Yard. Specifications and drafting of an 80 ft. x 100 ft. metal structure with insulation and concrete will be researched so the bidding process can begin; 3.) Review of the Road Fund budgets and cash on hand was made. A number of project costs will have to be paid in the near future; 4.) Bridge Crew update; 5.) Oil Crew update; 6.) County-Township Allocation update; 7.) Estimated 2023 Federal funds in the amount of \$202,788.46 for STP and \$190,998.30 for Bridge will be remitted to Knox County in March 2024; 8.) Heavy rainfall at Butte, Nebraska caused flooding of the Ponca Creek in the Lazy River Acres area. Pictures were viewed of the damage and clearing of trees from the bridge area.

Economic Development Director Hanvey met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce to accept the recommendations of the Knox County's Visitor's Committee for distribution of the Visitor's Improvement Fund as follows: Bloomfield - \$10,000 for portable horse stalls; City of Crofton - \$10,000 for upgrading camp posts to 50 AMP; Creighton VFW - \$10,000 for Veterans Memorial; Verdigre - \$10,000 for upgrading camp posts to 50 AMP; Wausa - \$10,000 for Walking Trail; Lewis & Clark SRA - \$10,000 for expansion of electrical camping by eight new sites; and Center - \$5,000 for developing green space on Center Village lot. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Discussion was held on a wage alignment for Visit Knox County Director Miller. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to make a wage alignment for Visit Knox County Director Stacy Miller at \$20.16 per hour beginning July 1, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 11:10 a.m. for job evaluations of appointed officials Weed Supt. Banks, Veteran Service Officer Jones and Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session was held on job evaluations of appointed officials Weed Supt. Banks, Veteran Service Officer Jones and Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek. The Board came out of executive session at 12:15 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to close at 12:15 p.m. the executive session that was held on job evaluations of appointed officials. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:15 p.m. for lunch.

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

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 2:03 p.m. with all members present.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1.) Discussion was held on the Interlocal Agreement between Knox County and the Village of Wausa for Law Enforcement Services. Wausa Village Board members Ron Nelson and Bob Marks were present and asked questions regarding the Interlocal Agreement. The Board suggested the matter should be worked out between the Sheriff and the Village Board of Trustees; 2.) Sheriff Henery and County Clerk Fischer discussed with the Board upgrading the security cameras. Applied Connective Technologies will be contacted for proposals; 3.) Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 2:19 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held on pending litigation. The Board came out of executive session at 2:41 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 2:41 p.m. the executive session held on pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Senior Office Clerk Surface met with the Board on proposed Employee Handbook revisions that were recommended by the Employee Handbook Committee. Many of the proposed changes are recommendations from NIRMA. Discussion was held on various sections of the proposals. The Board took no action. The Employee Handbook Committee will meet again to review suggestions for revisions.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of June 7 through June 27, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 08** allocating budget authority in the amount of \$854.09 from the County General Miscellaneous function to the County Surveyor function within the General Fund Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 - 08

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an additional eight hundred fifty-four dollars and 9 cents (\$854.09) of budget authority is hereby allocated to the County Surveyor function from the General Miscellaneous function within the General Fund Budget.

Dated this 29th day of June 2023.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

<u>Kevin D. Mackepragn /s/</u> Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5	<u>Martin J. O'Connor /s/</u> Martin J. O'Connor, District #1	<u>Patrick J. Liska /s/</u> Patrick J. Liska, District #2
<u>David L. Pierce /s/</u> David L. Pierce, District #3	<u>James Sokol, Jr. /s/</u> James Sokol, Jr., District #4	<u>Danny R. Schlote /s/</u> Danny R. Schlote, District #6
ATTEST: (Seal) <u>Joann M. Fischer /s/</u> Knox County Clerk	<u>James J. Borgmann /s/</u> James J. Borgmann, District #7	

The Board had approved at the June 8, 2023 meeting moving the current Category 1 step-up employees to \$18.00 per hour plus a 3% wage increase starting July 1, 2023 and eliminating the two-year step-up process for all new and newer hires. County Clerk Fischer informed the Board that three of the step-up employees were at or near the completion of their step-up process and would have gone to \$18 per hour at that time. Three other newer employees are still within a one-year period of hiring so County Clerk Fischer asked the Board to consider leaving the newer Category 1 employees at the prior approved rate of \$18 per hour plus a 3% wage increase starting July 1, 2023 but give the advanced step-up employees their \$18 per hour plus a 6% wage increase similar to the 6% increase given to other regular full-time Category 1 employees. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set the wage of Category 1 employees Kylee Kracht, Corrie Key and Morgan Johnson at \$18 per hour plus a 6% increase starting July 1, 2023 as they completed or nearly completed their two-year step-up process. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the appointment of Derrick Kinnison of Verdigre for a five-year term on the Veterans Service Committee and to thank former Committee member Don Stoural for his many years of service on the Veterans Service Committee. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat Application #P2313 Roland and Tammy Johnson on a 6.41-acre tract boundary adjustment in the SW1/4NW1/4 of Section 24, T30N, R3W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve a Joint Powers Agreement serving Yankton County, South Dakota, and Cedar and Knox Counties that would establish guidelines for implementation of support in the event of incidents or events that may be beyond the capabilities of a Member Agency that may need to request assistance from other Member Agencies to effectively mitigate such an incident or event. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3.) Pictures were viewed of emergency trailers in Wayne County and in Yankton County; 4.) Discussion was held on the Safety Committee addressing water and electricity issues in the Courthouse as a concern and establishing a plan; 5.) Zoning comprehensive plan updates; 6.) Governor Pillen issued a statement that amends hazard mitigation funding.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into executive session at 4:05 p.m. for job evaluation of appointed official Hwy. Supt. Barta. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held for job evaluation of appointed official Hwy. Supt. Barta. The Board came out of executive session at 4:42 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 4:42 p.m. the executive session held on job evaluation of appointed official Hwy. Supt. Barta. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set the hourly wage for Weed Superintendent Steven Banks at \$24.00 per hour starting July 1, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to set the hourly wage of Veterans Service Officer Gary Jones at \$24.50 per hour beginning July 1, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to set Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Kelsy Jelinek at \$4,133.33 per month for Emergency Manager duties and \$1,033.33 per month for Zoning Administrator duties beginning July 1, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to set Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta's base wage at \$6,120 per month along with \$708.33 per month that he currently receives from a portion of the incentive payment the County receives as Hwy. Supt. Barta holds a Class A license. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Officials' update was given by Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek who informed the Board that the County Attorney's Office recommends the Board members not attend Planning Commission/Board of Adjustments' meetings.

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

GENERAL FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, computers, 6,163.68; Black Hills Ammunition, ammo, 469.50; Blackburn Mfg., supplies, 13.00; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 26.50; Bomgaars, jail supplies, 6.99; Carlson Home & Auto, air filter, 17.33; Center Garage, wipers, 16.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 67.86; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 49.50; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 621.02; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 282.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dollar General, jail supplies, 54.85; Eakes Office Solutions, chairs, 1,410.00; Fairfield Inn by Marriott, lodging, 98.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage; 4,894.61; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply, supplies, 595.69; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., quarterly bill, 1,428.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc., hazard mitigation plan, 7,424.00; Knox County Court, cases pending/cases bound over, 244.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 376.33; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 80,026.68; Lori Ebel, mileage, 240.39; Marie Nelson, mileage, 38.00; MIPS, training, 464.63; Moody Motor Company, repairs, 4,516.78; Nebraska State Patrol, in car computer fees, 866.13; Northeast Weed Management Area, dues, 100.00; Postmaster, postage, 3,040.00; Quill Corporation, supplies, 1,447.10; Reserve Account, meter postage, 16,000.00; UNL Eastern Nebraska Research & Extension Center, salary, 11,930.27; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/supplies, 1,332.00; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 170.71; Verizon, hotspot, 40.01; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 1,360.00.

ROAD FUND. Art's Garbage, garbage, 18.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel, 2,111.55; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 259.41; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 53.89; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 791.06; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 87.56; CHS Wausa, diesel/def, 1,424.64; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; C-Mart LLC, gas, 122.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 401.25; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 352.98; Eakes Office Solutions, copies, 217.43; Harmony Inn and Suites, lodging, 267.00; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 10.17; Herbert Feed & Grain, diesel, 10,605.17; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 1,300.00; Inland Truck Parts & Service, repairs, 646.23; J&J Sanitation, garbage, 49.00; Jebro Inc., mc200/mc3000, 96,886.77; Kayton International, shop supplies, 70.00; Light and Siren, lights, 980.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 12,505.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 135.19; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 33.14; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 78.00; Preston Schlote, mow/trim, 60.00; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Santee Utility Commission, garbage, 65.00; Steffens Service, gas, 103.34; TB&K Construction Inc., equipment rental, 1,026.88; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 29,857.76; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/grass seed/supplies, 4,640.28; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 42,888.69.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. Dixon Construction Co. Inc., bridge contract, 439,132.75.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Dixon Construction Co. Inc., bridge contract, 164,456.63; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 1,835.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.24.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. City of Bloomfield, improvement grant, 10,000.00; City of Creighton, improvement grant, 10,000.00; City of Crofton, improvement grant, 10,000.00; First National Bank Omaha, internet, 23.90; Lewis & Clark SRA, improvement grant, 10,000.00; Village of Center, improvement grant, 5,000.00; Village of Verdigre, improvement grant, 10,000.00; Village of Wausa, improvement grant, 10,000.00.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. City of Plainview-Solid waste Division, disposal of demolition materials, 217.55.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 150.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.24; Cody Hanvey, serve food, 28.00; First National Bank Omaha, sub/gas/lodging/meals, 1,219.43; Helber Fernandez Riberio, fellow grant, 2,500.00; Hilltop lodge Motel, lodging, 320.00; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging, 119.95; NETA, membership, 300.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Commercial Hotel, lodging for Fellows, 1,250.00; Highway Signing Inc., bridge contract, 4,025.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 26,153.13; Mark D. Albin, court appointed attorney, 678.95; Maycee Quick, fellow grant, 2,500.00; Theisen Construction, bridge contract, 241,055.99.

KENO FUND. gWorks, zoning tab, 2,704.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. First National Bank Omaha, fair handouts, 941.17.

TOTALS

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Economic Development Fund	150.00
C&C Development Fund	4,491.62
Inheritance Fund	275,663.07
Keno Fund	2,704.00
911 Emergency	941.17
Total	\$1,309,059.76

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 4:54 p.m. on June 29, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2023 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 13, 2023
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 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

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

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

The minutes of the June 29, 2023 meeting were approved by Chairman Mackeprang as read with the correction that Supr. Schlote was present at the meeting with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission addressing the Weigand Marina Expansion and other projects the Game and Parks is working on.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) State of Nebraska Probation District Seven letter of 2022/2023 budget expenses and projected 2023/2024 expenses; 2.) Letter to NEMA declaring a state of emergency as Knox County (including the Cities/Villages of Bazile Mills, Bloomfield, Center, Creighton, Crofton, Niobrara, Santee, Verdel, Verdigre, Wausa and Winnetoon) suffered from a disastrous wind/rain/hailstorm that occurred on July 10, 2023 causing severe damage to public and private property, disruption of utility service, and endangerment of health and safety of the citizens of Knox County within the disaster area; 3.) Letter from Shawn Weber regarding proposed Riverpoint Bay Subdivision.

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 \$579,043.98 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 10:31 a.m. with all members present.

Senior Office Clerk Surface met with the Board on revisions to the Employee Handbook and Personnel System as recommended by the Employee Handbook & Personnel System Review Committee. The Board requested that the Committee review the section on Outside Employment in the Personnel System and present these revisions again at the next meeting. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce to adopt the presented revisions to the Knox County Employee Handbook, excluding the section on Outside Employment, effective August 1, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Schlote to set the biweekly payroll clothing allowance as follows for the fiscal year 2023/2024 beginning August 1, 2023: Assessor's Office Staff - \$20 per pay period; Jailors/Dispatchers - \$30 per pay period; Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs - \$60 per pay period; Weed Superintendent - \$25 per pay period during seasonal work period; and Road Employees - \$25 per pay period. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Liska to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Winnetoon Southwest, C005401905P, cement box culvert project Change Order No. 2 relating to the concrete price increase of \$6,015.00. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Verdel Northwest (Shaw Bridge), STWD-CBMP(6) C-54(609B) project contract with Herbst Construction, Inc., noting that the Board had accepted the Herbst Construction bid at the May 25, 2023 meeting. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3.) Bridge Crew update; 4.) Oil Crew update; 5.) Update on the Hwy. 121 bridge project, the Winnetoon SW concrete box culvert project and the Ash Falls bridge; 6.) Center Mechanic building update; 7.) The Bridge Crew was commended for an excellent job of taking down the old storage building and clearing the rubble.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of June 28 through July 11, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 09** for the transfer of \$22,998.37 through the claims process from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund during the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 - 09

WHEREAS, the Knox County 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund was created in the 2009-2010 budget, and
WHEREAS, funds received were from the Nebraska Public Service Commission, and
WHEREAS, it has been determined that wireless funds cannot be co-mingled with any other funding source, and
WHEREAS, such funds are to be expended in compliance with the Public Service Commission requirements, and
WHEREAS, there was \$22,998.37 of Legacy Funds in the 911 Wireless Service Fund that accumulated through February 28, 2023, during the 2022/2023 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission requires with the transition to NG911, any balance of Legacy Funding be transferred to the Knox County 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund, and

WHEREAS, the balance of all Legacy Funds in the Knox County 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund, resulting from completion of this transfer, shall be depleted by February 28, 2026, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors approve the **transfer through the claims process of \$22,998.37 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund during the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year.**

Dated this 13th day of July 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 10** for the transfer of funds through the claims process from the General Fund to the Road Fund in the amount of \$80,026.68 in July and in August to cover incurred expenses in the Road Fund until the 2023/2024 budget is set. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 - 10

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2023-2024 County Road budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and
WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Knox County budget will not be adopted until September 2023, and
WHEREAS, transfers are needed from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund until the 2023-2024 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 \$80,026.68 in July 2023 and \$80,026.68 in August 2023 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 2023/2024 Knox County Budget will be reduced by the \$160,053.36 and the remaining balance of the 2023/2024 total transfer to be prorated accordingly from September 2023 through June 2024.

Dated this 13th day of July 2023.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected April 1 through June 30, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the Report of the Knox County Treasurer of Collections, Disbursements and Balances for six months ending June 30, 2023 and that there were no unpaid claims against Knox County as of June 30, 2023. 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 June 2023 Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Audit Engagement Letter with the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts for the annual County audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 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 Knox County Certificate of Pledged Securities. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

A Committee update was given by Chairman Mackeprang and County Clerk Fischer on several Building and Grounds Committee projects.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1.) Supr. Liska said the Board was invited by Bank of Hartington staff to consider placing County funds in the Bank of Hartington; 2.) Supr. Sokol, Jr. said that new signs are needed at the County Sheds; 3.) Sheriff Henery said the Village of Wausa Board of Trustees approved the law enforcement three-year interlocal agreement between Knox County and the Village of Wausa.

There was no public comment on agenda items. ~~nor on non-agenda items.~~ Super. Schlote made a non-agenda item comment thanking the Road employees for their time and use of the side dumper in Wausa after the storm on July 10, 2023. (Corrected 7-24-2023)

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 202,706.39; Applied Connective Technologies, IT/Email costs, 4,546.31; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 28.80; Bomgaars, weed supplies, 54.94; Butler County Landfill, scrap tire collection, 19,212.83; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 15,224.35; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 38,641.37; Eakes Office Solutions, paper/janitor supplies, 733.78; Ecowater, bottled water, 266.50; Elizabeth Doerr, contract hours, 250.00; Gragert's, jail food/supplies, 484.29; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,231.29; Jonny Dodge Chrysler Jeep Inc., van repair, 146.99; Kelsy Jelinek, meals, 10.00; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 47.18; Landmark Surveying, survey fees, 2,662.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 289.95; Lori Ebel, reimburse lodging, 329.97; Madison County Treasurer, probation officer, 8,806.24; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer programs, 701.30; Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging, annual match, 6,906.00; Nebraska County Attorneys Association, dues/registration, 2480.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,345.43; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 291.62; Pinnacle Bank, chair, 50.00; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 280.56; Postmaster, postage, 198.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,196.18; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly billing, 6,638.00; Region IV Inc., quarterly billing, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 13,765.31; United States Treasury, PCORI Fee, 156.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 195.16; US Cellular, cell phones, 354.36; Verdigre farm Service, gas, 267.06; Verizon, hot spot, 40.01; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 1,080.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 70,587.27; Art's Garbage, garbage, 18.00; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 285.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 75.56; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 220.90; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, drug test, 100.00; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 1,044.65; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 490.94; Carhart Lumber Co., shop supplies, 95.88; City of Creighton, water/sewer, 124.80; C-Mart, gas, 122.56; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,186.72;

Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 281.99; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 17,775.32; Country Market, shop supplies, 21.85; Diesel Machinery Inc., oil filter, 168.36; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 4,007.64; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,672.00; Great Plains Communications, phone, 536.16; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repairs, 2,653.07; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 1,275.75; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 5,500.00; Jebro Inc., demurrage/mc3000, 48,497.38; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 79.43; Kenneth Dine, cdl class/learners/physical, 2,240.37; Laflan Medical Clinic, drug test, 75.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; MetroCounty USA Inc., shop supplies, 66.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 39.92; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 314.66; Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk, door repairs, 9,061.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 189.62; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,653.27; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 2,151.00; Sucha Repair, repairs, 393.87; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 352.12; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 4,347.68; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/supplies/repairs, 4,531.39; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.56; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 90.59; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 23,610.08; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, publishing, 837.31; 402 Ready Mix LLC, concrete, 3,070.00.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 5,518.75.
FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 2,760.00.
CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.53; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 164.44; Matthew R. Fischer, reimburse registration, 150.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.
VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 2,904.00; Special T's & More Inc., shirts, 935.00.
ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 275.39.
C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,833.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 285.20; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.53; Kelly Hanvey, supplies, 44.68; 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, 122.02.
INHERITANCE FUND. Cedar County Transit, contract, 2,000.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.
911 EMERGENCY FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 233.58; OPTK Networks, networking, 228.44; Police Legal Sciences, dispatch lesson plan, 216.00; Three River Telco, phone, 66.42.
911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 406.46; OPTK Networks, networking, 533.04; Three River Telco, phone, 154.99.
911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. Police Legal Sciences, dispatch lesson plan, 504.00.

TOTALS	
General Fund	\$337,339.74
Road Fund	217,816.89
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	5,518.75
Flowage Easement Road Fund	2,760.00
Child Support Fund	446.97
Visitor's Promo Fund	3,839.00
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	275.39
C&C Development Fund	4,620.98
Inheritance Fund	4,083.33
911 Emergency Fund	744.44
911 Wireless Service Fund	1,094.49
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	504.00
Total	\$579,043.98

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:04 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2023 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
July 27, 2023
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 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

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

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

Chairman Mackeprang approved the minutes of the July 13, 2023 meeting as read with the addition to the non-agenda comment session that Supr. Schlote thanked the Road employees for their time and use of the side dumper in Wausa after the storm on July 10, 2023.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) Knox County Reuse Loan semi-annual report; 2.) Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition letter; 3.) Cedar County Transit report of Knox County rider statics from January 1 through June 30, 2023.

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 \$170,506.11 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 July 12 through July 25, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the County Treasurer Summary of Uncollected Taxes as of June 30, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board set August 18, 2023 beginning at 8:30 a.m. for the special budget meeting to review 2023/2024 office budgets with officials and department heads.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce 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. Benefits include a single dental/vision policy, a \$15,000 life insurance policy, and eligible employees receive a single health insurance policy. In addition, eligible employees can enroll their spouses, child(ren) or family in the County health insurance with the eligible employees paying \$500 per month for spouse or child(ren) coverage or \$750 per month for family coverage with Knox County paying \$401.05 per month for enrolled spouse coverage, \$95 per month for enrolled child(ren) coverage or \$1,052.17 per month for enrolled family coverage. In lieu of health insurance, eligible employees receive a taxable \$375/month stipend for opting out of County health insurance coverage. 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 and one-half times hourly rate. **ELECTED OFFICIALS: Supervisors** - 1 Supervisor/Chairman - \$2,410.00/month; 4 Supervisors - \$2,310.00/month; 2 Supervisor - \$2,310.00/month + \$375 opt out stipend/month; **County Assessor Office** - County Assessor - \$5,775.00/month; Deputy Assessor - \$27.19/hour + \$40 clothing allowance/month; 1 Clerk/Appraiser - \$19.75/hour + \$40 clothing allowance/month; 1 Clerk/Appraiser - \$19.08/hour + \$40 clothing allowance/month + \$375 opt out stipend/month; 1 Clerk/Appraiser - \$18.54/hour + \$40 clothing allowance/month + \$375 opt out stipend/month; **County Attorney Office** - County Attorney - \$5,775.00/month; Deputy County Attorney - \$2,310/month; 1 Administrative Assistant - \$19.08/hour + \$375 opt out stipend/month; **County Clerk Office** - County Clerk, Election Commissioner & Ex-Officio Register of Deeds - \$5,775.00/month; Deputy County Clerk/SLFRF Administrator - \$27.19/hour + \$375 opt out stipend/month; Senior Office Clerk - \$25.98/hour; 1 Recording Clerk - \$19.75/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$19.75/hour; **Clerk of District Court Office** - Clerk of District Court - \$5,775.00/month; Deputy Clerk of District Court - \$27.19/hour + \$375 opt out stipend/month; **County Sheriff Office** - County Sheriff - \$7,475.00/month + \$120 uniform allowance/month & \$50 phone/internet/month; 911 Coordinator - \$24.96/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Chief Deputy Sheriff - \$5,402.63/month + \$46.70 other hours + \$120 uniform allowance/month; 2 Deputy Sheriffs - \$5,293.68/month + \$46.19 other hours + \$120 uniform allowance; 1 Deputy Sheriff - \$3,836.00/month + \$33.66 other hours + \$120 uniform allowance; 8 Part-time Deputy Sheriff - \$29.45/hour (no insurance); 1 Administrative Assistant - \$22.65/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Head Jailer - \$29.34/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 2 Jailors - \$24.31/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Jailer - \$23.32/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Jailer - \$22.87/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month + \$375 opt out stipend/month; 1 Jailer - \$22.85/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Part-time Jailer - \$20.79/hour; **County Surveyor Office** - County Surveyor - \$125.00/month; **County Treasurer Office** - County Treasurer - \$5,775.00/month; Deputy County Treasurer - \$27.19/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$19.75/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$19.08/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$18.54/hour + \$375 opt out stipend/month; **Custodian** - 1 Custodian - \$20.66/hour; **Extension Office (Interlocal agreement)** - 1 Office Manager - \$23.91/hour; **APPOINTED OFFICIALS: Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Office** - Emergency Manager - \$4,133.33/month + Zoning Administrator - \$1,033.33/month + \$375 opt out stipend/month; **Highway Superintendent Office** - Highway Superintendent - \$6,828.33/month + vehicle benefit; 1 Office Manager - \$27.19/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$18.54/hour + \$375 opt out stipend/month; 1 Bridge Crew Foreman/Crane Operator - \$26.05/hour + \$50 clothing allowance/month; 1 Oil Foreman - \$25.42/hour + \$50 clothing allowance/month; 1 Substitute Oil Foreman - \$25.42/hour + \$50 clothing allowance/month; 1 Mechanic - \$31.05/hour + \$50 clothing allowance/month; 4 Motorgrader Operators - \$22.76/hour + \$50 clothing allowance/month; 1 Motorgrader Operator - \$22.76/hour + 50 clothing allowance/month + \$375 opt out stipend/month; 2 Motorgrader Operators - \$20.77/hour + \$50 clothing allowance/month; 3 Motorgrader Operators - \$19.50/hour + \$50 clothing allowance/month; 5 Truck Drivers - \$22.76/hour + \$50 clothing allowance/month; 1 Truck Driver - \$22.76/hour + \$50 clothing allowance/month + \$375 opt out stipend/month; 1 Part-time

Truck Driver - \$20.00/hour (no insurance); **Veteran Service Officer Office** - Veteran Service Officer - \$24.50/hour + \$375 opt out stipend/month; **Weed Superintendent Office** - Weed Superintendent - \$24.00/hour summer months + \$50 uniform allowance/summer months (no insurance); **OTHER OFFICES: Development Agency Office** - Development Agency Director (interlocal agreement) – \$3,665.83/month + \$375 opt out stipend/month; **Visit Knox County Office** - Visit Knox County Director - \$20.16 /hour.

The Board and County Treasurer Ebel discussed investing County funds, interest rates and options.
Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:11 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

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

Senior Office Clerk Surface met with the Board on revisions to the Personnel System and updates to the adopted Joint Employee Handbook. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 11** where the Knox County Board of Supervisors, the elected officials and the department heads adopt additions and revisions to the Knox County Personnel System and Joint Employee Handbook to be effective August 1, 2023. 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. 2023 - 11**
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 & Personnel System Review Committee 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, on June 30, 2022, Resolution No. 2022-16, 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 & Personnel System 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 to be **effective August 1, 2023.**

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 July 27, 2023 at the Knox County Courthouse, Center, Knox County, Nebraska.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:
Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

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

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

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:
John Thomas /s/
John Thomas, County Attorney

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

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

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

ATTEST: (Seal)

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

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

Megan Hanefeldt /s/
Megan Hanefeldt, Extension Educator

Kelsy C. Jelinek /s/
Kelsy C. Jelinek, Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator

Gary Jones /s/
Gary Jones, Veteran Service Officer

Kelly Harvey /s/
Kelly Harvey, Economic Development Director

Steve Banks /s/
Steve Banks, Noxious Weed Superintendent

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board via Microsoft Teams on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the June Building Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Chairman Mackeprang opened at 11:00 a.m. the advertised public hearing for the Final Plat of the Oaks at Devils Nest, a subdivision of part of the SE1/4 of Section 30 and the NE1/4 of Section 31, all in T33N, R3W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. Present was Monda Kohles. The proposed subdivision is outside of the Devils Nest Subdivision but is located within the SID #2. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:10 a.m. No one was present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve the Final Plat of the Oaks at Devils Nest, a subdivision of part of the SE1/4 of Section 30 and the NE1/4 of Section 31, all in T33N, R3W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Discussion was held on prepaying for propane from the N & B Gas Company. No action was taken; 2.) Bridge Crew update; 3.) Oil Crew update; 4.) Update on bridge projects; 5.) Plans are being drafted for the Center Mechanic's Shed; 6.) Discussed design for signs for the County sheds.

North Central District Health Department Director Heidi Kuklis and "Miles of Smiles" Dental Coordinator Mindy Spencer met with the Board to discuss the "Miles of Smiles" program that is a school-based fluoride varnish program and is held in the schools including those in Knox County once each semester. The program allows all children Pre-K-8th grade to have a public health authorized dental hygienist conduct a dental screening, fluoride varnish and sealants when offered plus children receive dental education and a toothbrush and toothpaste to take home. The dental hygienist will also refer children for dental work if needed. Knox County as well as other counties in the District are being asked to support the program and the cost to Knox County would be \$2,270 per year for five years. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to support the "Miles of Smiles" dental program for Knox County schools at a cost of \$2,270 per year for five years. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Officials' update was given by Deputy County Attorney Jensen who updated the Board on a recent meeting she attended with Rick Spelman, Hwy. Supt. Barta and Supr. Sokol, Jr. regarding the Lazy River Acres Road problems and possibly filing another claim with the U.S. Court of Claims against the Army Corps of Engineers.

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

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce to go into executive session at 11:53 a.m. for purpose of discussion of law enforcement in Crofton, possible Sheriff contract and pending criminal cases, and the Board invited Deputy County Attorney Jensen, County Sheriff Henery and Crofton City Mayor Bob Evans to remain for executive session. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held for the purpose of discussion of law enforcement in Crofton, possible Sheriff contract and pending criminal cases. The Board came out of executive session at 12:21 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close the executive session at 12:21 p.m. that was held on discussion of law enforcement in Crofton, possible Sheriff contract and pending criminal cases. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to offer an Interlocal Agreement Between the County of Knox and City of Crofton for Law Enforcement Services from August 1, 2023 through August 1, 2026 with the purpose of the Agreement for Crofton City to contract with the County to ensure that necessary law enforcement services are provided within its borders and to supplement its own law enforcement services as may be otherwise provided by law. 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 12:22 p.m. for purposes of discussion on personnel and the Board invited Hwy. Supt. Barta and Deputy County Attorney Jensen (corrected 08-09-23) to remain for executive session. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. The Board came out of executive session at 12:35 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to close at 12:35 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, phone, 245.00; Bomgaars, supplies, 114.29; CenturyLink, long distance, 45.49; Creighton 59 Express, gas, 20.45; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 439.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 282.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 70.85; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 50.55; Doug DeShazer, meeting/mileage, 64.30; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage; 4,365.86; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply, supplies, 254.17; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 56.44; Heafey, Hoffmann, Dworak, Cutler, burial, 1,200.00; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 45.96; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 80,026.68; Leafy Spurge Working Task Force, registration, 50.00; NACO,

workshop registration, 270.00; Netcom Inc., radio repairs, 283.00; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 49.44; Quill Corporation, supplies, 210.52; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filter, 903.02; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 36.79; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 39.41; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 114.00; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 22.50; Yankton Fire & Safety Co. Inc., inspection, 203.50.

ROAD FUND. Avera Medical Group, drug test, 32.00; B's Enterprises Inc., signs, 1,108.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 55.67; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 870.34; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 94.43; CHS Wausa, diesel/def, 377.55; C-Mart LLC, gas, 211.02; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 144.02; J&J Sanitation, garbage, 49.00; Jebro Inc., mc3000, 24,292.72; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 642.24; LTL Holdings Inc., gas, 65.84; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 70.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 136.59; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 113.31; Pump Hook & Placement Co., equipment rental, 723.32; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters, 795.46; Rohrer Welding, welding rod, 929.89; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Santee Utility Commission, garbage, 65.00; Signature Sewer Pumping, drain culvert, 425.00; Vic's Service LLC, gas, 997.56; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 184.50; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 36,057.08; Yankton Fire & Safety Co., inspection, 1,124.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 2.85.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. First National Bank Omaha, promo, 2,039.70.

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

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

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. City of Plainview-Solid Waste Division, disposal of demolition materials, 381.80.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 18.75.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 2.85; First National Bank Omaha, sub/gas/lodging/meals, 1,262.58; Helber Fernandez Riberio, fellow grant, 2,500.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Commercial Hotel, lodging for fellows, 1,000.00; Maycee Quick, fellow grant, 2,500.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. City of Norfolk, networking, 104.38.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. City of Norfolk, networking, 44.74.

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND. Bob Barker Company Inc., inmate mattress, 701.04.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$89,912.98
Road Fund	69,610.54
Child Support Fund	2.85
Visitor's Promo Fund	2,039.70
Visitor's Improvement Fund	173.90
County Insurance Fund	250.00
Covid ARPA Fund	381.80
Economic Development Fund	18.75
C & C Development Fund	3,765.43
Inheritance Fund	3,500.00
911 Emergency Fund	104.38
911 Wireless Service Fund	44.74
Sheriff Commissary Fund	701.04
Total	\$170,506.11

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:36 p.m. on July 27, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 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
July 27, 2023
10:11 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of Thursday, July 27, 2023 at 10:11 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman 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 Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

Chairman Borgmann approved the minutes of the July 13 and July 24, 2023 meetings as read.

County Assessor McManigal met with the Board on the following: 1.) A late Form 458 Nebraska Homestead Exemption Application was received after the filing deadline, however, the filer is a veteran and was awaiting a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs so he could complete the application process. The VA letter was dated June 22, 2023 but not received by the veteran until July 10, 2023. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the late filed Form 458 Nebraska Homestead Exemption Application of veteran Michael E. Miller. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) State centrally assessed valuations are forwarded to the counties on August 10. Those valuations, along with our local valuations, are combined and computed. August 20 is the date that all taxing entities are notified of their 2023 valuations.

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

Chairman Borgmann adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:31 a.m. on July 27, 2023 until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 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
August 9, 2023
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, August 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

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

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

The minutes of the July 27, 2023 meeting were approved by Chairman Mackeprang as read with the addition that Deputy County Attorney Jensen was also present along with Hwy. Supt. Barta at the executive session held on personnel.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) Emails shared by Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek regarding the proposed Riverpoint Bay Development; 2.) Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District notice of approved new billing rates.

Discussion was held on amusement devices and occupational tax.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 12** for a transfer of \$512,898.94 from the Inheritance Fund to the Road Fund as tax relief in the 2023/2024 Knox County Budget and to cover bridge project costs, noting that the 2023/2024 Road Budget total transfer from the General Fund to the Road Fund will be reduced by \$160,053.36 approved in Resolution #2023 – 10 and further reduced by this transfer of \$512,898.94. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 - 12

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2023-2024 Knox County Road Budget will not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Knox County Budget will not be adopted until September 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2023 – 10 on July 13, 2023 for transfers through the claims process of \$80,026.68 in July 2023 and \$80,026.68 in August 2023 to cover incurred expenses in July and August until the 2023-2024 Knox County Road Budget is adopted, and

WHEREAS, two bridge projects being the "Bill Burkhardt" bridge #07-24N4W4 and the "Bailey Bridge" "Doerr concrete box culvert" Federal Match project #97-10N7W6 are now completed and the cost balances are now due for a total of \$512,898.94, and

WHEREAS, the current Road Fund does not have enough funds to cover the cost balances of the two completed bridge projects, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the Knox County Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer through the claims process \$512,898.94 from the Inheritance Fund to the Road Fund as tax relief and to cover the cost balances of the "Bill Burkhardt" bridge #07-24N4W4 and the "Bailey Bridge" "Doerr concrete box culvert" Federal Match project #97-10N7W6, 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 2023/2024 Knox County Budget will be reduced by the \$160,053.36 approved in Resolution #2023 – 10 and further reduced by the above transfer of \$512,898.94 from the Inheritance Fund to the Road Fund, and the remaining balance of the 2023/2024 total transfer to be prorated accordingly from September 2023 through June 2024, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the transfer from the Inheritance Fund to the Road Fund is tax relief for the 2023/2024 Knox County Budget.

Dated this 9th day of August 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$1,818,615.16 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to acknowledge the resignation of Jim Scott from the Knox County Veterans Service Committee, to thank Mr. Scott for his many years of service to Knox County, and to appoint Don Hanzlik of Niobrara to complete Jim Scott's term on the Knox County Veterans Service Committee. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of District Court July 2023 Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of July 26 through August 7, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 13** 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 all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
2023

Resolution No. 2023 - 13

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 9th day of August, 2023 at Center, Nebraska.

County Board Members

<u>Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/</u>	<u>Martin J. O'Connor /s/</u>
<u>David L. Pierce /s/</u>	<u>James Sokol, Jr. /s/</u>
<u>James Borgmann /s/</u>	<u>Patick J. Liska /s/</u>
<u>Danny R. Schlote /s/</u>	

County Board Member Supr. Borgmann
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Supr. Pierce 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)

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2.) Oil Crew update; 3.) Update on bridge projects; 4.) A number of road signs near Wausa that were twisted or damaged had to be repaired or replaced; 5.) Discussion was held on mowing roadsides. Nebraska Revised Statute §39-1811 states that it shall be the duty of the landowners to mow all weeds that can be mowed with the ordinary farm mower to the middle of all public roads and drainage ditches running along their lands at least twice each year, namely, sometime in July for the first time and sometime in September for the second time. Notices will be published in the local papers; 6.) Discussed accident where a vehicle went over a curve into a deep ditch.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the July Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Update on the August 8, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. The Toy Shed Conditional Use Permit was recommended to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration. A public hearing of the Knox County Board of Supervisors will be held on September 6, 2023 for the Toy Shed Conditional Use Permit. Also, by a four to three vote of the Planning Commission members, the Riverpoint Bay Development Plan/Plat subject to a condition that a storage building could not be constructed in the development because of zoning regulations that storage buildings cannot be built north of the Rec Road was recommended to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration. No hearing date has been scheduled yet.

Economic Development Director Hanvey discussed with the Board the wage of Visit Knox County Director Miller that will now be paid from either the Visitor's Promo Fund and the C & C Development Fund during the fiscal year. More discussion will be held at the Budget Review meeting on August 18, 2023.

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

Committee update was given by Deputy County Clerk Nix who informed the Board of the recent annual audit visit by the State Auditor's Office.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1.) Deputy County Clerk Nix informed the Board that the second special PILT payment of \$50,000 was received; 2.) County Treasurer Ebel discussed with the Board that the funds available have dropped by over five million dollars. While the second half of the 2022 taxes will be due by September 1, it will not generate enough to entirely replace the difference on hand. Future revenues will be less due to changes in statute; 3.) Discussion was held with officials as to the proposed 2023/2024 budget and the large increase of projected tax request. More discussion will be held at the Budget Review meeting on August 18, 2023.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 210,527.80; Applied Connective Technologies, IT/phone costs, 4,588.83; Brockhaus Funeral Home, transport, 940.00; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 50.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 15,864.93; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 38,641.37; Creston Fertilizer, weed spray, 3,579.04; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 21.47; Eakes Office Solutions, copier contract, 192.62; Ecowater, bottled water, 208.00; Elizabeth Doerr, contract hours, 240.00; Gragert's, jail food, 717.77; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,463.64; Jeff Hammer, witness fees, 35.72; Kelsy Jelinek, mileage, 25.55; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 6.00; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 35.38; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 289.95; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 100.92; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer programs, 961.30; Moody Motor Company, oil, 64.98; Nebraska Health & Human Services, regional center billing, 318.00; Netcom Inc., radio repair, 335.00; Norfolk Daily News, subscription, 232.00; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing/subscription, 209.54; PIP Marketing, envelope shipping, 76.53; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 253.67; Platte Valley Communications, radio repair, 97.69; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,196.18; Quill Corporation, supplies, 219.53; R&K Auto Parts, van wipers, 145.61; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 14,366.90; Ronald Wilmes, witness fees, 40.96; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 87.50; The Barn at God's Country, joint public hearing hall rent, 200.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 195.16; Verizon, hot spot, 40.01.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 78,891.16; A&R Construction, bridge contract, 278,961.82; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 171.98; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 685.06; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 556.76; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,821.92; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 18,745.32; Emme Sand & Gravel Inc., gravel/haul, 3,648.23; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 4,053.18; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,804.00; Great Plains Communications, phone, 533.65; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repairs, 1,840.91; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,601.78; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 6,100.00; Husker Steel, bridge steel, 233,937.12; Jebro Inc., MC250 road oil, 108,463.87; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 35.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 38.29; Powerplan, repairs, 3,108.59; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 806.76; R&K Motor Parts, repairs, 2,108.07; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 5,207.02; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 4,132.11; Sucha Repair, repairs, 190.09; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 352.12; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 53,082.21; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 84.99; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 45,130.10.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. Certified Testing Services Inc., bridge project, 519.00; Dixon Construction Co., bridge project, 115,742.30; JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 2,922.50.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 528.75.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 144.82; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 164.44; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 162.00; Nebraska Notary Association, notary renewal, 156.18.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 3,437.28; News Channel Nebraska, promo, 2,170.00; Tatanka Golf Club, promo, 100.00.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 275.39.

COUNTY WELLNESS FUND. Avera, county wellness, 6,287.66; Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 4,040.83; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 301.07; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 107.62; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Northeast Nebraska News Company, subscription, 47.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 247.44; US Cellular, cell phone, 122.02.

INHERITANCE FUND. Cedar County Transit, contract, 2,000.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from Inheritance Fund to Road Fund, 512,898.94; North Central District Health Department, Miles of Smiles program, 2,270.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

KENO FUND. City of Creighton, Keno proceeds, 58.21.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 233.60; OPTK Networks, networking, 228.44; Three River Telco, phone, 66.42.

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

TOTALS

General Fund	\$298,610.05
Road Fund	861,294.60
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	119,183.80
Flowage Easement Fund	528.75
Child Support Fund	627.44
Visitor's Promo Fund	5,707.28
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	275.39
County Wellness Fund	6,537.66
C & C Development Fund	4,916.76
Inheritance Fund	519,252.27
KENO Fund	58.21
911 Emergency Fund	528.46
911 Wireless Service Fund	1,094.49
Total	\$1,818,615.16

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:35 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 until Friday, August 18, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. for a special Budget Review meeting and until Wednesday, August 23, 2023 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 18, 2023
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 Friday, August 18, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

Supervisor Borgmann led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette newspapers, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

Review of submitted proposed budgets of the officials for 2023/2024 was held. Deputy County Clerk 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 2023 tax levy.

The Board met with the following officials prior to lunch: County Clerk Fischer, Deputy County Clerk Nix, County Assessor McManigal, Economic Development Director Hanvey and Visit Knox County Director Miller, Veterans Service Officer Jones, County Treasurer Ebel, Deputy County Attorney Jensen, Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek, County Court Clerk Boggs, Extension Educator Hanefeldt, Weed Supt. Banks, 911 Coordinator Kienow and Clerk of District Court Fischer.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:49 p.m. with all members present.

County Sheriff Henery and Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board to review their budget proposals.

Supr. Borgmann left at 2:03 p.m.

The Board made a number of cuts to various office expense budgets. The 2023 valuation is \$2,444,868,774 which is an increase of \$150,534,612 from last year's valuation.

Discussion ensued on the LB644 joint public hearing.

More budget discussion will be held at the August 23, 2023 meeting.

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:21 p.m., August 18, 2023 until Wednesday, August 23, 2023 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 23, 2023
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, August 23, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supervisor Danny R. Schlote District #6. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Pierce 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 on the Knox County website, posted in the Courthouse hallway, at the Center Post Office and Farmers & Merchants State Bank – Center Branch, as well as distributed to local City and Village Clerks as shown by the attachments to these minutes.

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

Chairman Mackeprang approved the minutes of the August 9 and August 18, 2023 meetings as read.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the 2022/2023 Office Inventories. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$408,229.63 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of August 8 – August 21, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve an additional 1% over the 2 1/2% basic limitation allowable increase to restricted funds for the 2023/2024 budget process. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

The Board changed the first meeting date in December to Tuesday, December 12, 2023 so as not to have a conflict with the 2023 NACO December Conference.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 14** that as per Nebraska Statute §77-3443, the Board will allocate final allocation of levy authority to the Knox County Ag Society and the Knox County Rural Fire Districts but no allocation of levy authority will be given to the Knox County Townships for budget year 2023/2024. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 - 14

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 2023/2024.

DATED this 23rd day of August 2023.

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

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

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

Absent
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 10:02 for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:13 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Danny R. Schlote District #6.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 15** for Approval of Preliminary Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) for Bridge Project #BRO-7054(10), Control #31821, Verdigre North. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES
(PS&E)**

Knox County
Resolution No. 2023 – 15

Whereas: Knox County (County) and State entered into an LPA Program Agreement for State to assist County in the development and construction of an LPA Federal-aid transportation project.

Whereas: The State or the design consultant has developed the project plans to the point where they are ready to submit to State's PS & E Section for final edits for a bid letting.

Whereas: The LPA Program Agreement requires the County to review the preliminary PS & E package and either request modification or approve them as acceptable at this state.

Whereas: The County wishes to approve the preliminary PS & E package as prepared.

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

The Chairman Mackeprang, is hereby authorized to sign the bottom of this resolution and submit it to the State signifying the County's approval of the preliminary PS & E package.

NDOR Project Number: BRO-7054(10)

NDOR Control Number: 31821

NDOR Project Description: Verdigre North

Adopted this 23rd day of August, 2023 at Center, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/ Martin J. O'Connor /s/

David L. Pierce /s/ James Sokol, Jr. /s/

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

Absent District #6

Board/Council Member Supr. Borgmann

Moved the adoption of said resolution

Member Supr. Pierce Seconded the Motion

Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 1 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Knox County

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

Chairman

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/

Signature County Clerk

Resolution G – Preliminary PS & E Package

(To be filled out by LPS RC)

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2.) Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 16** certifying proper completion of NDOT Project Number STWD-CBMP(4), Control #00974C, LPA Control #00974C9(q), Project Name County Bridge Match Program (Winnetoon West C0050401905P and Creighton West C005405805). By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

RESOLUITON CERTIFYING PROPER COMPLETION OF PROJECT

Knox County
Resolution No. 2023 – 16

WHEREAS: Knox County and State entered into an agreement entitled "County Bridge Matching Program Agreement", for the structure number C00501905P and C005405805 the Project, Program Agreement number BL2014 signed by State on the 15th day of April, 2020, and

WHEREAS: Knox County has now completed the construction of the Project that was identified in the Program Agreement, and

WHEREAS: this Resolution is to formally notify State of the proper completion of the Project according to the terms of the Program Agreement.

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

- (1) The Project, for Structure No. C005401905P and C005405805 has been properly constructed by County and its contractor, in accordance with the terms of the Program Agreement.
- (2) The bridge was constructed in strict compliance with
 - (a) the plans and specifications including any State-approved change orders,
 - (b) all applicable design standards, and
 - (c) the conditions and requirements of the Program Agreement.
- (3) County understands that it is the owner of the bridge, and that it is solely responsible for the design, inspection, construction, reconstruction, repair, and operation of the bridge and roadway and is responsible for meeting any environmental or other post-construction permit or legal commitments applicable to the project.
- (4) The project costs were fair, reasonable and necessary for the proper construction of the project.

NDOR Project Number: STWD-CBMP(4)

NDOT Control Number: 00974C

NDOT LPA Control Number: 00974C9(q)

NDOT Project Name: County Bridge Match Program

Adopted this 23rd day of August, 2023 at Center, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Knox County

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

Martin J. O'Connor /s/

David L. Pierce /s/

James Sokol, Jr. /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/

Patrick J. Liska /s/

Absent District #6

Board/Council Member Supr. Pierce
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Supr. O'Connor 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/
Signature County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 3.) Oil Crew update; 4.) Bridge Crew update; 5.) Signs for the County sheds were discussed.

Knox County Fair Director Jerry Nipp updated the Board on the recent 2023 Knox County Fair. New features were held this year including gospel music and a demolition derby. Mr. Nipp also explained the AR reading program that was held in the Knox County Schools where students read a required number of books and in turn received a certificate for a wrist band for fair rides. There were 484 students who qualified for the reading certificates and 372 were returned for wrist bands that were paid for by the Knox County Ag Society and sponsors. Mr. Nipp said that the Knox County Ag Society requests an additional \$25,000 for 2023/2024. The Board thanked Mr. Nipp and the Ag Society for doing a good job with the Knox County Fair. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 17**, as per Nebraska Revised Statute §77-3443, to approve a final allocation of levy authority of \$200,000 to the Knox County Ag Society with the breakdown to be \$125,000 for General Expenses (0.005113 levy) and \$75,000 for Capitol Improvement (0.003068 levy) for a total levy of 0.008181 for budget year 2023/2024. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 - 17

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

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors 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 \$200,000.00 to the Knox County Ag Society with the breakdown to be \$125,000.00 for General Expenses (0.005113) and \$75,000.00 (0.003068) for Capital Improvement for a total levy of 0.008181 for budget year 2023/2024.

DATED this 23rd day of August 2023.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

<u>Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/</u> Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5	<u>Martin J. O'Connor /s/</u> Martin J. O'Connor, District #1	<u>Patrick J. Liska /s /</u> Patrick J. Liska, District #2
<u>David L. Pierce /s/</u> David L. Pierce, District #3	<u>James Sokol, Jr. /s/</u> James Sokol, Jr., District #4	<u>Absent</u> Danny R. Schlote, District #6
ATTEST: (Seal) <u>Joann M. Fischer /s/</u> Knox County Clerk	<u>James J. Borgmann /s/</u> James J. Borgmann, District #7	

Legal Counsel Beth Ferrel with NACO met with the Board with updates of workshops taking place, legislation this session, potential legislation for 2024, and projects NACO are working on to assist the member counties.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 18** allocating 4.5 cents of levy authority to the Knox County Rural Fire Districts as per Nebraska Statute §77-3443. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 - 18

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

WHEREAS, the 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 up to 4.5 cents by the Knox County Board of Supervisors for tax years 2021 and 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County rural fire districts chose varying levies for their respective rural fire districts for tax years 2021 and 2022, and

WHEREAS, 2023/2024 (tax year 2023) will have to be the year that all Knox County rural fire districts must have the same levy, and
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors will allocate 4.5 cents to the Knox County rural fire districts as per Nebraska Revised Statute §77-3443 for budget year 2023-2024.
DATED this 23rd day of August 2023.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

<u>Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/</u> Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5	<u>Martin J. O'Connor /s/</u> Martin J. O'Connor, District #1	<u>Patrick J. Liska /s /</u> Patrick J. Liska, District #2
<u>David L. Pierce /s/</u> David L. Pierce, District #3	<u>James Sokol, Jr. /s/</u> James Sokol, Jr., District #4	<u>Absent</u> Danny R. Schlote, District #6
ATTEST: (Seal) <u>Joann M. Fischer /s/</u> Knox County Clerk	<u>James J. Borgmann /s/</u> James J. Borgmann, District #7	

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Administrative Plat Application #P2314 Debra A. Barr of a zoning lot combination of Lots 16 and 17, Block 3, Walkers Valley View 2nd Addition. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried; 2.) Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the March 14, 2023 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried; 3.) Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the July 11, 2023 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried; 4.) Bridge Crew employee Michael Kucera wishes to resign from the Safety Committee and recommends Bridge Crew employee Chris Rohrer take his place. The matter will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting; 5.) Discussion was held on combining the Safety Committee and the Courthouse Security Committee. No action was taken.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to accept the resignation of Addison Township Clerk Arlen Poppe and the appointment of Shawn Jordan as Addison Township Clerk. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the surety bond of Addison Township Clerk Shawn Jordan. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 19** adding Deputy County Attorney Hanna Knox Jensen as a signer to the County Attorney's Farmers and Merchants State Bank Trust Account. By roll call vote. Ayes #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 19

WHEREAS, the Knox County Attorney maintains a Trust Account at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank; and
WHEREAS, the Trust Account is used for fees paid by Knox County business owners for collecting bad checks, repaying business owners for fees and bad check amounts after such amounts are paid to the Trust Account, and occasionally, for receiving and disbursing restitution; and
WHEREAS, John Thomas, Knox County Attorney, is the sole signer on the Trust Account; and
WHEREAS, John Thomas, Knox County Attorney, requests Hanna Knox Jensen, Deputy County Attorney, be added as a signer on the Farmers and Merchants State Bank Trust Account; and
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that Hanna Knox Jensen be added as a signer to the Farmers and Merchants State Bank County Attorney Trust Account.

Dated this 23rd day of August 2023.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

<u>Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/</u> Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5	<u>Martin J. O'Connor /s/</u> Martin J. O'Connor, District #1	<u>Patrick J. Liska /s /</u> Patrick J. Liska, District #2
<u>David L. Pierce /s/</u> David L. Pierce, District #3	<u>James Sokol, Jr. /s/</u> James Sokol, Jr., District #4	<u>Absent</u> Danny R. Schlote, District #6
ATTEST: (Seal) <u>Joann M. Fischer /s/</u> Knox County Clerk	<u>James J. Borgmann /s/</u> James J. Borgmann, District #7	

Officials' update was given by Deputy County Attorney Jensen on potential court cases.
The Board made a review of the proposed 2023/2024 Knox County Budget.
There was no public comment on agenda items nor on non-agenda items.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 95,519.22; Applied Connective Technologies, speaker bars, 191.98; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, ceiling tiles, 368.48; Clerk of District Court, filing fees, 112.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,144.31; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 20,491.18; Creighton 59 Express, gas, 83.46; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 59.85; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 874.50; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 70.85; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 50.55; Dollar General, jail supplies, 113.50; Eakes Office Solutions, paper/copier agreements, 846.98; Election Systems & Software, ballots/coding/memory sticks, 1,942.67; F&M State Bank, annual ach fee, 240.00; Great

Plains Communications, internet at Lindy tower, 672.75; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 56.44; Hagge Glass, van trim, 200.00; Hefner Hardware, janitor supplies, 46.56; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 45.96; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 80,026.68; K/V Electric LLC, new exit emergency sign, 159.27; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 147.95; Loffler, copier agreement, 530.75; Lois Kumm, jail food, 35.00; Madison County Clerk, judge appointment, 102.29; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 61.68; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,252.78; Northeast Nebraska News Co., subscription, 47.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,120.50; Quill Corporation, supplies, 274.02; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 6,379.70; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 36.79; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 39.41; Verdigre Collision Repair, repair rock chip, 329.73; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 170.43; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 1,028.00; Wayne County Clerk, judge appointment, 5,780.04.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 35,370.09; Art’s Garbage, garbage, 18.00; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 25.00; B’s Enterprises Inc., sign material/patch material, 2,982.75; Bauer Built LLC, tires, 869.64; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 54.35; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., repairs, 78.29; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 92.96; CHS Wausa, diesel, 611.00; C-Mart LLC, gas, 137.96; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,599.20; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 408.20; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 9,857.64; Farmer’s Pride, diesel, 677.84; Freeman Oil Company, diesel, 1,835.74; Herbert Feed & Grain, diesel, 2,532.68; J&J Sanitation, garbage, 49.00; Jacob Dendinger, equipment rental, 523.68; Jebro Inc., road oil, 27,056.16; Jedlicka’s Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 109.96; Lawson Products inc., repairs, 243.67; LCL Truck Equipment Inc., repairs, 1,092.54; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 59.60; LTL Holdings Inc., gas, 270.43; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineering fees, 20,546.84; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 126.65; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 286.23; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 425.79; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,328.41; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Steffen Service, gas, 241.01; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 7,710.40; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 75.00; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/supplies, 5,422.52; Vic’s Service LLC, gas, 394.15; Village of Center, water/sewer, 34.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 28,958.11.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineering fees, 370.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 164.44.

VISITOR’S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 1,412.61; Rowan Productions, marketing, 150.00.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. City of Plainview-Solid Waste Division, disposal of demolition materials, 244.20; Clarks Rentals LLC, rental of floor stripper, 55.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,867.67; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 138.85; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2.98; Pitzer Digital, subscription, 40.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 22.41; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 113.41; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 51.25.

INHERITANCE FUND. Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineering fees, 19,730.30.

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND. Bob Barker Company Inc., inmate mattress, 1,061.76.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$228,653.26
Road Fund	154,151.49
Flowage Easement Road Fund	370.00
Child Support Fund	164.44
Visitor’s Promo Fund	1,562.61
Covid ARPA Fund	299.20
C & C Development Fund	2,236.57
Inheritance Fund	19,730.30
Sheriff Commissary Fund	1,061.76
Total	\$408,229.63

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:56 a.m. on August 23, 2023 until Wednesday, September 6, 2023 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 6, 2023
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, September 6, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

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

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

The minutes of the August 23, 2023 meeting were approved by Chairman Mackeprang as read.

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 \$334,248.19 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of August 22 through September 1, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the Clerk of District Court August 2023 Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to accept the resignation of Bridge Crew employee Mike Kucera from the Safety Committee and to appoint Bridge Crew employee Chris Rohrer to the Safety Committee. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 20** acknowledging fees charged by the Knox County Assessor; Clerk/Register of Deeds/Election Commissioner; Clerk of District Court; and Sheriff for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 - 20

WHEREAS, many fees are set by Nebraska statutes however copy fees, finger printing fees and work release fees are not, and

WHEREAS, various offices within the Knox County Courthouse collect copy fees along with the County Sheriff's Office collects fees for finger printing plus work release of prisoners, and

WHEREAS, the fees collected are remitted to the Knox County Treasurer, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Knox County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the following fees are charged by the listed offices for Fiscal Year 2023/2024:

Knox County Assessor – Regular copies – 50 cents per page; Colored aerial maps – if landowner - \$0; if not landowner - \$2.00 per page.

Knox County Clerk, Register of Deeds and Election Commissioner – In office - 50 cents per black/white or color copy; Emailed, faxed or mailed copies - \$1.00 each page; Certified copies - \$1.50 per page; Knox County Plat Books - \$27.00 each and \$5 to mail plat books.

Knox County Clerk of District Court – General photocopies - black/white – 50 cents per page; color – 50 cents per page; Certified copies – 25 cents per page and \$1.00 for seal; Authenticated copies – 25 cents per page and \$3.00 for seal; (\$1.00 seal of Clerk of District Court attesting original document; \$1.00 seal of Judge attesting Clerk of District Court is the Clerk of District Court; and \$1.00 seal of Clerk of District Court attesting Judge is the Judge).

Knox County Sheriff – Copies - \$2.00 per page; Finger Printing fee - \$5; Work Release fee - \$35.00 per day.

Dated this 6th day of September 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Oil Crew update; 2.) Bridge Crew update; 3.) An agreement will be presented at the next meeting regarding stop signs; 4.) Several signs including a stop sign were stolen west of Verdigre; 5.) An infrastructure meeting was held in Kearney covering the new Federal grant money available for transportation. Discussion was held on possibly partnering with other area counties for joint projects.

Officials' update was given on the following: 1.) Discussion was held on the upcoming Joint Public Hearing that will be held on September 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at The Barn at God's Country located north of Center; 2.) County Clerk Fischer informed the Board of a vaccination clinic to be held by North Central District Health Department in the Basement Conference Room on September 27, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. through 2:00 p.m. Flu shots and other vaccinations will be available. Also, the Northeast District NACO Fall Workshop will be held on Friday, September 15, 2023 at the Lifelong Learning Center at the Northeast Community College in Norfolk; 3.) County Treasurer Ebel said that over \$7.7 million in taxes were collected recently. Distribution of the taxes will be made to different entities and nearly \$2 million will stay at the County level; 4.) County Clerk Fischer and the Board discussed requirement of scheduled time of work for eligibility to continue coverage of health, dental/vision and life insurance; 5.) Supr. Sokol, Jr. updated the Board on the progress of the new storage/garage building and repair to the front sidewalk; 6.) Deputy County Clerk Nix updated the Board on the public hearings to be held on September 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. for the 2023/2024 Knox County Budget and the 2023 Final Tax Request.

At 10:45 a.m., a Microsoft Teams meeting was held with Attorney Ryan Cwach who represents Herrick Township. Also present via Microsoft Teams was SID #1 Board of Trustees Chairperson Lisa Timmerman as well as in person at the Board meeting were Herrick Township Board members Joyce Woodbury and Kathleen Peschel. The matter of discussion was regarding a petition from Herrick Township to the Board of Supervisors for assistance in asphaltting the entrance road into Kohles Acres. The road in question is a township road and a bid in the amount of \$216,000 was submitted to the Herrick Township Board by Knife River Midwest, LLC to mill and replace the road using hot mix asphalt at a 6-inch depth. Discussion ensued on Herrick Township budget and levy, township levy limits, options, a report from the County Attorney's Office regarding the petition for assistance, ground asphalt that has been placed on the road by the Herrick Township Board, concerns that other townships would request assistance, and if work is done by the County the township would have to repay the County for the expenses.

At 11:15 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on Conditional Use Permit Application #CU2301 Toy Shed Storage, LLC.

At 11:15 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on Subdivision/Replat Preliminary Plat Application #P2308 Middle East Landing.

Discussion continued on the Herrick Township petition for road repair assistance. Supr. Sokol, Jr. said the work the County could do to fix the entrance would not be the same product or work that Knife River Midwest, LLC would provide as the County uses cold mix asphalt as well as the costs by the County would need to be repaid. Supr. Pierce said that it is hard to spend money in one township and not others so the County would need to be reimbursed if it does the work. Supr. Borgmann echoed those opinions. An agreement would have to be made for repayment and that the township would have to maintain the entrance road after the County would oil the road if approved. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to make a study with the Herrick Township Board of asphaltting the Kohles Acres entrance road and included in the study would be an agreement for repayment by the Herrick Township Board to Knox County for asphaltting the entrance road. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Rob Ganz was present for the Middle East Landing Replat hearing. The Planning Commission approved the replat at their March 14, 2023 meeting. The replat of the lots in the Middle East Landing subdivision also included vacating Svatos Road and expanding lots. The vacated road would be replaced with an easement by the adjoining landowners in the subdivision. Also, there is a road that is not maintained at this time but could be used as another exit or could be maintained in the future. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:32 a.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Final Plat of Replat of Middle East Landing Subdivision located in the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 18, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) The Planning Commission approved the Conditional Use Permit Application #CU2301 for Toy Shed Storage LLC to construct a fifth 20-unit storage building in the N1/2N1/2NE1/4 of Section 23, T33N, R2W. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:35 a.m. No one was present in opposition. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce to approve Conditional Use Permit Application #CU2301 Toy Shed Storage, LLC for construction of a 20-unit storage building in the N1/2N1/2NE1/4 of Section 23, T33N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Angie O'Connor with Avera presented the 2023 health screening results from the Avera Onsite Wellness Program that was held on June 21, 2023. There were forty-eight participants in this year's onsite wellness program.

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

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:58 p.m. with all members present.

At 12:58 p.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on the Final Plat of Riverpoint Bay Subdivision located in Sections 15 and 22, T33N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek gave information regarding the Final Plat including public control, standards, Lots 501-509 to be smaller in size, storage buildings, Planning Commission vote to recommend the Preliminary Plat to the Board with the condition that no storage buildings be constructed or allowed north of Road 54C in the proposed subdivision, a Planned Agreement, water quantity addressed as per letter from Cedar Knox Rural Water, law enforcement, and leach field concerns. Letters entered into testimony were from Russ Wilcox, CEB LLC, Shawn Weber, Gaylene Barr, and Jeff and Julie Hartung. Deputy County Attorney Jensen presented a Planned Unit Development Agreement addressing concerns about assumed zoning violations and said there are no zoning violations as the Board can agree to commercial uses north of Hwy. 54C that would not violate the zoning regulations. Lots 502-506 would have no construction without prior approval from the Board of Supervisors as these lots have leach fields located on them. The developer would have to draft a development plan on those lots and come back to the Board to see how this can be resolved. The Agreement will review slope, plasticity and more when construction is to begin.

Developer Russ Wilcox updated the Board on the proposed development that will not have over forty units (houses), there are nine lots where the residential houses will be smaller in size, the houses will be built before any storage units, the

proposed storage units will be handled by the HOA, Class 5 Injection well that is located on Lot 502, however the permit with DEE expired prior to Mr. Wilcox purchasing the property, other leach fields may not be Class 5 Injection wells, other documents were not filed by the previous owner, still seeking answers on how to fix the issue, and there are twenty-eight full lots that conform as that area is zoned residential. Chairman Mackeprang allowed three minutes to each individual from the public to speak if they wanted. Seven individuals spoke during the open public hearing regarding expired DEE permits, traffic impact, request limiting the number of units to twenty, road conditions, law enforcement, leach fields, empty lots will not be sold as the developer will be constructing the houses before selling with the purchasers having a choice of three house designs.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 1:35 p.m. and then allowed discussion by the Board. As Supr. O'Connor lives in that area, he gave a personal report about law enforcement, increased traffic, fire concerns, landslides and structure damage, road conditions, increased number of people in the area with campgrounds, and that he does not feel the subdivision is in the best interest of the people. Deputy County Attorney Jensen reiterated to the Board that the Planned Development Agreement covered anything approved at this meeting and would not allow development on Lots 502-506 as it is noted those areas are affected by drain fields plus any lot that is developed will have to have a building permit issued that will make sure the lot is specific.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce to not approve the Final Plat of Riverpoint Bay Subdivision in Sections 15 and 22, T33N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2 and #3. Nays Districts #4, #5, #6 and #7. Motion failed.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the Final Plat of Riverpoint Bay Subdivision in Sections 15 and 22, T33N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska with the condition that no storage units be allowed or constructed in the subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays Districts #1, #2, and #3. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 97,361.82; Amy Johnson, mileage, 94.98; Bob Barker Company, jail supplies, 72.75; Bomgaars, supplies, 7.99; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Cathleen Sue Stark, prior service, 12.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 28.07; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,300.90; Comfort Inn, lodging, 689.70; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 20,491.24; Connie J. Janecek, prior service, 15.00; Creston Fertilizer, weed spray, 1,225.88; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 423.01; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier contract/paper/janitor supplies, 629.33; Election Systems & Software, program flash, 152.67; First National Bank Omaha, gas/postage/supplies/meals, 5,798.02; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply, janitor supplies, 493.46; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet/fax, 1,563.95; Hanna LK Jensen, reimburse registration/mileage, 303.45; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 395.00; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; Jo Ann Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Karen K. Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 239.14; Landmark Surveying, survey fees, 874.80; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 147.96; Laura Hintz, prior service, 15.00; Loffler, printer contract, 355.82; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 51.12; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer programs, 961.30; Monica J. McManigal, reimburse gas/meals, 195.95; NACO, registration, 160.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,120.50; Quill Corporation, supplies, 685.08; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 6,626.92; Rohrer Welding, weld wheels, 20.00; Software Unlimited Corp., software, 2,108.04; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 39,344.41; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 727.63; Bruce Hagge, prior service, 24.00; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; Carhart Lumber Co., shop supplies, 18.29; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,903.23; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 9,857.68; First National Bank Omaha, phone cases, 67.45; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,480.10; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repairs/equipment rental, 5,684.39; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/gasoline, 2,925.48; Jebro Inc., road oil, 55,550.46; Kayton International, skid loader rental, 3,040.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 59.60; Marc Mastalir, prior service, 21.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 43.57; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 425.79; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,596.68; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 2,000.88; Santee Utility Commission, garbage, 65.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 34,995.41.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 1.76; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet/fax, 115.78; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 164.44; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Postmaster, postage, 308.80.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 1,613.10; Associations Inc., marketing, 400.00; Flagship Publishing Inc., marketing, 553.00.

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

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 275.39; Mobile Binders, repair books, 4,800.00.

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

COVID ARPA FUND. McCormick Tree Trimming, remove trees around storage building, 1,314.25.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 361.25.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,867.67; CenturyLink, long distance, 1.76; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 138.85; First National Bank Omaha, dues/gas/meals, 499.34; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet/fax, 90.94; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2.98; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 22.41; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 113.41.

INHERITANCE FUND. Cedar County Transit, contract, 2,000.00; Egley Fullner, Montag, Morland & Easland, court appointed attorney, 1,290.44; Jarecki, Strope & Petersen P.C., court appointed attorney, 627.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

KENO FUND. First National Bank Omaha, postage, 17.45.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. City of Norfolk, networking, 44.74; First National Bank Omaha, supplies, 90.47; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 233.60; OPTK Networks, networking, 228.44; Three River Telco, phone, 66.42.

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

TOTALS

General Fund	\$151,316.35
Road Fund	161,901.05
Child Support Fund	671.78
Visitor's Promo Fund	2,566.10
Visitor's Improvement Fund	173.90
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	5,075.39
County Wellness Fund	250.00
Covid ARPA Fund	1,314.25
Economic Development Fund	361.25
C & C Development Fund	2,737.36
Inheritance Fund	6,000.77
Keno Fund	17.45
911 Emergency Fund	663.67
911 Wireless Service Fund	1,198.87
Total	\$334,248.19

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:21 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 for a 2023/2024 Budget public hearing, a 2023 Final Tax Public Hearing and a regular meeting that will follow the Budget and Final Tax public hearings.

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
September 20, 2023
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 Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

Deputy County Clerk 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.

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 2023/2024 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 2023 Tax Request.

Discussion was held on the 2023/2024 proposed Knox County budget and the proposed 2023 tax request.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the open budget hearing at 9:32 a.m. Present during the hearing were the Board, County Clerk Fischer, Deputy County Clerk Nix, Deputy County Attorney Jensen, County Sheriff Henery, County Assessor McManigal and Hwy. Supt. Barta.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the open special hearing on the Final 2023 Tax Request at 9:33 a.m. Present during the hearing were the Board, County Clerk Fischer, Deputy County Clerk Nix, Deputy County Attorney Jensen, County Sheriff Henery, County Assessor McManigal and Hwy. Supt. Barta.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors followed the 2023/2024 Budget Hearing and the Final 2023 Tax Request Hearing.

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

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

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2023- 21** for the Adoption and Appropriations of the 2023/2024 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

KNOX COUNTY
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION #2023 – 21

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 18th day of August with revisions completed on the 23rd day of August 2023, 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, 2023 to June 30, 2024, 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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

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 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded Supr. Pierce to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 22** setting the 2023 property tax request at \$3,942,875.36 with a levy of 0.161271 per \$100 of valuation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 22

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 2023-2024 property tax request be set at \$3,942,875.36.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 9.042%.
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 \$0.147899 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Knox County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.161271 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the operating budget of Knox County will be \$23,093,840.71(does not include \$1,300,000 for cash reserve in the General Fund), which exceeds last fiscal year's operating budget by 8.847%.
6. The cash reserve for the General Fund will remain at \$1,300,000.00.
7. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the Knox County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023.

Dated this 20th day of September 2023.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

<u>Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/</u> Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5	<u>Martin J. O'Connor /s/</u> Martin J. O'Connor, District #1	<u>Patrick J. Liska /s /</u> Patrick J. Liska, District #2
<u>David L. Pierce /s/</u> David L. Pierce, District #3	<u>James Sokol, Jr. /s/</u> James Sokol, Jr., District #4	<u>Danny R. Schlote /s/</u> Danny R. Schlote, District #6
ATTEST: (Seal) <u>Joann M. Fischer /s/</u> Knox County Clerk	<u>James J. Borgmann /s/</u> James J. Borgmann, District #7	

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Budget Message of the adopted 2023/2024 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2023 - 23** to make monthly transfers through the claims process from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 23

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2023-2024 Knox County Road budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Knox County budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$1,599,572.59 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 2023-2024 budget was adopted to cover incurred expenses for July and August, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2023-10 directing the Knox County Clerk to transfer through the claims process \$80,026.68 in July, 2023 and \$80,026.68 in August, 2023, from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to cover the incurred expenses for July and August, and

WHEREAS, a remainder of \$1,439,519.23 needs to be transferred from September 2023 through June 2024 from the General Fund to the Road Fund, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2023/2024 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: **\$143,951.95 for September 2023, and \$143,951.92 for October, November and December of 2023, and January, February, March, April, May and June of 2024.**

Dated this 20th day of September 2023.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

<u>Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/</u> Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5	<u>Martin J. O'Connor /s/</u> Martin J. O'Connor, District #1	<u>Patrick J. Liska /s /</u> Patrick J. Liska, District #2
<u>David L. Pierce /s/</u> David L. Pierce, District #3	<u>James Sokol, Jr. /s/</u> James Sokol, Jr., District #4	<u>Danny R. Schlote /s/</u> Danny R. Schlote, District #6
ATTEST: (Seal) <u>Joann M. Fischer /s/</u> Knox County Clerk	<u>James J. Borgmann /s/</u> James J. Borgmann, District #7	

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2023 - 24** to transfer through the claims process \$303,240.92 as tax relief which will be the third loan repayment for the Bloomfield North road project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 24

WHEREAS, due to unfunded mandates, escalating prices, valuation increases, and loss of revenues, a transfer of funds from the Inheritance Fund would create a tax relief to the taxpayers of Knox County for the fiscal year 2023-2024, 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 approves the **transfer of \$303,240.92 through the claims process from the Knox County Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund during the 2023/2024 fiscal year as tax relief.**

Dated this 20th day of September 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2023 - 25** to transfer through the claims process \$303,240.92 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Fund to be used as the third loan repayment for the Bloomfield North Road project with the transfer to be made during the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 25

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 \$3.03 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 was 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 2023/2024 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 2023/2024 Fiscal Year** to be used as a partial loan repayment for the Bloomfield North Road project.

Dated this 20th day of September 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 26** to transfer through the claims process \$37,200 from the Knox County General Fund to the C & C Development Fund for the 2023/2024 Budget Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 26

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 \$375 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 2023/2024 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 2023/2024 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, \$5,242 for the health insurance stipend, \$550 for the payment of the premiums of a County-paid single dental/vision policy, \$72 for the payment of the premium of a County-paid \$15,000 single life insurance for the Executive Director, \$2,970 for the County-paid retirement rate and \$3,366 for the County's share of FICA/MEDICARE (Social Security).

Dated this 20th day of September 2023.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

<u>Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/</u> Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5	<u>Martin J. O'Connor /s/</u> Martin J. O'Connor, District #1	<u>Patrick J. Liska /s /</u> Patrick J. Liska, District #2
<u>David L. Pierce /s/</u> David L. Pierce, District #3	<u>James Sokol, Jr. /s/</u> James Sokol, Jr., District #4	<u>Danny R. Schlote /s/</u> Danny R. Schlote, District #6
ATTEST: (Seal) <u>Joann M. Fischer /s/</u> Knox County Clerk	<u>James J. Borgmann /s/</u> James J. Borgmann, District #7	

Chairman Mackeprang approved the minutes of the September 6, 2023 meeting as read.
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 \$590,343.58 are listed at the end of these proceedings.
Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:03 a.m. for Board of Equalization.
The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:17 a.m. with all members present.
Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr., to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 27** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Project Program Agreement between Knox County and Nebraska Department of Transportation for funding of the Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Location of Rural Roads Program. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Knox County
Resolution No. 2023 – 27

Whereas: Knox County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain Federal funds; and
Whereas: Knox County understands that it must strictly follow all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; 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 Federal-aid project.
Be It Resolved: by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County that:
The Chair of the Knox County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Knox County and NDOT.
Knox County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.

