

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
October 1, 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, October 1, 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, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Schlote 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 September 17, 2025 meeting. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the minutes of the September 17, 2025 meeting.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the public comment session at 9:47 a.m. Jena McCardle gave public comment regarding the lack of a county attorney and county court cases.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$300,972.25 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the public comment session at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:00 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Update on the proposed water line from the Ft. Randall area to Santee was given by Dennis Carroll and Santee Sioux Nation Land Manager Mike Crosley; 2.) Pictures of rusted culverts along the Rec Road were viewed; 3.) Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Mlady to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign the Certification to Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards Fiscal Year Reporting. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4.) The surplus truck/sander brought \$1,100 and the roller brought \$3,600 at the Fall Auction in Hartington on September 29, 2025; 5.) Oil Crew update; 6.) Bridge Crew update; 7.) Bridge inspections will begin; 8.) Hwy. Supt. Barta will begin seeking bids for purchasing a motorgrader and a truck.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into closed session at 10:40 a.m. for pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated the closed session will be held on pending litigation. The Board came out of closed session at 11:10 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 11:10 a.m. the closed session held on pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mlady to approve Katelynn Gatewood of NIRMA to present John Thomas in the lawsuit CI25 51 Paul A. Rosberg, Plaintiff v Dona Taylor, James Kube, John Thomas, Defendants. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into closed session at 11:11 a.m. for pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated the closed session will be held on pending litigation. The Board came out of closed session at 2:25 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Pierce to close at 2:25 p.m. the closed session held on pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue list of September 15 – 26, 2025. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to cancel Check #25090142 payable to the Secretary of State Elections Division in the amount of \$180.00 written from the General Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mlady, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to adopt **Resolution #2025 – 42 Amending Resolution #2025 – 36** for the transfer of \$100,000 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund during the 2025/2026 fiscal year as tax relief. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025 – 42 AMENDING RESOLUTION #2025 – 36

WHEREAS, Resolution #2025 – 36 was adopted on September 17, 2025 when the 2025/2026 Knox County Budget was adopted, and

WHEREAS, Resolution #2025 – 36 listed a transfer of \$200,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund during the 2025/2026 fiscal year as tax relief, and

WHEREAS, Resolution #2025 – 36 was in error as the initial workup of the 2025/2026 Knox County Budget was for a \$100,000.00 transfer from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund and such workup remained in the budget draft and in the adopted 2025/2026 Knox County Budget, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, Resolution #2025 – 36 is amended to reflect a \$100,000.00 transfer through the claims process from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund during the 2025/2026 fiscal year as tax relief.

Dated this 1st day of October 2025.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

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

Kevin G. Mlady /s/
Kevin G. Mlady, District #2

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

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

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

Officials' update was an Emergency Manager handout of recent events.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 97,360.25; Bomgaars, supplies, 73.58; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,453.53; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 31,072.50; Creston Fertilizer Co. Inc., weed chemicals, 481.88; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing/subscriptions, 141.09; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios, 194.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 537.60; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies, 1,755.95; Election Systems & Software Inc., layout/programming, 612.40; First National Bank Omaha, gas/meals/postage/supplies, 4,197.18; Jane Wilmes, election help, 141.00; Kelsy Jelinek, mileage, 23.52; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 142.65; Monroe Systems for Business, calculator ribbons, 42.99; Nebraska Weed Control Association, dues, 235.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 818.47; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 1,049.85; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 194.76; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly bill, 6,659.50; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 6,814.15; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 100.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 225.65.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 41,780.60; B's Enterprises Inc., patch material, 3,920.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, trimmer, 434.98; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 509.10; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 140.37; CMart LLC, gas, 468.51; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 3,150.31; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,602.50; First National Bank Omaha, supplies, 422.67; Grossenburg Implement, repairs/filters, 996.78; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,880.19; Keiser Ag & Irrigation LLC, equipment rental, 1,844.35; Kevin R. Barta, meals/phone supplies, 139.70; Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 57.06; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc, engineering fees, 3,842.50; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 123.86; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 122.44; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 396.61; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,765.11; TB&K Construction Inc., gravel/haul, 497.70; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 1,244.60; Village of Center, water/sewer, 34.40; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 27,288.11.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. MRJ Engineering, engineering fees, 27,940.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. First National Bank Omaha, dropbox/meal, 147.87; Growing Small Town Nebraska Podcast, advertising, 277.20.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,879.07; First National Bank Omaha, gas/leadership/promo, 415.75.

INHERITANCE FUND. Brogan Lammlie P.C., court appointed attorney, 1,546.08; Liberty Law Group LLC, special county attorney, 693.00; Rodney W Smith, public defender, 2,083.33.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$160,327.50
Road Fund	105,662.45
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	27,940.00
Visitor's Promo Fund	425.07
C & C Development Fund	2,294.82
Inheritance Fund	4,322.41
Total	\$300,972.25

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:38 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, until Wednesday, October 15, 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
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By James Sokol, Jr.
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman