

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska

May 14, 2025

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, May 14, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Kevin G. Mlady 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 Sokol, Jr. presiding.

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

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

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

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

County Clerk Fischer read the minutes of the April 30, 2025 meeting. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the minutes of the April 30, 2025 meeting.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the public comment session at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Ed Van Gerpen from Bon Homme County, South Dakota gave public comment regarding wind projects. Also, emailed testimonies on wind energy were submitted by Nest Development LLC, Craig and Rita Wilken and Doug Johnson.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Mlady that all claims except Claim #25050125, 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.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce that Claim #25050125 payable to Elder Law and Estate Planning in the amount of \$8,677.71 written from the Inheritance Fund, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #5. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$360,403.67 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:01 for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:12 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. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2025 – 14 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and Resolution Between Knox County And Holt County** for the replacement of Bridge No. C004539715 on 510 Avenue approximately 1.9 miles North 872 RD on the Knox/Holt County line. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025 – 14 – Knox

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION BETWEEN KNOX COUNTY AND HOLT COUNTY

1. Knox County and Holt County (together referred to as "Parties") are political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska; and
2. The Interlocal Cooperative Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§13-801 to 13-827, permits local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their powers to enable them to cooperate with other governmental units in an effort to provide services and facilities in a manner that will accord with the needs of their local communities; and
3. The parties wish to replace Bridge No. C004539715 (hereinafter "Bridge") on a county line road located on 510 Ave approximately 1.9 miles North 872 Rd on the Knox/Holt County line, and
4. Replacement of the Bridge includes removal and disposal of the superstructure, Northwest Wing, and South Abutment of the existing 16' x 61' timber bridge, purchase and installation of 24' x 65' steel/concrete bridge; and
5. Holt County will use its equipment and personnel to dispose of all materials from the old bridge; and
6. Holt County will pay for the steel products package necessary to rebuild the Bridge that will be purchased from an accepted bidder; and
7. Knox County will use its equipment and personnel to tear out the old bridge and build the new bridge, hours worked on the bridge project will be kept on a spreadsheet for all personnel and equipment used daily. Knox County personnel (including Bridge Foreman and Knox County Highway Superintendent) will charge at a rate of their current hourly wage plus their fringe benefit package (health insurance, retirement, unemployment, worker's compensation, etc.) Knox County will use the rate of 1.5651% for regular time pay per hour and 1.1433% for all overtime pay per hour, which is Knox County's FEMA benefit rate. The following are hourly rates that will be used for use of Knox County equipment (operator not included):

30 Ton Crane:	\$225.00/hr
T770 Bobcat Skid Loader:	\$100.00/hr
GMC Bridge Truck (carry leads):	\$ 70.00/hr
Chevrolet Bridge Truck:	\$ 70.00/hr
Welders:	\$ 30.00/hr
Motorgrader:	\$180.00/hr
Case 621B Loader	\$130.00/hr
Pickups-charged at (state rate)/mile:	\$ 0.70/mile
JD 310K Backhoe:	\$120.00/hr

International Truck & Lowboy: \$120.00/hr
10-yard Dump Truck: \$135.00/hr

8. The parties agree that Knox and Holt Counties pay equal amounts (50-50) of ALL expenses including, engineering, required drainage study, removal and disposal of the old structure, the purchase and installation of the new structure, wages for Knox County personnel working on replacement of the bridge, hourly rates for use of Knox County equipment in replacing the bridge, and any and all other costs related to the replacement of the bridge; and
9. Each County is responsible for acquiring all required right-of-way or temporary right-of-way easements in their respective county needed to construct the project, if needed; and
10. Sufficient funds of Knox County and Holt County are now, or will be, available and are hereby pledged at the required time for the purpose of paying for said project; and
11. Each County that is a party to this contract agrees to indemnify and hold harmless, protect and defend the other as well as its elected and appointed officials, employees and representatives against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, payments and judgments, including any and all costs and expenses connected therewith, for the damages asserted, claimed or recovered against the other or its insurers, because of personal injury, including bodily injury or death, or on account of property damage, in any way connected with or resulting from the work associated with this agreement; and
12. Each county shall maintain general liability insurance coverage of not less and \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate covering personal injury, including bodily injury and property damage involved with this agreement. Each party will carry automobile liability limits of not less than \$1,000,000 single limit. Each party will maintain responsibility for providing its workers with compensation coverage and for any claims associated with its employees.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Knox County and Holt County hereby enter into agreement to replace Bridge No. C004539715 located on 510 Ave approximately 1.9 miles north 872 Road on the Knox/Holt County line. In accordance with the terms listed above.

Adopted this 14th day of May, 2025 in Center, Nebraska.

Supr. Pierce moved and Supr. Borgmann seconded the motion to approve and adopt said resolution.

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

James Sokol, Jr. /s/
Knox County Board Chairman

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2025 at _____, Nebraska.

_____ moved and _____ seconded the motion to approve and adopt said resolution.

ATTEST:

Holt County Clerk

Holt County Board Chairman

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mlady to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign an engineering proposal with MRJ Engineering, Columbus, Nebraska in the amount of \$27,940.00 for the bridge replacement project on Bridge No. 12-1W4 – C005442835 on 887 Road over West Bow Creek, being approximately three miles south of Crofton. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried; 4.) Bridge Crew update; 5.) Oil Crew update.

County Attorney Knox Jensen and Hwy. Supt. Barta discussed the reopening of the West one-half mile of 893 Road (Platted Road #719) located between the SW1/4 of Section 2 and the NW1/4 of Section 11, T32N, R4W (Hill Township). Motion by Supr. Mlady, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2025 -15** for Knox County's purchase from R & B Husker Valley, LLC the South 33 feet of the SW1/4 of Section 2 and the North 33 feet of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, all in T32N, R4W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska being approximately four acres in the amount of \$24,400 and such property shall become a public road again. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025 - 15

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2012-06 vacating and abandoning the West one-half mile of 893 Road (Platted Road #719) located between the SW1/4 of Section 2 and the NW1/4 of Section 11, T32N, R4W of the 6thP.M., Knox County, Nebraska (being a 66-foot wide right-of-way and approximately 4 acres); and

WHEREAS, such Resolution stated that all title to said vacation and abandonment shall revert to the owners of the abutting real estate, one-half on each side thereof, and become part of such property, as provided by law, and

WHEREAS, R & B Husker Valley, LLC. owned the properties adjacent on both sides of the above-mentioned vacated/abandoned portion of 893 Road (Platted Road #719), and

WHEREAS, the vacated/abandoned portion of 893 Road (Platted Road #719) reverted to R & B Husker Valley, LLC, and

WHEREAS, the Santee Sioux Nation requested that portion of the 893 RD be reopened as it provides access to the Hobo Creek Cemetery as well as access to a parcel owned by the Santee Sioux Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Santee Sioux Nation requested that portion of 893 RD be reopened as the County vacated it without consulting the Santee Sioux Nation, contrary to a Memo of Understanding dated January 1, 2006 between the Santee Sioux Nation, Knox County and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2025, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approved an Agreement – Sale of Real Estate where the County of Knox offered to purchase the 66-foot right-of-way mentioned above from R & B Husker Valley, LLC with the purchase price of \$24,400 (being approximately \$6,100 per acre), and

WHEREAS, Randy Koch, Manager of R & B Husker Valley, LLC did sign the Agreement – Sale of Real Estate on April 21, 2025, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Knox will pay R & B Husker Valley, LLC \$24,400 with the check drawn from the Inheritance Fund, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Warranty Deed will be drafted with R & B Husker Valley, LLC as grantor and the County of Knox as grantee for the South 33 feet of the Southwest Quarter of Section 2 and the North 33 feet of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, all in Township 32 North, Range 4 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, being approximately four acres and such property shall become a public road again.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2025.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the revised April 2025 Permits Report. 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. Pierce, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the Planning Commission's May 6, 2025 Report to the Board of Supervisors recommendation on Chapter 9 Community, Utilities and Energy of the Knox County Comprehensive Plan for the ban of future wind and solar commercial developments, and repealing, in their entirety, Section 8.08 Commercial/Utility Grade Wind Energy Systems and Section 8.23.05 Commercial Solar Conversion Systems of the Knox County Zoning Regulations. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried; 3.) At 10:45 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing on Permit P2507 Heaven's Ridge Preliminary Plat for a proposed subdivision in Section 13, T33N, R3W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. Tony Dick with Heaven's Ridge, LLC updated the Board on the proposed subdivision noting that there will be eleven lots but only six lots will be under Phase 1. The remaining five lots will fall under Phase 2 that will be worked on at a later date. Discussion ensued on joint maintenance on the road between Cedar Ridge Estate subdivision and the proposed Heaven's Ridge Subdivision, the proposed lots will be three acres each, the Comprehensive Plans may need to be updated in the future for transition from ag use to residential use, Frankfort Township Board needs to be named in the Phase 2 road plans as Phase 2 will affect Herrick Township and Frankfort Township, ingress and egress in the proposed subdivision, eliminating #4 under the Zoning Administrator's Recommendation on the P2507 Heaven's Ridge Preliminary Plat Knox County Zoning Administrator's Report, and conditions to be met before a Final Plat is approved. Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the public hearing on Permit 2507 Heaven's Ridge Preliminary Plat at 11:23 a.m. Motion by Supr. Mlady, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve P2507 Heaven's Ridge Preliminary Plat for a proposed subdivision in Section 13, T33N, R3W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, and to add Frankfort Township to the Phase 2 road plans and to delete #4 "The entire area on the final plat would be zoned as AGT – Transitional Agricultural District, not Commercial Corridor and stated on the final plat". By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried; 4.) Discussion was held on the recommendations from the Planning Commission's May 6, 2025 Report to the Board of Supervisors recommendation on Chapter 9 Community, Utilities and Energy of the Knox County Comprehensive Plan for the ban of future wind and solar commercial developments, and repealing, in their entirety, Section 8.08 Commercial/Utility Grade Wind Energy Systems and Section 8.23.05 Commercial Solar Conversion Systems of the Knox County Zoning Regulations. As per the Knox County Zoning Regulations, the Knox County Board of Supervisors now will need to hold a public hearing on each of those two items. 5.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 beginning at 1:30 p.m. at The Barn at God's Country, 53174 Hwy 84, Center, NE on the Planning Commission's recommendation for the ban of all new commercial wind and solar developments as being in the best interests of the public health, safety, convenience, order, prosperity and welfare of Knox County and its present and future residents and the demonstrable benefit to agriculture and recreational land in Knox County and to amend the Comprehensive Development Plan as per the redlined stricken language from Chapter 9 of the Comprehensive Development Plan which had been presented to the Planning Commission by the Zoning Administrator. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried; 6.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mlady to hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at The Barn at God's Country, 53174 Hwy 84, Center NE on the Planning Commission's recommendation to ban all new commercial wind and solar developments as being in the best interests of the public health, safety, convenience, order, prosperity and welfare of Knox County and its present and future residents and the demonstrable benefit to agriculture and recreational land in

Knox County and that Section 8.08 Commercial/Utility Grade Wind Energy Systems and Section 8.23.05 Commercial Solar Conversion Systems of the Knox County Zoning Regulations be repealed and stricken in their entirety as per the redlined stricken language which had been presented to the Planning Commission by the Zoning Administrator and such hearing to begin immediately following the public hearing that is being held at 1:30 p.m. on the same day and at the same location on the Planning Commission's recommendation for the ban of all new commercial wind and solar developments and to amend the Comprehensive Development Plan as per the redlined stricken language from Chapter 9 of the Comprehensive Development Plan which had been presented to the Planning Commission by the Zoning Administrator. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened at 11:40 a.m. a public hearing for amending Knox County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). Jeff Christensen, NENEDD Business Loan Specialist, was not able to attend but had presented an explanation of proposed amendment to County Clerk Fischer. Knox County has had a CDBG Economic RLF for many years. The last loan was approved in April 2025 which utilized the remaining funds at the County level which now has zero balance. The Nebraska Department of Economic Development, following directions from Housing and Urban Development (HUD), requested that local RLF's be discontinued and is being done as an amendment to the current RLF guidelines to discontinue the RLF. There are no funds to return to DED.

Brian ElDorado with the Knox County Visitor's Committee presented the recommended 2025 Knox County Visitor's Promotion and Improvement distributions. The approved applicants must present copies of paid receipts to Economic Development Director/Visit Knox County Director Miller before distribution is made. 1.) Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Pierce to approve the following 2025 Knox County Visitor's Promotion distributions noting the amounts to be distributed are contingent on paid receipts that must accompany the entities' invoices: amounts approved – 1.) Winnetoon – Winnetoon BBQ \$500; 2.) Wausa Community Club – Wausa Auto Show, Labor Day, Farmers Market and Christmas in Wausa \$1,000; 3.) Niobrara Promoters – Bridge Days Celebration and Niobrara Alumni \$1,000; 4.) Creighton Area Chamber of Commerce – Creighton Berry Pepper Days \$1,000; 5.) Lewis & Clark SRA – National Marina Day and Dueling Pianos \$1,000; 6.) Niobrara State Park – for purchase of 5 guest-friendly telescopes \$1,400; 7.) Crofton Dam Race \$1,000; 8.) Knox County Ag Society – Knox County Fair \$1,000; 9.) Shannon Trail Promoters \$300; 10.) Bloomfield Community Club – Bloomfield Appreciation Days \$1,000; 11.) Verdigre Improvement Club – Kolach Days \$1,000; and 12.) Harm & Tulles Event Center – promote H&T events \$500. 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. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve the following 2025 Knox County Visitor's Promotion distributions for Visit Knox County Promotional, Advertising and Marketing paid expenses as follows: 1.) Yankton Thrive Members – membership \$300; 2.) Discover NE Nebraska Guide – membership and ad \$945; and 3.) SEDS Tourism Association – ad and two listings \$962. 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. Mlady, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve the following 2025 Knox County Visitor's Improvement distribution to Knox County Development Agency/Visit Knox County – Website updated and tourism branding \$5,328. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

At 11:48 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the public hearing for amending Knox County's CDBG Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to approve an amendment to the Knox County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to discontinue the revolving loan fund. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery informed the Board that Department of Justice funds in the amount of \$33,342 were used to pay for new ballistic vests.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of April 28 – May 9, 2025. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Taylor met with the Board on the following: 1.) E.M. Taylor has completed all training needed to take the final testing for certification, however, due to the State canceling testing in April, E.M. Taylor must wait until October to take the certification testing. Discussion was held on E.M. Taylor's wage which is currently \$1,400 per pay period. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Pierce to approve a wage increase for E.M. Taylor to \$1,905 per pay period beginning with the May 4, 2025 pay period noting that no further wage increase will be made until an evaluation is made after the certification testing in October. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried; 2.) With the creation of the Crisis Therapy K9 Program, it was recommended by the County's contracted auditor, Regier Carr & Monroe, LLP, to establish a petty cash checking account to accommodate donated funds and for the expenses of the training, feeding and grooming along with other expenses. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Mlady to adopt **Resolution #2025 -16** for establishing a petty cash bank account at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank – Center Branch in the amount of \$50 for the Crisis Therapy K9 Program as per a recommendation by Knox County's contracted auditor, Regier Carr & Monroe, LLP. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025 – 16

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, Emergency Manager Austin Taylor has created a Crisis Therapy K9 Program with the approval of the Knox County Board of Supervisors and wishes to keep the program separate from the tax funded budgets, and

WHEREAS, Knox County's contracted auditor, Regier Carr & Monroe, LLP was contacted and recommended a petty cash checking account be created for such program, and

WHEREAS, the therapy dog which was donated to Knox County and there will be donations and expenses for training, feeding and grooming along with other expenses, and

WHEREAS, many of the Knox County accounts are at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Center Branch, and

WHEREAS, Emergency Manager Austin Taylor requests establishment of a petty cash fund in the amount of \$50 for the purpose of having an account for the Crisis Therapy K9 Program so expenses for the program are paid from donations and voluntary service, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a petty cash checking account will be established at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Center Branch in the amount of \$50 for the Crisis Therapy K9 Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the petty cash checking account is being established under the recommendation to Emergency Manager Austin Taylor by the Knox County's contracted auditor, Regier Carr & Monroe, LLP.

Dated this 14th day of May 2025.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 12:00 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:45 p.m. with all members present except Supervisor Danny R. Schlote District #6.

Discussion was held on the 2025 Committees and the recent clarification from County Attorney Knox Jensen on the Open Meeting Act regarding appointed advisory committees and subcommittees. The Courthouse and Grounds Committee meets before each Board of Supervisors' meeting, is considered an advisory committee as it is comprised of Board members along with County Clerk Fischer, Senior Office Clerk Rhonda Surface and Custodian Beth Rudloff and the committee must publish a public notice in the legal papers before each committee meeting and minutes must be taken. Subcommittees are not public bodies under the Open Meeting Act so discussion at the Courthouse and Grounds Committee meeting on this date was to change the Courthouse and Grounds Committee from an advisory committee to a subcommittee with the members to be Supervisors Pierce, Mackeprang and Chairman Sokol, Jr. Motion by Supr. Mlady, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to change the Courthouse and Grounds Committee from an advisory committee to a subcommittee and the members to be Supr. Pierce, Supr. Mackeprang and Chairman Sokol, Jr. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

The County owns a 2006 Chrysler Town and Country Touring van that the Courthouse and Grounds Committee had determined to be surplus property and recommend selling the van by sealed bids. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to adopt **Resolution #2025 - 17** to declare a 2006 Chrysler Town and Country Touring van be surplus property and to sell the van through sealed bids with the bid opening to be held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse on June 11, 2025 at 10:45 a.m. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025 - 17
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:

2006 Chrysler Town & Country Touring Van 2A4GP54L56R748621

WHEREAS, Knox County intends to dispose of said property as surplus pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 23-3115 through sealed bids, 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 is unusable by Knox County and/or obsolete and is therefore declared surplus property.

