

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
October 15, 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 15, 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 Crofton Journal newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

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

County Clerk Fischer read the minutes of the October 1, 2025 meeting. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the October 1, 2025 meeting minutes.

Correspondence reviewed was a letter from Carl and Nancy Schieffer of Crofton regarding their daughters' conditions following a traffic accident and the suspension of the Knox County Attorney.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, 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 \$1,182,156.45 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the public comment session at 9:42 a.m.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the public comment session at 9:45 a.m. No public comments were given.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 9:46 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 9:53 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) The Board reviewed a sales quote through the State Bid from Truck Center Companies in Omaha for a 2026 Western Star dump truck with snowplow and sander in the amount of \$284,899.00. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Mlady to purchase a 2026 Western Star dump truck with snowplow and sander through the State Bid from Truck Center Companies of Omaha in the amount of \$284,899.00. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Bridge Crew update; 3.) Oil Crew update; 4.) Discussed rusted culverts on the Rec Road and options. Mainelli Wagner & Associates will do a survey on the inlets; 5.) Ken Beaudette, Jr with Murphy Tractor & Equipment presented a quote for a JD 772 P-Tier motorgrader with 6WD in the amount of \$428,742.00 less \$38,900.00 trade-in of a 2004 JD 770CH II motorgrader with a net quote of \$389,842.00. After discussion, motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to approve the purchase through Sourcewell a JD 772 P-Tier motorgrader with 6WD with warranty of 5,000 hours from Murphy Tractor & Equipment of Sioux City IA in the amount of \$428,742.00 less trade-in value of \$38,900.00 of a 2004 JD 770CH II motorgrader for a purchase balance of \$389,842.00. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of September 29 through October 10, 2025. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Mlady to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected from July 1 – September 30, 2025. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of District Court September 2025 Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Jelinek was out of the office so the Board reviewed with County Clerk Fischer the Administrative Plat Application #P2516 submitted by Shane Greckel on a 7.07-acre tract in the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 9, T31N, R3W. The property had been included in the Vested Holding Subdivision that had been divided into Lots 1, 2 and 3. County Clerk Fischer said that a vacation of the Vested Holding Subdivision plat was needed for the Register of Deeds records now that the property is surveyed as acre tracts. The Board tabled the matter until the next meeting.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Mlady to place on file the Zoning September Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Shannon Jepsen with AFLAC presented information on a new dental plan. Ms. Jepsen will provide a vision plan to County Clerk Fischer for compiling a comparison to the current dental/vision benefit the County has with Principal.

The Board took a 10-minute break at 11:06 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Mlady, seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into closed session at 11:16 a.m. to discuss 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 recessed from the closed session at 12:15 p.m. for lunch and returned at 12:50 p.m. with all members present. Present during the closed session were Attorney David Begley, Attorney Danielle Myers-Noelle and NACO Executive Director Jon Cannon. The Board came out of closed session at 2:24 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Mlady, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 2:24 p.m. the closed session on pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mlady to go into closed session at 2:25 p.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. Present during the closed session was Attorney Pam Bourne and assistant, Attorney David Begley, Attorney Danielle Myers-Noelle and NACO Executive Director Jon Cannon. The Board came out of closed session at 4:10 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce to close at 4:10 p.m. the closed session held on pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 98,058.67; Anderson Auto Group, Emergency Manager truck, 47,498.00; Applied Connective Technologies LLC, IT costs, 5,279.83; AT&T Mobility, cell phone, 143.07; Austin Taylor, reimburse title fee, 15.00; Bohemian One Stop LLC, gas, 84.70; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,506.70; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 31,072.50; Creston Fertilizer Co. Inc., weed chemicals, 487.70; Ecowater, bottled water, 162.50; Election Systems & Software Inc., election memory sticks, 690.00; Fire Protection Services LLC, fire alarm inspection, 600.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet/fax, 1,610.26; Hagge Glass, windshield repair, 85.00; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., contract service, 3,420.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, supplies, 53.97; J2 Designs, Emergency Manager truck graphics, 920.00; Knox County Court, cases/dismissed/pending, 288.00; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees, 14.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer of funds - from General Fund to Flowage Easement Road Fund 303,240.93, General Fund to Vet Aid Fund 3,000.00, and General Fund to C & C Development Fund 25,000.00 for total transfer of 331,240.92; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 142.65; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS Inc., computer expense, 883.45; N&B Gas Company, propane, 770.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,050.58; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 171.30; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 799.53; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 1,049.85; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 141.44; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filter, 78.80; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 6,851.66; US Cellular, cell phones, 449.53; US Cellular, cell phones, 362.68; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 26.50; Willie's Service, oil change, 46.96.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 37,735.14; Art's Garbage, garbage, 52.25; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 256.86; Bohemian One Stop LLC, gas, 658.73; Carlson Home & Auto Supply, tire repair, 56.65; CHS, def/diesel, 886.65; City of Bloomfield, water, 35.00; Clark's Rentals Inc., equipment rental, 660.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,840.84; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 1,983.58; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 11,147.50; Crofton Lumber, shop supplies, 56.95; Farmers Pride, diesel, 4,735.42; Freeman Oil Co. LLC, diesel, 1,263.30; Great Plains Communications, phone, 213.38; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 31.98; Herbert Feed & Grains Co., diesel, 3,175.20; Holt County Treasurer, bridge labor/materials, 16,089.92; J&J Sanitation, garbage, 50.18; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 134.97; Kayton International Inc., repairs, 30.42; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 51.36; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 57.06; N&B Gas Company, heating fuel, 1,185.80; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 47.21; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 305.79; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 396.61; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filter/shop tools, 1,216.76; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,492.04; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 4,750.24; Santee Utility Commission, garbage, 65.00; State of Nebraska Motor Fuels Division, gas/diesel tax, 2,665.00; Sucha Repair, filters, 293.28; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 430.52; US Cellular, cell phones, 593.50; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/equipment rental, 27,151.90; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 8.80; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/supplies, 2,765.04; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 51.00; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 113.35; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 36,131.81.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet/fax, 168.57; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 173.82; Maximus Inc., cost allocation, 1,250.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

ROD PRES/MOD FUND. MIPS Inc., computer program, 398.74.

COUNTY WELLNESS FUND. Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to General Fund, 60,000.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,866.68; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 62.19; US Cellular, cell phone, 61.95.

INHERITANCE FUND. Cedar County Transit, public transit, 5,000.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to General Fund, 303,240.92 and 100,000.00 for total transfer of 403,240.92.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. Great Plains Communications, internet, 38.99; OPTK Networks, networking, 228.44; Three River Telco, phone, 66.42.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, internet, 90.96; OPTK Networks, networking, 533.04; Three River Telco, phone, 154.99.

TOTAL

General Fund	\$545,622.75
Road Fund	162,866.99
Child Support Fund	1,673.39
ROD Pres/Mod fund	398.74
County Wellness Fund	60,250.00
C & C Development Fund	1,990.82
Inheritance Fund	408,240.92
911 Emergency Fund	333.85
911 Wireiess Service Fund	778.99
Total	\$1,182,156.45

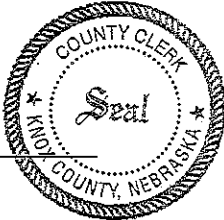
Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 4:10 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, until Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

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