NDOT Project Number: HSIP-STWD(203)
NDOT Control Number: 01063
NDOT Project Name: Statewide Stop Sign Program

Adopted this 20th day of September, 2023 at Center, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Knox County
Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
James J. Borgmann /s/
Martin J. O'Connor /s/

David L. Pierce /s/
Danny R. Schlote /s/
James Sokol, Jr. /s/
Patrick J. Liska /s/

Board/Council Member Supr. Borgmann

Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Supr. Sokol, Jr. 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 County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2.) Discussed roadside mowing. Hwy. Supt. Barta encouraged the Board members to drive their roads and see if the landowners are mowing the County roads, and if not, they should contact the landowners because Nebraska Revised Statute 39-1811 says landowners shall mow roadsides sometime in July and sometime in September. Bohemia Township Board Chairman Wendell Rohrer was present and said they have one absentee landowner who has not mowed. In the past, Bohemia Township has had the township road mowed if a landowner does not mow and then the Township Board will place a special assessment against the landowner's taxes. Discussion continued on mowing school land roadside; 3.) Bridge Crew update; 4.) Oil Crew update; 5.) Discussed a proposed satellite Crofton Fire District shed to be placed at the lake area; 6.) Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Certification of Roads Classifications and Standards of the Road Budget, Expenditure Report, Equipment Costs and District Inventory Reports. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 7.) A landowner in the lake area reported that two campers were parked along a platted road and were hooked up to the water supply at CJ's At the Lake and that one trailer was plugged into someone's electrical pedestal at CJ's. Sheriff Henery reported all involved were cooperative and the campers were moved out. Also, someone cut a large cedar tree and left it in the middle of the road in that area as well as someone dumped two satellite dishes; 8.) Bridge inspections have begun; 9.) The new pickup is now in Fremont; 10.) Engineer Jeff Wagner was concerned about the east approach to the Weigand Bridge and a bump will need to be fixed by the contractor. Also, Engineer Wagner will be giving an update on the Rec Road.

The Board had no comments to the Nebraska Department of Transportation on the Santee South Bridge Project #STP-54D(104), Control Number 32278.

Discussion was held with Extension Educator Hanefeldt about the use of personal vehicles and mileage. The Knox County Employee Handbook was updated and added to the Handbook was the provision that if an employee used their personal vehicle for County business but a County vehicle was available, the mileage rate reimbursed to the employee would be 22 cents per mile and not the IRS set mileage rate of 65.5 cents per mile this year. Extension Educator Hanefeldt said that occasionally it is not feasible or there is not time to drive a long distance to pick up a County vehicle and then must drive back across the County. The Board said they County would pay the IRS's set mileage rate on those occasional trips and will monitor it through the claims process.

Wendell Rohrer met with the Board to discuss access to his property. A new adjoining landowner is surveying his property and is not giving Mr. Rohrer access across his property any longer. Mr. Rohrer traveled an area that is not a platted road along a section line. Deputy County Attorney Jensen advised Mr. Rohrer to talk to his attorney and attempt to get an easement from the new landowner.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of September 5 – 18, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the Treasurer's Report of List of All Real Property advertised having Delinquent Taxes in February 2023 and not sold and to direct the County Treasurer to proceed with issuance of County tax sale certificates on property ID numbers 540005890, 540003568, 540002539, 540003251, 540003460, 540003477 and 540000976. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 28** designating Knox County as a Green Light for Veterans County, declaring October 1, 2023 through Veterans Day November 11, 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service, and to encourage the Knox County citizens to recognize the importance of honoring those who made immeasurable sacrifices by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6 through November 12, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Resolution #2023 – 28

Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Knox County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those 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 individuals who have made countless sacrifices 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 Veterans 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, the Knox County Board of Supervisors hereby declares from October 1, 2023 through Veterans Day, November 11th 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, the Knox County Board of Supervisors encourages the Knox County citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6th through the 12th, 2023.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

<u>Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/</u> Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5	<u>Martin J. O'Connor /s/</u> Martin J. O'Connor, District #1	<u>Patrick J. Liska /s/</u> Patrick J. Liska, District #2
<u>David L. Pierce /s/</u> David L. Pierce, District #3	<u>James Sokol, Jr. /s/</u> James Sokol, Jr., District #4	<u>Danny R. Schlote /s/</u> Danny R. Schlote, District #6
ATTEST: (Seal) <u>Joann M. Fischer /s/</u> Knox County Clerk	<u>James J. Borgmann /s/</u> James J. Borgmann, District #7	

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a Security Interest Subordination Agreement on Reuse Loan #6872423. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

As Economic Development Director Hanvey and Visit Knox County Director Miller were attending an event, Chairman Mackeprang presented to the Board the revised Niobrara State Park Visitors Improvement Grant application for \$10,000 for concrete and concrete supplies for the construction of two Yurts at the Niobrara State Park. Discussion ensued on why the State was asking for the funds and what the lease fee for the Yurts would be. The Board tabled action on the application for more research.

The Board discussed the Joint Public Hearing that will be held this evening on September 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at The Barn at God's Country.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) An additional layer showing subdivisions was added to the gWorks program at no cost; 2.) Maps for the fire departments will be less in cost than expected, however, the larger map for the dispatchers will be more expensive. Costs will be paid from the KENO Fund; 3.) The Board had approved Conditional Use Permit #CU0015D to amend Conditional Use Permit #CU0015, #CU0015B and #CU0015C on Toy Shed Storage LLC for an additional storage unit at the September 6, 2023 meeting but a resolution was not presented at that time for the approval. **Resolution #2023 – 29** was reviewed and signed by the Board.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 29

WHEREAS, Toy Shed Storage LLC has applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0015D to amend Conditional Use Permit #CU0015, #CU0015B and #CU0015C to construct an additional self-storage building on the following described real estate:

The North ½ of the North ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Thirty-three (33) North, Range Two (2) West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, **LESS** the following tracts:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section Twenty-three (23), thence S 89° 58' 05" W along the north section line a distance of 708.65 feet; thence on an assumed bearing of S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 54.82 feet to a point of beginning on the south right-of-way line of Knox County Highway 54C; thence continuing S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 605.18 feet; thence S 89° 58' 05" W a distance of 784.08 feet; thence N 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 619.10 feet back to said south right-of-way line; thence N 88° 53' 54" E along said south right-of-way line a distance of 170.76 feet; thence S 88° 26' 06" E continuing along said south right-of-way line a distance of 613.58 feet to the point of beginning; **AND** Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section Twenty-three (23), thence S 89° 58' 05" W along the north section line a distance of 708.65 feet; thence on an assumed bearing of S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 54.82 feet to a point of beginning on the south right-of-way line of Knox County Highway 54C; thence continuing S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 605.18 feet; thence S 89° 58' 05" W a distance of 670.04 feet to the West right-of-way line of Nebraska Highway 121; thence N 00° 32' 26" E along said Nebraska Highway 121 West right-of-way a distance of 594.79 feet back to said Knox County Highway South right-of-way line; thence N 89° 15' 06" W along said South right-of-way line a distance of 589.81 feet; thence N 88° 26' 06" W continuing along said South right-of-way line a distance of 85.92 feet to the point of beginning; **AND** Also excepting that property deeded to the State of Nebraska for highway purposes in Deed Book 86 at Page 401 and in Deed Book 86 at Page 412 of records of the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office.

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on August 8, 2023, and September 6, 2023 and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has found that the application complies with the Knox County Zoning Regulations, and hereby makes a recommendation to approve the permit with the following conditions:

1. No outside storage is allowed.
2. The structure shall be of similar color to the original structures.
3. Under the soffit lighting shall be included.

4. Permanent diversion of water shall be installed during construction and in the future to control the runoff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Toy Shed Storage LLC Conditional Use Permit #CU0015D be approved.

Dated this 20th day of September 2023.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

<u>Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/</u> Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5	<u>Martin J. O'Connor /s/</u> Martin J. O'Connor, District #1	<u>Patrick J. Liska /s/</u> Patrick J. Liska, District #2
<u>David L. Pierce /s/</u> David L. Pierce, District #3	<u>James Sokol, Jr. /s/</u> James Sokol, Jr., District #4	<u>Danny R. Schlote /s/</u> Danny R. Schlote, District #6
ATTEST: (Seal) <u>Joann M. Fischer /s/</u> Knox County Clerk	<u>James J. Borgmann /s/</u> James J. Borgmann, District #7	

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek continued with the following: 4.) Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the August Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5.) Russ Wilcox with Riverpoint Bay, LLC called the NDEE and they were not aware of additional leach fields in the area. Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek will contact NDEE for more information.

Officials' update was given by Chairman Mackeprang regarding answering the usual audit questions to complete the 2022/2023 annual audit. Also, the North Central District Health Department did not approve their budget yet as they did not have enough Board members present at the meeting.

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

GENERAL FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 95,653.40; Antelope County Sheriff, service fees, 18.69; Applied Connective Technologies, IT/Phone, 4,554.01; Center Garage, tire repair, 25.00; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rental, 45.00; Clerk of District Court, filing fees, 65.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,490.35; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, subscriptions, 90.00; D&L Tire LLC., tires, 1,555.94; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 472.00; Dollar General, jail supplies, 24.35; Ecowater, bottled water, 503.50; Elizabeth Doerr, contracted labor, 210.00; Fairfield by Marriott, lodging, 167.00; Farmers & Merchants State Bank, annual ach fee, 240.00; Gragert's, jail food, 1,208.82; Great Plains Communications, internet at Lindy tower/phone/cable, 1,197.35; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 15.00; Jane Wilmes, election help/mileage, 107.88; Joyce Bertschinger, election help/mileage, 105.26; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 143,951.95; Kora Pavlik, witness fees, 20.00; Melissa Smith, witness fees/mileage, 69.78; Moody Motor Company, repairs, 2,566.94; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,526.50; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 334.53; NSA/POAN, dues, 130.00; Platte Valley Communications, Lindy tower, 755.93; Postmaster, postal permit fee, 310.00; Quill Corporation, supplies, 242.96; R&K Motor Parts, wiper blades/oil/filter, 62.19; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 6,792.31; Schumacher Elevator Co., elevator repair, 668.25; Thomsen Reuters, law book, 615.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 183.53; US Cellular, cell phones, 459.42; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 28.00; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 86.49; Verizon, hot spot, 40.01; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 1,096.00.

ROAD FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 35,357.55; Art's Garbage, garbage, 18.00; B's Enterprises Inc., patch material, 4,188.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 98.11; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 75.57; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs/shop supplies, 409.77; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 856.25; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 101.80; CHS Wausa, diesel/gas, 2,094.98; City of Creighton, water/sewer, 127.54; C-Mart, gas, 358.69; C-Mart LLC, gas, 73.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,715.42; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 555.47; Dixon Construction CO., bridge project, 108,059.94; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 4,347.55; Herbert Feed & Grain, diesel, 3,579.34; J&J Sanitation, garbage, 49.00; Jebro Inc., mc3000/demurrage, 23,103.84; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 86.72; LTL Holdings Inc., gas, 433.13; McCormick Tree Trimming, equipment rental, 2,498.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 268.41; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 37.08; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 54.00; R&K Motor Parts, repairs, 1,695.17; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,430.94; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Santee Utility Commission, garbage, 65.00; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 13.13; Sucha Repair, repairs, 222.51; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 655.68; US Cellular, cell phones, 280.09; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 42.00; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/supplies/tires/oil filter, 5,476.76; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tires/shop supplies, 1,102.55; Village of Center, water/sewer, 34.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 84.99; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 23,793.26.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. Dison Construction Co., bridge project, 12,396.09; JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fees, 11,952.50.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fees, 1,140.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Quill Corp., supplies, 511.03

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 1,625.30.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, phone system, 9,374.10; Gary Macke, concrete, 25,592.49.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,786.77; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 138.85; Creative Revolution, email/subscription, 870.41; Rita Pitzer, meals, 280.00; Stacy Miller, office supplies, 134.20; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 113.41; US Cellular, cell phones, 122.02; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 21.21.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Knox County Treasurer, transfer to 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund, 22,998.37.

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND. Cornhusker Industries, pillows, 66.00.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$275,688.34
Road Fund	225,532.49
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	24,348.59
Flowage Easement Road Fund	1,140.00
Child Support Fund	511.03
Visitor's Promo Fund	1,625.30
Covid ARPA Fund	34,966.59
C & C Development Fund	3,466.87
911 Wireless Service Fund	22,998.37
Sheriff Commissary Fund	66.00
Total	\$590,343.58

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:05 p.m. on September 20, 2023 until Wednesday, October 4, 2023 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 4, 2023
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, October 4, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman 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 Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the September 20, 2023 meeting were approved by Chairman Mackeprang as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) Letter of Intent from Great Plains Communications to apply to the Nebraska Public Service Commission for a Nebraska Broadband Bridge Project grant to provide broadband internet service north of Crofton along Lewis and Clark Lake.

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 \$989,741.14 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 10:14 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Oil Crew update; 2.) Center line and white line painting on County oil roads will take place; 3.) Bridge Crew update; 4.) Weigand bridge approach update. The contractor will have a company work on the bump at the approach. The road will be closed for a half day when work is being done; 5.) Lazy River Acres update. Discussion was held on work to be done to Highway 12 in that area. Also discussed was a compatible use report; 6.) Discussed roads being mowed; 7.) A landowner is requesting reimbursement for materials that he installed in the area where the County extended a culvert in a field driveway. The landowner had not communicated with the County prior to adding the materials therefore did not receive permission to place the materials. The Board took no action; 8.) Discussion will be held at a future meeting regarding the request by Herrick Township for assistance with the Kohles Acres entrance.

Economic Development Director Hanvey and Visit Knox County Director Miller met with the Board regarding the Niobrara State Park Visitor's Improvement Grant application in the amount of \$10,000 for concrete and concrete supplies for the construction of two Yurts at the Niobrara State Park. The Board had asked for more information when reviewing the application at the September 20, 2023 meeting. The Yurts will be rented at \$160 per night and hopefully year-round. Economic Development Director Hanvey said that the Niobrara State Park and the Lewis & Clark SRA are the largest providers of lodging tax to the County, so they have been included in the Visitor's Promo/Improvement Grant process. After further discussion, motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the Visitor's Improvement Grant Application of the Niobrara State Park in the amount of \$10,000 for concrete and concrete supplies for the construction of two Yurts at the Niobrara State Park. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4 due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the August 16, 2021 Board of Adjustments meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) The terms of Nick Stout and Kay Morrill on the Board of Adjustments will expire soon. Both members are interested in serving another term; 3.) The Tri-County Hazard Mitigation grant is nearing completion. An extension was granted because FEMA and NEMA needed additional time to review the grant progress; 4.) Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek will complete her Emergency Manager course for certification next week.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Tom Noecker with Hartelco of Hartington. Hartelco is applying for a grant to put fiber optic in the lake area and is requesting a letter of support from the Board. As the matter was not placed timely on the agenda for this meeting, the Board could not act on the matter and it would be too late for the grant process to wait until the next meeting, so Board members were encouraged to write personal support letters as individuals if they were interested.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of September 19 through October 2, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1.) Discussion was held on deer dumpsters. Sheriff Henery has been researching options for deer dumpsters. As Sheriff Henery was at training and not able to be at the meeting, he prepared information that the Board reviewed. The Board requested further research; 2.) Deputy County Attorney Jensen updated the Board on the Heimes/Janssen lawsuit. Also, discussed were pending cases; 3.) Chairman Mackeprang and the Board discussed the recent Joint Public Hearing. County Clerk Fischer presented a copy of the Knox County Joint Public Hearing Report that she had to prepare and submit to the Cities of Bloomfield and Crofton as well as the State Auditor and NACO; 4.) County Clerk Fischer presented a County Report of the recent Crofton City Recall/Special Election. Also, a public hearing will be held at the November 1, 2023 meeting on a reuse loan application.

GENERAL FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 102,565.68; Bomgaars, supplies, 43.20; Burns Lumber Co, LLC, ceiling tiles, 71.84; CenturyLink, long distance, 1.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,379.24; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 40,982.42; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 78.12; Creston Fertilizer, weed spray, 737.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 1,856.01; DAS State

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
October 18, 2023
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, October 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

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

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

Chairman Mackeprang approved the minutes of the October 4, 2023 meeting as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) Letter from Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy on Mason Grove Land & Cattle Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation.

Mike Wiederin with Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning met with the Board on a service contract for monitoring and maintenance of the heating/cooling units in the Courthouse and the two Annex buildings. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve a service contract between the County of Knox and Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning of Norfolk from October 1, 2023 through October 1, 2024 for the monitoring and maintenance of a total of nineteen HVAC units on the Courthouse Square at a cost of \$3,420 quarterly plus if service is needed after Heartland's regular business hours, Heartland will bill the County at a rate of \$120 per hour. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the October 3 – 16, 2023 Receipts Revenue List. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to cancel Check #23100031 in the amount of \$71.84 payable to Burns Lumber Company in Creighton due to duplicate payment. 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 10:11 a.m.

County Clerk Fischer presented updated CDC Covid-19 isolation and precaution guidelines.

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 \$616,980.76 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the County Sheriff's Report of Fees Collected between July 1 and September 30, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Discussion was held on deer dumpsters. Sheriff Henery researched companies and costs to provide dumpsters, hauling and disposal of deer carcasses. J&J Sanitation of O'Neill would provide the dumpster/service to Creighton while Waste Connections, Inc. of Norfolk would provide the dumpsters and service to Niobrara and Bloomfield. After further discussion, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the quotes for deer dumpster service from J&J Sanitation of O'Neill for the Creighton location with a delivery charge of \$191, haul rate of \$372 charged each time the dumpster is hauled, a disposal rate of \$65/ton and \$50 for liners at each replacement, and to accept the deer dumpster service of Waste Connections of NE, Inc. of Norfolk for a 6-yard dumpster delivered to Niobrara County Yard at \$143 per month and a 6-yard dumpster delivered to Bloomfield at \$92 per month with the time period for all three locations from the last week of October through the first week of December. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3.) The Courthouse Security Committee has been working with Applied Connective Technologies on upgrading the security cameras and service on the Courthouse Square. Deputy County Attorney Jensen was not present but had submitted a quote to the Board from Applied Connective Technologies for upgrading the security cameras and service in the amount of \$75,099.77. Sheriff Henery and the Board discussed the upgrades. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the quote from Applied Connective Technologies in the amount of \$75,099.77 for upgrading the security cameras and service on the Courthouse Square with the cost to be paid from the ARPA funds. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4.) Sheriff Henery informed the Board that the Crofton City Council approved a law enforcement contract between Knox County and the City of Crofton where law enforcement service would be provided by the County when called and Sheriff Henery would bill the Crofton City accordingly; 5.) Recruitment of a full-time deputy is taking place with the aid of Economic Development Office staff.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the September Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Mrs. Jelinek informed the Board that she has completed her required courses and is now a certified Emergency Manager; 3.) Maps for the fire departments and the Sheriff's Office will be distributed soon.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. Pierce on replacing a sanding machine. The cost would be \$12,500 and it would be 120 days before it could be delivered. More research will be done.

Officials' update was given by County Clerk Fischer who informed the Board that ballots will be delivered to the Crofton Post Office on Monday, October 23, 2023 for the upcoming Crofton City recall election.

GENERAL FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 93,446.34; Applied Connective Technologies, IT/Phone, 5,166.43; CenTec Cast Metal Products, grave markers, 1,062.22; CAN Surety, notary bonds, 80.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,320.78; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 32.67; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 472.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies, 941.52; Ecowater, bottled water, 305.50; Elections Systems & Software,

ballots/layout, 1,382.01; Fire Protection Services LLC, fire alarm inspection, 600.00; Gragert's, jail food/supplies, 983.84; Great Plains Communications, internet at Lindy tower, 672.75; Hefner Hardware, bug spray, 3.50; Knox County Clerk, minimum balance fee, 10.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 322.96; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 143,951.92; Lois Kumm, jail food, 58.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; Moody Motor Company, repairs, 47.30; NACO, registration/postcards, 5,058.58; North Central Public Power District, Lindy tower electricity, 52.23; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 86.52; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Quill Corporation, supplies, 84.20; R&K Motor Parts, headlight, 19.99; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 6,807.60; US Cellular, cell phones, 183.53; US Cellular, cell phones, 459.42; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 227.07; Verizon, hot spot, 40.01; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 812.00.

ROAD FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 37,864.93; Art's Garbage, garbage, 18.00; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 50.00; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 356.04; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 48.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 73.19; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 54.38; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 162.61; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 642.33; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., repairs, 31.05; CHS Wausa, diesel/gas/propane, 5,832.99; C-Mart, gas, 428.96; C-Mart LLC, gas, 70.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,907.20; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 4,864.55; Country Market, shop supplies, 19.06; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 355.61; Crofton Lumber, shop supplies, 147.85; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 4,486.05; Herbert Feed & Grain, diesel/oil, 4,091.23; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 3,400.00; J&J Sanitation, garbage, 49.00; Jebro Inc., mc3000/demurrage, 47,009.88; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 136.87; JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 1,938.75; Kevin Barta, gas/meals, 86.81; Laflan Medical Clinic, drug test, 75.00; LTL Holdings Inc., gas, 308.69; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 70.00; Pump Hook & Placement Co., equipment rental, 1,091.40; R&K Motor Parts, repairs, 256.63; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,621.68; Rohrer Welding, shop materials, 171.95; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schreier Lumber, concrete/concrete rake, 15,427.49; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 883.00; Straight-Line Striping Inc., centerline striping, 36,907.30; Sucha Repair, repairs, 255.99; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 3,955.08; US Cellular, cell phones, 615.75; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 31,537.06; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/supplies, 4,976.23; Vic's Service LLC, gas/ shop supplies, 337.37; Village of Center, water/sewer, 34.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 87.39; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 7,236.00.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Dixon Construction Co., bridge project, 54,030.52.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Maximus US Services Inc., cost allocation, 1,250.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 1,625.30.

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

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Moody Motor Co. Inc., pickup, 47,464.00; Scott Ober Construction, storage building/garage steel, 6,050.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,786.77; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 138.85; Creative Revolution, website hosting, 312.49; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, subscription, 45.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 25.46; Niobrara Promoters, Niobrara bucks, 40.00; Northeast Nebraska RC&D, cemetery tour, 130.00; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 113.41; US Cellular, cell phones, 122.02.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. Kendra Holtz, meals/mileage, 63.40; OPTK Networks, networking, 228.44.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. OPTK Networks, networking, 533.04.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$270,890.96
Road Fund	222,062.60
Flowage Easement Road Fund	54,030.52
Child Support Fund	1,331.00
Visitor's Promo Fund	1,612.80
Visitor's Improvement Fund	10,000.00
Covid ARPA Fund	53,514.00
C & C Development Fund	2,714.00
911 Emergency Fund	291.84
911 Wireless Service Fund	533.04
Total	\$616,980.76

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
November 1, 2023
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 1, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supervisor 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 Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the October 18, 2023 meeting were approved by Chairman Mackeprang as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) News article of Distinguished Service Award given to Megan Hanefeldt, 4-H Youth Development Educator in Knox and Cedar counties; 2.) Letters from Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy on Herzog Feedlot and Mark Miller Livestock Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that all claims except Claim #2023110088, 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 \$508,731.15 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of October 17 – 30, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 30** for Amendment and Addendum to NIRMA/NIRMA II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements extending Knox County's participation in NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 and that the Resolution serves as an amendment and addendum to previous Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements with NIRMA/NIRMA II. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2023 – 30
FOR AMENDMENT AND ADDENDUM TO
NIRMA/NIRMA II INTERGOVERNMENTAL/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS**

WHEREAS, Knox County has previously entered into intergovernmental/interlocal Agreements with various other Nebraska Counties and other public agencies to form and participate in the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) and the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association II (NIRMA II) as authorized by the intergovernmental Risk Management Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4301 et seq.) and the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-801 et seq.), and

WHEREAS, Counties and other Public Agencies as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §44-4303 are allowed to participate in said cooperative undertakings, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has found that proper risk management requires the spreading of risk so as to minimize fluctuation in insurance needs and that benefits can be derived through the pooling of insurance purchasing by local government, and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II have provided coverages to the County in a cost-effective way which meet and exceed that provided by standard insurance carriers, and

WHEREAS, NIRMA and NIRMA II provide risk management services such as loss prevention, safety, audits and assessments, claims and litigation management, and coverages tailored to address loss exposures counties and other related public entities face not economically available from other sources, and

WHEREAS, these coverages and risk management services are essential for the continued effective and efficient use of county taxpayer dollars, and

WHEREAS, the current Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements will expire on June 30, 2024, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Knox County Board hereby:

1. Extends its commitment to participate in NIRMA and NIRMA II for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027, and
2. Declares that the Resolution shall serve as an amendment and addendum to the previous Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements entered into by the County Board, said Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements readopted by and incorporated herein by this reference as amended.

After motion duly made by member Supr. Pierce and seconded by member Supr. Liska, the following members voted by roll call vote as follows in regard to adoption of said Resolution: Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7.

The following members voted against the same: None

The following members were absent or not voting: District #1

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of November, 2023.

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

Knox County Board
By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairperson/Presiding Officer

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the County Treasurer's Report of Distress Warrants issued to the County Sheriff for collection of delinquent personal property taxes Delinquent 2022 and Prior

Personal Property/Mobile Homes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on an accounts payable claim from Deputy County Attorney Jensen for reimbursement of registration fees, parking fees and mileage. The mileage rate on the claim was 65.5 cents per mile. The Knox County Employee Handbook says that use of a personal vehicle if a county vehicle is available would receive reimbursement at the GSA rate that is now 22 cents per mile. Deputy County Attorney Jensen told the Board that the deadline had passed for her to reserve a discounted hotel room at a hotel in Omaha where she was attending a seminar so she stayed with her sister in Gretna, noting that the mileage was a lesser rate than what the hotel charge would have been. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to allow mileage reimbursement of 536.5 miles at 65.5 cents per mile for a total of \$351.41 for Deputy County Attorney Hanna Jensen. 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 10:03 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:26 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor District #1.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, 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, 2024 and to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 31** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent Form For Determining Incentive Payment in Calendar Year 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE
YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
2023**

Resolution No. 2023 – 31

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 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 1st day of November, 2023 at Center, Nebraska.

County Board Members

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

David L. Pierce /s/
James Sokol, Jr. /s/
District #1 Absent

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

County Board Member Supr. Pierce
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/
(Signature of Clerk)

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Bridge Crew update; 2.) Oil Crew update; 3.) Discussed recent Bridge Match committee meeting. Potential bridge projects were discussed; 4.) Discussed gravel purchased and budgeted; 5.) Winter preparedness of equipment was discussed; 6.) Discussion was held on culverts needed for new driveways; 7.) Equipment repairs were discussed.

The Board and officials discussed 2024 proposed holidays. A survey of 2024 holidays set by other counties was reviewed. After a discussion, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set the 2024 holidays/Courthouse closings as follows: New Year's Day January 1; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 15; Presidents' Day February 19; Memorial Day May 27; Independence Day July 4; Labor Day September 2; Columbus Day October 14; Veterans' Day November 11; Thanksgiving November 28; Thanksgiving Friday November 29; close at noon on Christmas Eve December 24; and Christmas December 25. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang opened at 11:09 a.m. the advertised hearing on the reuse loan application of Kerri Koch-Koenig of JKK Veterinary Clinic, P.C. Present were Kerri Koch-Koeing and her husband, Jason Koenig, NENEDD loan specialist Jeff Christensen and new NENEDD director Shannon Stuchlik. The application is for the purchase of the Sunrise Veterinary Hospital in Creighton. Discussion was held on terms and conditions with Tri-County Bank to be the first lien holder and Knox County to be the second lien holder. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:14 a.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to approve the reuse loan application for Kerri Koch-Koenig of JKK Veterinary Clinic, P.C. in the amount of \$148,000 with a 20-year term at 4.5%

interest and first lien holder to be Tri-County Bank and Knox County as the second lien holder. 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. Sokol, Jr. that Claim #2023110088, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, made payable to NED, Inc. in the amount of \$148,000 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.

NENEDD loan specialist Jeff Christensen introduced to the Board Shannon Stuchlik who is the newly appointed executive director of the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat Application #P2315 Scott Fiedler for a lot split of Lot 609, Hideaway Acres 6th Addition. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the Visitor's Promo application for Northeast Nebraska RC&D in the amount of \$200 to support the promotional expense of the Knox County Cemetery bus tour that was held in September. By roll call. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2022/2023 audit draft and the audit exit conference information.

Officials' update was given by the following: 1.) Sheriff Henery said the water pump in the Courthouse generator is going out and will need to be replaced. Also, the State Patrol Captain was at his office recently and discussed was putting a State antenna on the Lindy Tower. Equipment is being placed in the new pickup; 2.) County Clerk Fischer presented information of the changes to the Accounts Payable claim process that will start with the November 15, 2023 meeting. Also, an update was given on the recent Officials' quarterly meeting; 3.) Deputy County Attorney Jensen said that she applied for a NIRMA ASSIST grant to help with the security camera update costs. Also, she recently attended a County Attorney seminar where the TERC commissioners presented a session on TERC hearings.

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

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to go into executive session at 11:54 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of individuals when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of individuals when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 12:10 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 12:10 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.

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

GENERAL FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 104,135.05; Applied Connective Technologies, IT cost, 1,392.98; Center Garage, weed truck brakes, 606.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 1.39; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 65.00; CNA Surety, bonds, 80.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,498.46; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 42,922.42; Creston Fertilizer, weed spray, 368.80; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 1,010.10; Crowne Plaza-Kearney, lodging, 243.90; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios, 161.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 537.60; Eakes Office Solutions, copier contract, 267.90; Ecowater, bottled water, 188.50; Elizabeth Doerr, contract labor, 250.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/postage/supplies/meals, 5,848.67; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co., supplies, 741.16; Grafix Shoppe, decals, 377.97; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet/fax, 2,074.96; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., quarterly bill, 3,420.00; Knox County Court, cases pending etc., 227.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 126.23; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 295.91; Loffler, copier contract, 355.03; NACO, registrations, 2,850.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,815.30; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 559.32; NPAS Inc., data master part, 230.93; Powertech, Lindy Tower, 2,410.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,241.00; Quill Corporation, supplies, 328.99; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 6,979.82; UNL Eastern Nebraska Research & Extension Center, salary, 12,123.51.

ROAD FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 41,921.32; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 38.65; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 980.94; Cedar-Knox PPD, electricity, 100.44; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,934.46; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 19,715.32; First National Bank Omaha, repairs, 568.96; Great Plains Communications, phone, 196.70; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,001.86; Jebro Inc., demurrage, 320.00; Laflan Medical Clinic, drug test, 150.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Larry Oleson, clay, 900.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 119.20; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fee, 3,665.29; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 150.00; Mike Jelinek, mileage, 30.13; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 130.79; Norfolk Construction Co. Inc., equipment rental, 1,500.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 284.92; Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk, building repair, 661.50; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 73.11; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 851.58; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,644.04; Roger Lenke, clay, 450.00; Santee Utility Commission, garbage, 65.00; Steffens Service, gas, 209.02; Vakoc Excavating LLC, sand, 2,400.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 40,083.86.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 157.50.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, courtroom upgrade, 1,125.00; First National Bank Omaha, zoom subscription, 158.14; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet/fax, 115.17; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 164.44.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 1,610.38.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, internet, 86.95.

COUNTY WELLNESS FUND. Name redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NED Inc., loan, 148,000.00; NENEDD, admin fees, 1,168.75.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 1,948.57; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 138.85; First National Bank Omaha, dues/gas/meals, 834.68; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet/fax, 89.48; 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, 113.41; Rita Pitzer, meals/program, 350.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Cedar County Transit, contract, 2,000.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 12,376.22; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 4,166.66.

KENO FUND. First National Bank Omaha, postage, 11.89; gWorks, clerk tab, 4,500.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, computer, 1,290.94; City of Norfolk, networking, 44.74; First National Bank Omaha, lodging, 109.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 234.36; Three River Telco, phone, 66.42.

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

TOTALS

General Fund	\$202,734.90
Road Fund	124,168.09
Flowage Easement Road Fund	157.50
Child Support Fund	1,562.75
Visitor's Promo Fund	1,610.38
Visitor's Improvement Fund	86.95
County Wellness Fund	250.00
Economic Development Fund	149,168.75
C & C Development Fund	3,525.77
Inheritance Fund	18,542.88
Keno Fund	4,511.89
911 Emergency Fund	1,745.46
911 Wireless Service Fund	665.83
Total	\$508,731.15

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:20 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 15, 2023 for a regular meeting.
I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By _____
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Center, Nebraska
November 1, 2023
10:03 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 10:03 a.m. Present were Supervisors Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor District #1. 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 Niobrara Tribune newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

The minutes of the October 18, 2023 meeting were approved by Chairman Borgmann as read.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file Notices of Rejection of Homestead Exemption Forms 458R. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

County Assessor McManigal met with the Board on the following: 1.) Reviewed Notice of Appeal Case No. 23R 0605 of TERC filing of Shannon and Kyle Hildebrand, Trustees vs. Knox County Board of Equalization; 2.) Discussed with Deputy County Attorney Jensen consequences of persons not filing their personal property schedules; 3.) Staff are inspecting new construction; 4.) Discussion was held on wetlands recently sold in the Lazy River Acres area and what the new owner plans to do with the property.

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

Chairman Borgmann adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:26 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 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

By _____
James J. Borgmann, Chairman

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
November 15, 2023
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 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was Patrick J. Liska District #2. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

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

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

The minutes of the November 1, 2023 meeting were approved by Chairman Mackeprang as read with the correction that the roll call vote for the adoption of Resolution #2023-31 and the reappointment of Highway Superintendent Kevin R. Barta was Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7, Nays none, Absent was District #1, Motion carried.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) Letter from Nebraska DEE regarding Jessen Feedlot Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation.

Public comment on agenda items was given by Sean Lawler with National Grid Renewables along with members of his team. Mr. Lawler informed the Board that lease amendments are being obtained for the North Fork Wind project. Information was given about the project along with other projects in Nebraska, recycling of turbine blades, suggested changes to the Zoning regulations, setback considerations and decommissioning.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce 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 \$316,400.68 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:30 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:44 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Patrick J. Liska District #2.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Bridge Crew update; 2.) The approach to the Weigand Bridge will be repaired by the contractor soon. Barricades will be set to close the road during the repair time; 3.) Inspection of sixty bridges is being done; 4.) Update on the Shaw bridge project. Work is slated to begin in early January. Discussion was held on placing culverts for a shoe fly while the bridge is being constructed; 5.) Discussed County Employee Volunteer hours. Recently a county employee answered a call to transport a patient which took the entire workday. The employee had called Hwy. Supt. Barta and Supr. Borgmann before making the transport noting that there were no other drivers available at the time. While many employee volunteer hours are used fighting fires or answering EMT calls locally, the Board said that in this instance the employee volunteer hours for the transport were acceptable, but it should not become a habit; 6.) A patrol operator requested a radio for the patrol; 7.) Oil Crew update; 8.) Supr. O'Connor and Hwy. Supt. Barta updated the Board on a driveway dispute; 9.) Update on aftermath of the Heimes/Jansen court ruling.

At 11:03 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on updated Zoning regulations. Nine people were present during the hearing and Consultant Keith Marvin was present via teleconference. Discussed were the following: ~~lot minimum size changing from one-half acre to one acre corrected 02/21/2024~~ one-half acre minimum lot size to remain for previously platted subdivisions; plan development; chart upgrades; change the first line under 4.15.06 to two acres instead of three acres that would be for transition in the commercial corridor in the lake area; proposed changes to the wind section with clarification and waivers; recommendations that FAA and NDA permits not be a part of the Conditional Use Permit process for wind turbines as these permits are required at construction; solar projects and energy storage that requires batteries.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 12:03 p.m. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 32** approving the updated Zoning Regulations contingent upon changes regarding minimum acres for single dwelling tracts in the commercial corridor, wind project setbacks, waivers and FAA and NDA permits, solar projects. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 32 COUNTY OF KNOX, NEBRASKA ZONING REGULATIONS RESOLUTION

A resolution, consistent with the Comprehensive Development Plan, adopted for the purpose of promoting health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the County of Knox, Nebraska, to regulate and restrict the location, height, bulk, number of stories, size of buildings and other structures, including tents, cabins, house trailers, and automobile trailers; the percentage of lot areas which may be occupied, building setback lines; size of yards, courts, and other open spaces; the density of population; the uses of buildings; and the uses of the land for agriculture, forestry, recreation, residence, industry, and trade, after considering factors relating to soil conservation, water supply conservation, surface water drainage and removal, or other uses; to divide the County into districts of such number, shape, and area as may be best suited to carry out the purposes of this resolution to regulate, restrict, or prohibit the erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration or use of non-farm buildings or structures, and the use, conditions of use or occupancy of land in the unincorporated areas of the County; to provide for the adoption of a zoning map; to provide for a board of adjustment, its members, powers, and duties; to provide for off-street parking and loading area requirements; to provide for conditional uses by conditional use permit; to provide for the proper subdivision and development of land, as provided in the Subdivision Regulations; to provide for non-conforming uses, to provide for the administration and the enforcement of these provisions, and for the violations of its provisions and the prescribed penalties, and including among others such specific purposes as:

1. Developing both urban and non-urban areas.
2. Lessening congestion in the streets or roads.
3. Reducing the waste of excessive amounts of roads.
4. Securing safety from fire and other dangers.
5. Lessening or avoiding the hazards to persons and damage to property resulting from the accumulation or run-off of storm or flood waters.
6. Providing adequate light and air.
7. Preventing excessive concentration of population and excessive and wasteful scattering of population or settlement.
8. Promoting such distribution of population, such classification of land uses, and such distribution of land development as will assure adequate provisions for transportation, water flowage, water supply, drainage, sanitation, recreation, soil fertility, food supply, and other public requirements.
9. Protecting the tax base.
10. Protecting property against blight and depreciation.
11. Securing economy in governmental expenditures.
12. Fostering the County's agriculture, recreation, and other industries.
13. Encouraging the most appropriate use of land in the County; and
14. Preserving, protecting, and enhancing historic buildings, places, and districts, all in accordance with the comprehensive plan.

WHEREAS Nebraska Revised Reissued Statutes, 1943, Sections 23-114 through 23-114.05 and 23-164 through 23-174.06 as amended, empowers the County to adopt a zoning and subdivision resolution and to provide for its administration, enforcement, and amendment; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Knox, Nebraska deems it in the interest of the public health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and welfare of said County and its present and future residents; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Knox, Nebraska has adopted a Comprehensive Development Plan pursuant to Neb. R. R. S. 1943, Sections 23-114 through 23-114.03, as amended, and known as Knox County Comprehensive Development Plan, 2020, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the County of Knox, Nebraska has recommended the division of the unincorporated areas of the County into districts and recommended regulations pertaining to such districts consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Development Plan based on a future land use plan designed to lessen congestion on roads and highways, to secure safety from fire, panic and other dangers, to provide adequate light and air, to prevent the overcrowding of land, to avoid undue concentration of population, to conserve agricultural land and values, to facilitate sewerage, schools, parks, and other public needs; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the County of Knox, Nebraska has given reasonable consideration, among other things, to the prevailing agricultural and rural characteristics now predominant in the County, to the character of the districts and their peculiar suitability for the particular permitted uses, with a reasonable understanding of the objective to conserve the value of lands and improvements while encouraging the development of the most appropriate uses of land throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the County of Knox, Nebraska has made a preliminary report, held public hearings, submitted its recommended final report to the County Board of Supervisors; and the County Board of Supervisors have given due public notice of hearings relating to the Comprehensive Development Plan, to the zoning districts, regulations, subdivision regulations, and restrictions, and has held such public hearing; and

WHEREAS, The County Board of Supervisors of the County of Knox, Nebraska have deemed it necessary to adopt the Comprehensive Development Plan, the zoning districts, regulations, subdivision regulations, and restrictions for the purpose of the conservation of the existing rural agricultural developments and land uses, of providing for the harmonious development and orderly expansion of urban areas radiating outwardly from existing rural communities, for the orderly extension and planned arrangements of county roads, utilities, for adequate sanitary facilities, for safe and health drinking water, and for reducing flood damage potentials; and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Neb. R.R.S. 1943, Section s 23-114 through 23-124.05, Sections 23-164 through 23-174, and Section 23-174.02, as amended, with regard to the recommendations of the Planning Commission, the Comprehensive Development Plan, the zoning districts, regulations, subdivision regulations and restrictions and the subsequent action of the County Board of Supervisors have been met;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KNOX, NEBRASKA: That the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations are hereby adopted and shall be administered and enforced by the Zoning Administrator of Knox County, Nebraska.

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

Absent
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

David L. Pierce /s/
David L. Pierce, 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. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat Application #P2316 Daniel J. Jessen for an 8.87-acre tract split in the SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 23, T31N, R3W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

Insurance Agent Jeff Hammer met with the Board on renewal of the 90 Degree Benefits health insurance and the dental/vision insurance with Principal Insurance Company. Mr. Hammer's recommendation was that the Board leave the 2024 premiums the same as the 2023 premiums as the renewal rate proposed by 90 Degree Benefits was slightly less than this year's rates. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set the 2024 90 Degree Benefits Health Insurance premiums and the dental/vision insurance premiums with Principal Insurance Company the same as they were in 2023, and the opt-out health insurance stipend to remain at \$375 per month. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the balance of the health insurance premiums/claims checking account and possibly moving part of the balance to the County Wellness Fund. More research will be done.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 1:17 p.m. with all members present except Supervisor Patrick J. Liska District #2.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of October 31 – November 13, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the resignation of North Frankfort Township Clerk Dean Wieseler and the appointment of Tom Sobotka as North Frankfort Township Clerk. By roll call. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the officials' bond of North Frankfort Township Clerk Tom Sobotka. 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. Borgmann to place on file the Final Audit Report of Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

A number of counties, including Knox County, received letters from the Nebraska State Auditor's Office stating that they will be dropping many of the counties for whom they conduct annual audits. Discussion ensued on finding an auditor for FY 2023/2024. More research will be done.

County Clerk Fischer updated the Board on the Operation Green Light Project that was observed by Knox County recently. The project was well received.

Committees' update was given by Supr. Sokol, Jr. where the Building and Grounds' Committee had discussed purchasing a van to replace a vehicle in the County's fleet. Also discussed was the storage building that should be constructed soon.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1.) County Clerk Fischer updated the Board on the Crofton City Recall election that was held on November 14. Also presented was information on recent issues with mail in five states that contained a suspicious substance indicating the presence of fentanyl. Candidates for the 2024 Primary Election can begin filing January 5, 2024; 2.) Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek informed the Board that the Planning Commission had approved a Conditional Use Permit for Verizon to construct a cell tower south of Center. The Board will hold a public hearing on the application on December 12. Also, the Board was asked if they wanted a wall map like the maps purchased for the fire departments and the Sheriff's Office with the addition of the Supervisor district boundaries shown. The Board said they would appreciate it and would place it in the Boardroom; 3.) County Assessor McManigal said that notification needs to be made to the State when new towers are constructed.

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

GENERAL FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 104,467.51; Applied Connective Technologies, IT/Phone, 4,630.43; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 20.15; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 8,163.14; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 19.64; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies, 1,512.78; Ecowater, bottled water, 318.50; Elections Systems & Software, ballots/coding, 171.54; Elite Court Reporting, court reporting, 600.85; Gragert's, jail food/supplies, 1,217.09; Great Plains Communications, internet at Lindy tower, 672.75; Hanna LK Jensen, mileage, 424.84; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 6.00; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 34.73; Madison County Sheriff, mental health board, 29.65; Madison County District Court, mental health board, 50.00; MIPS, computer program, 961.30; NACO, dues, 2,132.85; NACO, registration, 450.00; NACVSO, dues, 50.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, dues, 210.00; Nebraska Sheriffs' Association, dues, 470.00; North Central Public Power District, Lindy Tower electricity, 42.13; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 183.34; NSA/POAN, dues, 20.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 144.00; Platte Valley Communications, tower repairs, 2,412.08; Quill Corporation, supplies, 112.18; R&K Motor Parts, filter/oil, 138.46; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 7,574.37; R.S. Technologies, support/hosting, 500.00; Rhonda Surface, reimburse janitor supplies, 47.90; Steven Banks, reimburse dues, 15.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 183.98; US Cellular, cell phones, 460.50; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 240.80; Verizon, hot spot, 40.01; Vic's Service, tires, 413.50; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 516.00.

ROAD FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 40,747.11; Art's Garbage, garbage, 18.00; B's Enterprises Inc., signs, 288.00; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 6,266.70; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 87.36; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 144.87; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 936.09; Carhart Lumber Company, bridge materials, 75.00; CHS Wausa, diesel/gas, 2,739.04; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer, 128.55; C-Mart, gas, 197.05; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 3,127.67; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 7,240.09; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 407.56; Crofton Lumber, shop supplies, 12.89; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 7,941.90; Freeman Oil Co. Inc., diesel, 2,073.50; Herbert Feed & Grain, diesel, 7,170.18; J&J Sanitation, garbage, 49.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 195.37; Joel Suhr, clay, 150.00; Kayton International Inc., skid loader rent, 2,500.00; Kenneth Dine, reimburse HAZMAT, 101.50; Kevin Barta, mileage, 55.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 232.48; LTL Holdings Inc., gas, 207.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 37.59; Powerplan, repairs, 776.54; R&K Motor Parts, repairs, 1,546.35; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,816.27; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Santee Utility Commission, garbage, 65.00; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 6,737.64; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 17.15; Spencer Quarries Inc., red rock, 729.82; Sucha Repair, repairs, 37.16; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 6,191.85; US Cellular, cell phones, 619.57; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 32,186.91; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/supplies/grass seed, 7,501.35; Vic's Service

LLC, gas, 225.11; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 87.39; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 188.45; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 25,573.77.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 164.44; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 1,614.51; CTM Media Group Inc., visitor program, 200.00; Northeast Nebraska RC&D, grant funds, 200.00.

ROD PRES/MOD FUND. MIPS INC., computer program, 275.39.

COUNTY WELLNESS FUND. Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, wellness, 90.00; Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,786.77; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 138.85; NEDA Executive Director, dues, 150.00; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 113.41; US Cellular, cell phones, 122.32.

INHERITANCE FUND. Brogan Lamml P.C., court appointed attorney, 457.42.

KENO FUND. Art's Garbage Service, deer dumpsters, 235.00; City of Creighton, keno proceeds, 72.01; County Wide Directory LLC, maps, 1,295.00; J&J Sanitation, deer dumpsters, 191.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. OPTK Networks, networking, 228.44.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. OPTK Networks, networking, 533.04.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$139,658.00
Road Fund	168,544.08
Child Support Fund	245.44
Visitor's Promo Fund	2,014.51
ROD Pres/Mod Fund	275.39
County Wellness Fund	340.00
C & C Development Fund	2,311.35
Inheritance Fund	457.42
Keno Fund	1,793.01
911 Emergency Fund	228.44
911 Wireless Service Fund	533.04
Total	\$316,400.68

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:49 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 until Wednesday, November 29, 2023 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
November 29, 2023
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 29, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette newspapers, as shown by the Affidavits of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

Chairman Mackeprang approved the minutes of the November 15, 2023 meeting as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) A copy of the August 9, 2023 meeting newspaper minutes of the Board of Supervisors that was delivered by a constituent to the Knox County Clerk's Office. The copy was marked to make notice of the section regarding mowing of roadsides along with a reference to an individual.

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 \$362,292.96 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the November 14 – 27, 2023 Receipts Revenue List. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on finding an auditor to conduct the future County annual audits. The State Auditor's Office who had been conducting the Knox County audits notified a large number of counties that they would not be providing audit services any longer. Deputy County Clerk Nix had contacted independent CPA companies from a list provided by NACO and only Porter & Company, P.C. of Sioux City, IA submitted a quote for audit services. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the quote from Porter & Company, P.C. of Sioux City IA for a three-year contract for audit services with the costs to be FY 2023 \$16,750 plus \$4,750 for a single Federal audit if needed; FY2024 \$17,625 plus \$5,000 for a single Federal audit; and FY2025 \$18,500 plus \$5,250 for a single Federal audit. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Jonathan Voelker with Nebraska Game and Parks requested the County help with blading a new road that the Game and Parks is adding in the lake area. The Board said that the Nebraska Game and Parks would have to hire an independent company for maintenance of their new road; 2.) Discussion was held on County property. It was noted that a survey should be done on the right-of-way on the Weigand road as there are approximately eight rows of corn planted in the right-of-way. Also discussed was surveying an area north of Center and auctioning excess real estate; 3.) Discussed issues with the sander and truck at the Center Yard; 4.) Rip rap was placed in an area west of Center; 5.) The Verdigre North bridge project will be let February 1, 2024; 6.) A culvert issue had been resolved; 7.) The new truck for the Crofton Yard will be built in December; 8.) Culverts were ordered for the shoe fly for the Shaw bridge project; 9.) Word was received that the BIA would pay 100% of bridge and culvert projects on the Santee Sioux reservation. Hwy. Supt. Barta has nine possible projects and will be meeting with Land Management Director Mike Crosley to discuss the projects; 10.) Bridge project updates.

Economic Development Director Hanvey met with the Board on the following: 1.) Discussed ag-tourism and costs to host tours. Clint Miller of Verdigre hosted the Leadership Class by taking the class members on a covered-wagon tour and submitted a bill of \$15 per person. As Mr. Miller is the spouse of Visit Knox County Director Miller, Deputy County Attorney Jensen said there was no issue with nepotism, and she suggested the Board review the bill. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to allow submission of a claim by Clint Miller of Verdigre for an agriculture tour at \$15 per person for twelve people totaling \$180.00 to be paid from the C & C Development Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Jeff Christensen with NENEDD will be at the December 12, 2023 meeting to discuss a buy-out proposal by NED, Inc. of older reuse loans; 3.) A professional services agreement by Five Rule Rural Planning was reviewed and consideration of the agreement will be held at the December 12, 2023 meeting.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the minutes of the August 8, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Administrative Plat Application #P2317 for R. Jeremy and Teresa Schaaf on a zoning lot combination of Lots 669 and 2625, Block 3, Devils Nest Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3.) The terms of Rob Ganz, Doug DeShazer and Dean Wilken on the Planning Commission will expire soon. The members are interested in remaining on the Planning Commission; 4.) The County will be reimbursed 71.25% of Emergency Manager Jelinek's salary from the State as she is now certified.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Title 2 of the CFR, Part 200 Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan with Maximus Consulting. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the County Attorneys of Madison and Knox Counties designating the Madison County Attorney's Office as the official applicant and lead county for the Nebraska Crime Commission's 2024-2025 Community-Based Juvenile Services Grant application for Madison and Knox Counties. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Clerk Fischer and Deputy County Clerk Nix discussed with the Board the health insurance opt-out stipend that is set at \$375 per month with an annual amount of \$4,500. As payroll is now done on a biweekly basis, Mrs. Fischer and Mrs. Nix asked the Board for consideration of dividing the opt-out stipend to be paid over the twenty-six pay periods in

the biweekly payroll process instead of twenty-four pay periods. In the biweekly payroll process, there are two months in a year where there are three pay periods instead of two pay periods. Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve paying the health insurance opt-out stipend to those eligible employees who have opted out of the County health insurance benefit at each of the twenty-six pay periods in a year in the biweekly payroll process noting that the stipend will remain at \$375 per month for 2024 equating to \$173.08 per pay period. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1.) Hwy. Supt. Barta discussed land sold for a lagoon north of Crofton and sewer lines in the right-of-way; 2.) Sheriff Henery and County Attorney Thomas informed the Board of issues with Emergency Protective Custody people taken to Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk and the excessive wait time to treat EPC people. Discussion was held on Behavioral Health contracting with Faith Regional for EPC cases, that other sheriffs encountering the same problems are now taking the EPC people directly to Kearney, and options to alleviate the problems.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 11:42 a.m. to discuss public safety matters. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held to discuss public safety matters. The Board came out of executive session at 11:58 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 11:58 a.m. the executive session held on public safety matters. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 94,808.35; Albin Law Office, mental health board, 185.25; Applied Connective Technologies, computer, 1,094.02; Big John Manufacturing Co. Inc., hose reel, 315.00; Bomgaars Supply Inc., supplies, 158.83; Brite, parts, 138.00; Chad Vanness, mileage, 34.06; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,382.96; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 627.26; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 472.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 537.60; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 70.85; Davison County Sheriff's Office, service fees, 3.36; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 50.55; Doug DeShazer, meeting/mileage, 64.30; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/lodging, 3,354.35; Greg D. Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 56.44; Holly Wortmann, mileage, 43.23; Jane Wilmes, election help, 82.66; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 45.96; Joyce Bertschinger, election help, 83.94; Julie Dather, mileage, 23.58; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 42.69; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 143,951.92; LaQuinta Inn & Suites Kearney, lodging, 314.85; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; Nebraska Weed Control Association, registration, 150.00; Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, audit, 18,498.12; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 61.68; Platte Valley Communications, radio repairs, 742.50; Quill Corporation, supplies, 574.18; Rebekah Poppe, mileage, 17.03; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 6,784.76; Robert D. Larsen, meeting/mileage, 36.79; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 39.41; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 100.00; Sharla Hanzlik, mileage, 28.82; Tauber Plumbing LLC, toilet, 5,890.69; Tyler Technologies, vetraspec program renewal, 449.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 114.50.

ROAD FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 37,723.73; Applied Connective Technologies LLC, computer repair, 99.99; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 98.50; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, drug test, 100.00; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 586.19; Cedar Knox Public Power District, electricity, 124.62; C-Mart LLC, gas, 75.42; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,885.89; First National Bank Omaha, safety clothing/meal/lodging, 2,490.00; Grossenburg Implement, shop supplies/repairs, 818.18; Herbert Feed & Grain, diesel, 3,827.88; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 143.21; Pease General Store, shop supplies/repairs, 26.75; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,510.91; Steffen's Service Station, gas, 289.61; Village of Center, water/sewer, 34.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 15,788.07.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, office supplies, 1,094.50.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 1,674.29; Southeast South Dakota Tourism Association, advertising, 75.00.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, internet, 86.95.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 1,680.17; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 128.53; First National Bank Omaha, gas/postage/leadership, 542.93; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 113.41; Rowan Productions, grant expense, 450.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Galyen, Boettcher, Baier, court appointed attorney, 714.84; Stratton DeLay Doele Carlson & Buettner P.C. LLO, court appointed attorney, 380.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. First National Bank Omaha, office supplies, 37.99; Three River Telco, phone, 66.42.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Three River Telco, phone, 154.99.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$287,469.99
Road Fund	67,622.95
Child Support Fund	1,094.50
Visitor's Promo Fund	1,749.29
Visitor's Improvement Fund	86.95
C & C Development Fund	2,915.04
Inheritance Fund	1,094.84
911 Emergency Fund	104.41
911 Wireless Service Fund	154.99
Total	\$362,292.96

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:59 a.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
December 12, 2023
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

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

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

The minutes of the November 29, 2023 meeting were approved by Chairman Mackeprang as read.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska that all claims except Claim #23120058, 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. More clarification will be researched on Claim #23120058 and presented at the December 27, 2023 meeting.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of November 28 through December 8, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to amend the 2024 opt-out stipend to those employees who have opted out of the 90 Degree Benefits Health Insurance benefit from \$375 per month with a breakdown of \$173.08 per pay period in the biweekly payroll process to a flat \$175 per pay period in the biweekly payroll for 2024 and not to be set on a monthly basis. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:17 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Discussion was held on the proposal of a bridge replacement program by the Santee Sioux Tribe/BIA to build nine structures within the Santee Sioux reservation boundary at 100% cost to be paid by the BIA. The County would be responsible for maintenance on the new bridges after construction. Federal funds would still need to be allocated to the BIA and the design of the structures would be the BIA's choice. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to recognize that the Santee Sioux Nation is applying for Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) Bridge Funding for five new bridges and four existing bridges within the Santee Sioux Reservation, that Knox County currently is responsible for maintenance of the roads and will continue to maintain any new and/or replaced bridges which may be planned to be built on the Santee Sioux Reservation in the near future, and that the Board of Supervisors supports the Santee Sioux Nation in applying for the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) Bridge Funding for all of the bridges identified in Knox County as well as those bridges which may not be listed on the proposal. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) A preconstruction meeting regarding the Shaw Bridge project will be held at 10:30 a.m. on December 19, 2023 in the Annex #1 Conference Room; 3.) Update on the Bridge Buyback program and Counties awarded funding including Antelope County for a bridge that is located on the Antelope/Knox County line; 4.) Dan Wamberg is cleaning up scrap steel and selling it. The County will receive 40% of the sale funds; 5.) Snow fencing is being placed.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the November Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce to reappoint Doug DeShazer, Rob Ganz and Dean Wilken to the Planning Commission for three-year terms. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Jeff Christensen with NENEDD met with the Board on the following: 1.) Discussed the Knox County reuse loan program. Knox County has been using the Non-Profit Development Organization (NDO) process for several years and there are currently seven "pre-NDO" loans that are still being paid back to the Knox County's Economic Development Fund. After the loan made recently, the remaining amount in the Economic Development Fund is approximately \$40,000 which would not fund a larger loan. NED has proposed to use NED, Inc.'s NDO funds to pay off the Knox County loans which will allow Knox County to have a larger fund sooner to lend to Knox County applicants. As of December 31, 2023, the estimated total payoff of these seven loans combined is approximately \$97,000, making a total of approximately \$140,000 available for future Knox County applicants. All terms would remain the same for the seven loans, Knox County would assign any applicable Deeds of Trust to NED, Inc., there would be amendments to UCC filings from the County to NED, Inc. and if applicable, assignment of any life insurance assignments would be made. The borrowers would have to sign a new promissory note and list personal guaranty as applicable. Currently NENEDD processes and collects the monthly Knox County business loan payments and sends these payments to Knox County so the seven businesses will not see any change in the loan payments made each month. NENEDD staff will contact each business owner regarding this proposed process. After further discussion, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the refinance of Knox County Reuse Loan Fund loans #6872406, #6872407, #6872408, #6872419, #6872420, #6872423, and #6872424 with NED, Inc.'s NDO funds. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays Districts #1 and #7. Motion carried; 2.) Mr. Christensen presented information on the Affordable Connectivity Program that is a FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on Conditional Use Permit Application #CU2302 on Verizon Wireless Communications for construction of a cellphone tower in the NE1/4 of Section 11 in Valley Township. Rick Adams with Verizon was present and gave information to the Board about the lease of land near Center for a free-standing 309-foot tower that will have lightning rod at the top. Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek informed the Board that a letter had been sent to the Creighton Airport Authority, that FAA approval has been received, and

that a request was made to change construction to be done in twelve months to twenty-four months. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:11 a.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve Conditional Use Permit Application #CU2302 on Verizon Wireless Communications to build a Verizon Wireless facility to include a 309-foot self-support lattice tower and associated ground equipment and antennas, and to extend the construction time from twelve months to twenty-four months to allow time to obtain easements and licenses. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the 2024 Printing Report that is as follows: Bloomfield Monitor and Verdigre Eagle to be the legal papers; Creighton News and Crofton Journal to print the Delinquent Tax List; the Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette to print the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report; and notice of road and bridge projects 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.

Extension Educator Hanefeldt met with the Board for appointments to the Extension Board. Holly Wortmann of District 1 and Kari Nilson of District 7 have term-limited out and appointments are needed to fill these positions. Amber Jansen of Crofton is interested in filling the District 1 position and Ryon Nilson is interested in filling the District 7 position. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce to appoint Amber Jansen to the District 1 position and Ryon Nilson to the District 7 position on the Knox County Extension Board. Discussion was held prior to roll call vote. The discussion was held as it was discovered that Mr. Nilson now lives in Supervisor District 3 because of the redistricting of Supervisor Districts in 2021 after the 2020 census. Supr. Sokol, Jr. rescinded his original motion and made a new motion that Amber Jansen be appointed to the District 1 position on the Knox County Extension Board and further research be made on filling the District 7 position on the Knox County Extension Board. Supr. Pierce seconded the new motion. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Cedar County Public Transit Director Nikki Pinkelman met with the Board for continuance of the public transit contracted services provided by Cedar County for Knox County residents located within the thirty-mile radius of Hartington. A review of ridership, miles traveled and hours were discussed as well as the number of drivers and employees who drive the vans for Cedar County. The 2023 contracted rate for Knox County was \$2,000 per month and the 2024 contracted rate is to be an estimated cost of \$25,200 for a monthly payment of \$2,100 by Knox County to Cedar County. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the 2024 Purchase of Service Contract for transportation services between Cedar County Transit and Knox County with the estimated cost of \$25,200 for a monthly payment of \$2,100 per month to be paid by Knox County during 2024 from the Inheritance Fund to Cedar County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

At the November 29, 2023 meeting, the Board approved to contract with Porter & Company of Sioux City, IA for auditing services, however, since that meeting Porter & Company contacted the Knox County Clerk's Office and said that they would not be able to provide the audit services due to conflicts with staffing. More research will be done to find an auditing company.

North Central District Health Department had contacted County Clerk Fischer about reappointment of Jean Henes of Creighton as a "Spirited Citizen" to represent Knox County on the NCDHD Board of Directors. Chairman Mackeprang will contact NCDHD to see if the appointment can be made at the Board's reorganizational meeting in January 2024.

County Clerk Fischer and Deputy County Clerk Nix asked for clarification of the proposed 2024 Christmas Eve holiday. Depending on if the holiday begins at noon or if it is classified as one-half day which would begin at 12:30 p.m. would affect the number of hours worked and hours designated as holiday. The Board said the Courthouse will close at noon on December 24, 2024, making it 3.5 hours of working hours and 4.5 hours of holiday.

Committee update was given by Deputy County Clerk Nix who informed the Board that a scrap tire grant has been awarded for 2024 and the scrap tire collection will be held at the Center Yard on June 19, 2024.

Officials' update was given by County Clerk Fischer who informed the Board that there may be a special school bond election in the near future.

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

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into closed session at 11:50 a.m. to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the closed session will be held so as to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual. The Board came out of closed session at 12:03 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to close at 12:03 p.m. the closed session held so as to prevent the needless injury to the reputation of an individual. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 103,836.40; Applied Connective Technologies, IT/Phone, 4,942.93; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Cathleen Sue Stark, prior service, 12.00; Centec Cast Metal Products, grave markers, 745.15; CenturyLink, long distance, 1.39; Classic Carpet Care, mop rental, 50.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,452.64; Connie J Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 42,963.50; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 27.00; CVSOAN, dues, 100.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios, 161.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 537.60; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies, 474.69; Ecowater, bottled water, 292.50; Elizabeth Doerr, contract labor, 90.00; Gary D. Marshall, prior service, 12.00; Gragert's, jail food, 854.39; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet/internet at Lindy tower, 2,747.83; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc., hazard mitigation, 591.50; Jo Ann Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; John Thomas, postage, 17.60; Julie K. Rayer, prior service, 12.00; Karen Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 11.80; KV Electric LLC, tower/radio repairs, 802.24; **Landmark Surveying, survey fees, 5,000.00; Laura Hintz, prior service, 15.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance county pays, 295.91; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 106.12; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 961.30; Moody Motor Company, repairs, 268.38; Nance County Clerk, ballot envelopes, 244.40; Nebraska Secretary of State-Notary Division, notary renewal, 30.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,928.06; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 319.62; Pitney Bowes, meter supplies, 365.16; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 76.00; Platte Valley Communications, tower repairs, 4,830.00; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance county pays, 2,241.00; Quill Corporation, supplies, 375.74; R&K Motor Parts, filter/oil/starter, 680.58; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 6,945.15; Region 4 Behavioral Health Systems, quarterly bill, 6,638.00; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50;

US Cellular, cell phones, 183.98; US Cellular, cell phones, 394.92; Verizon, hot spot, 40.01; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00.

ROAD FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 41,117.71; B’s Enterprises Inc., culverts/lath, 53,430.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 81.91; Brian Dather, repairs, 80.00; Bruce Hagge, prior service, 24.00; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; CHS Wausa, diesel/def, 1,767.42; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; C-Mart, gas, 147.58; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,872.98; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 19,715.32; Farmer’s Pride, diesel/propane, 4,729.77; Graham Tire Norfolk, tires, 1,097.60; Great Plains Communications, phone, 196.70; Grossenburg Implement, filters/repairs/def, 2,640.29; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 114.97; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 4,414.04; Jedlicka’s Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 91.59; Kayton International Inc., lease/repairs, 5,022.56; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 88.75; LTL Holdings Inc., gas, 431.48; Marc Mastalir, prior service, 21.00; Michael Kucera, cdl renewal, 60.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 119.20; N&B Gas Company, propane, 539.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 58.42; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 346.75; Powerplan, repairs, 909.68; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 851.58; R&K Motor Parts, repairs, 1,348.65; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,591.51; US Cellular, cell phones, 617.70; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/supplies/oil, 5,048.78; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 77.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 4,023.10.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet/fax, 115.57; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 164.44; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR’S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 1,712.19; Southeast South Dakota Tourism Association, advertising, 904.00.

ROD PRES/MOD FUND. MIPS INC., computer program, 275.39.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 1395.45.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,948.57; Clint Miller, leadership, 180.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 138.85; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet/fax, 89.88; Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance county pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance county pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 113.41; US Cellular, cell phones, 122.32; Verdigre Eagle, subscription, 35.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Albin Law Office, court appointed attorney, 964.55; Cedar County Transit, public transit, 2,000.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.37.

KENO FUND. Arts Garbage Service, deer dumpsters, 466.50.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. City of Norfolk, phone/networking, 44.74; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 234.36; OPTK Networks, networking, 228.44.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. City of Norfolk, phone/networking, 104.38; Great Plains Communication, phone/internet, 406.46; OPTK Networks, networking, 533.04.

TOTALS

General Fund	**\$201,459.49
Road Fund	154,772.29
Child Support Fund	361.01
Visitor’s Promo Fund	2,616.19
ROD Pres/Mod Fund	275.39
County Wellness Fund	250.00
Economic Development Fund	1,395.45
C & C Development Fund	2,678.81
Inheritance fund	5,047.92
Keno Fund	466.50
911 Emergency Fund	507.54
911 Wireless Service Fund	1,043.88
Total	\$370,874.47
**Less disallowed Claim	-\$5,000.00

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:03 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 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 20, 2023
11:45 a.m.

A Knox County Employee Christmas Dinner was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of December 20, 2023 at 11:45 a.m. Present were Supervisors 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, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, and James J. Borgmann District #7.

Notice of quorum was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette newspapers, as shown by the Affidavits 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 Employee Christmas Dinner concluded at 1:00 p.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors will meet on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 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
December 27, 2023
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, December 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5 and Danny R. Schlote District #6. Absent was Supervisor James J. Borgmann District #7. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

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

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

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

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

Chairman Mackeprang approved the minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1.) Nebraska DEE letter regarding modified construction and operating application for the Joseph Kuhlman feeding operation; 2.) Policy Brief on Consumption Tax from Open Sky Policy Institute.

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, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent was District #7. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$414,706.44 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the December 11 - 22, 2023 Receipts Revenue List. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent was District #7. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the County Treasurer's Certificate of Pledged Securities. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent was District #7. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Resolutions by Board of Directors of Depository Banks and Securities. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent was District #7. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and Knox County of Amendment One extending the agreement for use of the VETRASpec license for an additional two years for the Knox County Veterans' Service Office. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent was District #7. Motion carried.

Review of Check #23120058 issued to Landmark Surveying at the December 12, 2023 meeting was made as to contracted charges for section corners. County Clerk Fischer explained the process, that the Project Hwy 12 tie-outs were completed, and the County received \$4,300 from the Nebraska Department of Transportation for twenty-five tie outs prior to construction and eighteen re-established tie outs after construction with seven section corners not disturbed but inspected. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Claim #23120058 in the amount of \$5,000.00 issued at the December 12, 2023 meeting. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent was District #7. Motion carried.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:19 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor James J. Borgmann District #7.

County Treasurer Ebel updated the Board on the recent request from Nebraska Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (Nebraska CLASS) to be considered by the County for investment of County funds in their company. No action was taken.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Discussed recent rain and snow received in a storm on Christmas; 2.) NIRMA approved ASSIST grant applications in the amount of \$542.46 for hi-visibility apparel and \$2,100 for a post driver; 3.) The One-and-Six-Year Road Hearing will be held at 10:30 a.m. on February 7, 2024; 4.) The gravel bid opening will be held at 10:30 a.m. on March 20, 2024 and the oil bid opening will be held on April 3, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.; 5.) Shed safety inspections will be held on January 26, 2024; 6.) Update on County-Township Allocation; 7.) Four-inch to six-inch sized rocks were found on the Rec Road. The rocks were moved to the side and there are four piles to pick up. It is unknown where the rock came from; 8.) The Board reviewed the resolution adopted by the Santee Sioux Nation that was submitted with the Santee Sioux Nation Transportation Program Bridge Application requesting funds for the BIA for construction of five new bridges and four existing bridges within the Santee Sioux Reservation; 9.) Discussed how much money should be invested in the truck tractor that pulls the belly dump tractor. While the truck is mechanically sound, it is receiving damage from pulling the trailer and materials; 10.) Discussed purchasing for the Bridge Crew a Makita cordless rebar tying tool kit at \$2,629 and a Bartell Morrison Truss concrete power super screed. The cost of the Bartell Morrison screed ranges from \$13,438.45 for a thirty-foot screed to \$28,194.08 for an eighty-foot screed. Discussion was held on the width of new bridges being constructed and what size of screed to consider purchasing. Also, discussion was held on a diesel hammer to be used on the bridge crane; 11.) Mechanic Crosley rebuilt v-plow skis/runners on a plow at the Crofton Yard; 12.) Discussion was held on the good job done by the new Road employees during the recent snowstorm; 13.) Supr. Schlote said a tow chain broke and needs to be replaced with either a heavier chain or a tow strap; 14.) McCormick Tree Service has been contacted to cut large cottonwood limbs along a County Road in Central Township; 15.) Asphalt chucks will be hauled to the Creighton Yard where they will be crushed; 16.) Discussion was held on outside employees clocking in and out for lunch while others are not taking a lunch time causing overtime pay. Discussion will be held between the Supervisors and their respective employees about the matter.

There was no public comment on agenda items. Comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. Schlote who said he had received compliments that the Board had approved continuance of public transportation services with Cedar County Transit.

Committees' update was given by Deputy County Attorney Jensen of the Courthouse Security Committee that NIRMA approved an ASSIST grant application she submitted in the amount of \$6,250 to be used towards the cost of updating the Courthouse security cameras.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1.) Sheriff Henery updated the Board on the generator that had quit shortly after electricity was lost in the area recently due to an accident. The 911 calls had to be rerouted to another County for nearly two hours until the power was restored. Discussion ensued on the generator shutting down due to low levels of coolant as a result of a water pump replacement, changing to a different type of generator and consideration of potential issues in the future; 2.) Sheriff Henery informed the Board that he has contacted the Nebraska Game and Parks about the State taking over the Lindy Tower so more service can be provided to the Weigand area; 3.) County Assessor McManigal discussed with the Board the formula used for computing ag land valuation for a school bond; 4.) Discussion was held on the varying sessions held at the NACO Conference held recently in Kearney; 5.) Deputy County Clerk Nix updated the Board on a telephone call with Eide Bailley Company for auditing services. The base rate would be \$40,000 to \$45,000, a single audit would cost a base of \$10,000 and the audit would be conducted remotely only. More research of other companies will be done; 6.) Supr. Pierce thanked everyone for "walking" him through the first year of his term.

GENERAL FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 91,341.12; Blue360 Media, law book, 184.45; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 112.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,172.17; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 12.51; Crowne Plaza Kearney, lodging, 5,532.95; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup/radios, 633.00; Dollar General, jail supplies, 90.25; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 133.02; Ecowater, bottled water/salt, 391.00; First National Bank Omaha, postage/gas/meals/supplies, 3,895.92; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co., janitor supplies, 451.60; Heartland Fire Protection, recertification, 214.00; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., generator diesel, 89.25; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 50.88; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 143,951.92; Marty O'Connor, mileage, 264.61; Monroe Systems for Business, toner, 278.46; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Quill Corporation, supplies, 13.79; Reserve Account, postage, 10,000.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 6,665.16; Verdigre Eagle, supplies, 656.00; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 139.27; Verdigre FFA Alumni, table fees, 65.00; Vic's Service, tires/gas, 526.38; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 516.00.

ROAD FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 37,415.35; Art's Garbage, garbage, 18.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 93.25; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs, 128.23; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 525.60; Burns Lumber Co., shop supplies, 118.58; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., tire repairs, 221.64; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 185.27; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,877.10; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 414.78; HrbeK Construction, dirt/haul, 1,313.00; J&J Sanitation, garbage, 49.00; Lance Rudloff, CDL renewal, 60.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 110.16; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 705.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 150.34; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 70.38; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,596.83; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Santee Utility Commission, garbage, 65.00; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 2,152.92; Spencer Quarries Inc., red rock, 1,049.30; Steffen's Service Station, gas, 301.58; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 61,100.13; Vic's Service LLC, tires/repairs, 846.85; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. MIPS Inc., jury list, 318.50; Postmaster, postage, 456.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 1,670.26; Miles Partnership, publishing/printing, 7,300.00; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, visitor's guide, 465.00.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, internet, 86.95.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Scott Ober Construction, garage door, 1,194.12.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,774.27; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 137.90; First National Bank Omaha, gas/meals/postage, 258.45; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 113.41.

INHERITANCE FUND. Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 14,254.74.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. First National Bank Omaha, fair supplies, 484.27.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$273,540.28
Road Fund	112,652.29
Child Support Fund	774.50
Visitor's Promo Fund	9,435.26
Visitor's Improvement Fund	86.95
Covid ARPA Fund	1,194.12
C & C Development Fund	2,284.03
Inheritance Fund	14,254.74
911 Emergency Fund	484.27
Total	\$414,706.44

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:21 a.m. on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 for a reorganizational meeting.

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

ATTEST:

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By
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman