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

DATED this 14th day of May 2025.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

By: James Sokol, Jr. /s/
Chairman

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the Clerk of District Court April 2025 Fee Report. 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. Mackeprang to approve the Tatanka Golf Club Liquor License Manager Change Amendment. 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. Mlady to approve a Special Designated Liquor License to Camp Missouri, LLC (CJ's at the Lake) for a special event being a Dueling Pianos concert at the Lewis and Clark SRA on June 14, 2025 from 5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

County Clerk Fischer met with the Board to discuss the legislative changes to County budgets starting in 2025 and future budget preparations. A number of officials recently attended a NACO Budget workshop in York to learn of the major changes that will affect this budget year as well as future budgets due to possible revenue replacements and budget revisions made by the special session of the Nebraska Legislature in the fall of 2024. County Clerk Fischer presented a survey of budget preparers in other Counties and while she has prepared the budget for the last 22 years, she recommends the Knox County 2025/2026 budget be prepared by an accountant or firm to meet the new mandated budget requirements. County Clerk Fischer will present more information at the May 28, 2025 meeting.

Legislative update was held on the ongoing inheritance tax debate by the Nebraska Legislature.

Officials' update was given by County Treasurer Ebel who said that her office collected over \$6.4 million of taxes before the May 1 deadline, noting the taxes collected for all of taxing entities in Knox County.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to go into closed session at 1:19 p.m. to discuss Courthouse security issues. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated the closed session will be held on Courthouse security issues. The Board came out of the closed session at 1:47 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 1:47 p.m. the closed session held on Courthouse security issues. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #6. Motion carried.

Supr. Mackeprang left the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into closed session at 1:47 p.m. on pending litigation namely the North Fork Wind, LLC, v Knox County, etal lawsuit. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #5 and #6. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated the closed session will be held on pending litigation namely the North Fork Wind, LLC, v Knox County, etal lawsuit. Zoning Administrator Jelinek was present during the closed session. The Board came out of closed session at 2:10 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 2:10 p.m. the closed session held on pending litigation namely the North Fork Wind, LLC, etal v Knox County, etal lawsuit. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #5 and #6. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mlady to add by emergency action, the modification of the May 14, 2025 Board of Supervisors' agenda due to a typographical error, for setting a hearing date for repealing, in their entirety, Section 8.08 Commercial/Utility Grade Wind Energy Systems and Section 8.23.05 Commercial Solar Conversion Systems of the Knox County Zoning Regulations. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #5 and #6. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to modify the May 14, 2025 Board of Supervisors' agenda due to a typographical error, for setting a hearing date for repealing, in their entirety, Section 8.08 Commercial/Utility Grade Wind Energy Systems and Section 8.23.05 Commercial Solar Conversion Systems of the Knox County Zoning Regulations and noting that all zoning regulations were followed correctly. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #5 and #6. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 102,741.97; Amy Johnson, mileage, 17.50; Applied Connective Technologies, IT, 5,094.53; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 11.17; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 38.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,849.80; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 33,425.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara tribune, publishing, 28.91; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 74.00; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 52.30; Derrick Kinnison, mileage, 73.44; Don Hanzlik, mileage, 161.50; Doug DeShazer, meeting/mileage, 67.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies/copier/paper/janitor supplies, 1,853.10; Ecowater, bottled water, 273.00; Grager's Grocery, jail food, 829.95; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet/fax, 2,441.06; Great Plains Reporting Company, transcript, 354.00; Greg D. Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 58.60; gWorks, GIS program, 8,610.00; Harm & Tulley's Event Center, rent, 350.00; Hefner Hardware, key/brushes/tape, 15.08; Hyper-Reach Technology, program, 6,400.00; James Hames, mileage, 237.50; Jeannoutot Plumbing, repairs, 211.36; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 47.40; Josh Key, mileage, 46.92; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 43.90; LeRoy Clausen, mileage, 105.30; Lois Kumm, Jail food, 20.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 147.96; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 54.60; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS Inc., computer program, 878.86; N&B

Gas Co., propane, 510.00; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 64.20; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,000.96; O'Neill Shopper, publishing, 62.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 246.45; Postmaster, postage, 474.50; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 1,166.50; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 64.98; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filter/battery, 258.02; Regier Carr & Monroe LLP, audit, 11,000.00; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 7,213.42; Robert D. Larsen, meeting/mileage, 37.60; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 40.40; Robert Neyens, reimburse meal, 23.24; Terris Krueger, witness fee/mileage, 37.92; The Cincinnati Insurance Company, notary bonds, 250.00; The Glass Edge, repairs, 587.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 620.84; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 173.25; Verdigre Printworks, notary stamp/envelopes, 1,474.80.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 38,429.79; Art's Garbage, garbage, 20.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 170.23; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 247.23; Bohemian One Stop LLC, gas, 816.06; Burns Lumber Company, repairs, 1,507.93; CHS, diesel/def, 2,743.96; City of Bloomfield, water, 35.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer, 133.79; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,887.90; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,290.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 392.04; Farmers Pride, diesel/propane, 5,387.29; Freeman Oil Co. LLC, diesel, 1,436.30; Great Plains Communications, phone, 201.62; Grossenburg implement, repairs/oil/filter, 4,821.72; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 9,097.58; Husker C-Mart, gas, 445.47; Jebro Inc., crs-2, 5,029.92; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 233.81; Kaiser Appliance & Refrigeration, shop supplies, 49.77; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 420.31; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 973.44; Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 56.62; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 1,169.00; Medical Enterprises Inc., alcohol test, 5.00; N&B Gas Co., propane, 1,162.40; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 69.12; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 341.56; Pomp's Tire Service Inc., tires, 4,422.64; Powerplan, repairs, 347.70; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 419.94; Pump Hook & Placement, equipment rental, 1,125.00; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/shop supplies, 1,631.46; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,537.24; Schreier's Lumber Company, supplies, 219.50; Steffen's Service Station, gas, 346.23; Sucha Repair, filter/oxygen/welding rods, 570.34; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas, 1,861.84; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tires, 1,089.30; Village of Center, water/sewer, 34.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 94.45; Village of Wausa, water/sewer, 122.60; West Hodson Lumber and Concrete, concrete, 10,138.25; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 12,913.48.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet/fax, 165.68; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 168.91; Matthew R. Fischer, reimburse cords, 110.23; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 81.00; Nebraska Clerks of District Court Association, registration fee, 75.00; Postmaster, postage, 557.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Southeast South Dakota Tourism Association, dues, 375.00; Whitetail River Lodge, lodging, 103.35.

ROD PRES./MOD. FUND. MIPS Inc., computer program, 389.88.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,754.81; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 58.83.

INHERITANCE FUND. Associated Psychologists/Counselors, psych exam, 2,475.00; Cedar County Transit, public transit contract, 2,500.00; Elder Law and Estate Planning, special county attorney, 8,677.71; Elite Court Reporting Service Inc., court reporter, 433.99; Liberty Law Group LLC, special county attorney, 768.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender/reimburse interpreter, 2383.33; Stratton DeLay Doele Carlson PC LLO, court appointed attorney, 1,743.66.

KENO FUND. gWorks, GIS program, 8,154.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. City of Norfolk, networking, 39.14; Great Plains Communications, phone, 234.68; OPTK Networks, networking, 228.44; Three River Telco, phone, 132.84.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. City of Norfolk, networking, 91.34; Great Plains Communications, phone, 406.46; OPTK Networks, networking, 533.04; Three river Telco, phone, 309.98.

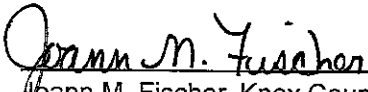
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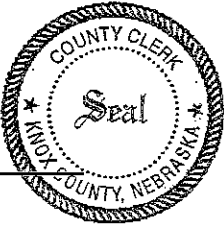
General Fund	\$198,960.29
Road Fund	128,492.08
Child Support Fund	1,157.82
Visitor's Promo Fund	478.35
ROD Pres/Mod Fund	389.88
C & C Development Fund	1,813.64
Inheritance Fund	18,981.69
Keno Fund	8,154.00
911 Emergency Fund	635.10
911 Wireless Service Fund	1,340.82
Total	\$360,403.67

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, until Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

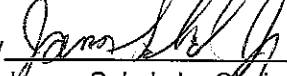
I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Supervisors' minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:


Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By 
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman
