

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Center, Nebraska
January 7, 2026
10:10 a.m.

A reorganizational meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 10:10 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. Schlotte District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Schlotte presiding.

Chairman Schlotte 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.

County Clerk Fischer read the December 24, 2025 meeting minutes. Chairman Schlotte approved the minutes of the December 24, 2025 meeting.

Chairman Schlotte appointed County Clerk Fischer as Temporary Chairperson of the Knox County Board of Equalization due to the reorganization process.

Temporary Chairperson/County Clerk Fischer called for nominations from the floor for the 2026 Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization. Supr. Sokol, Jr. nominated Supr. Schlotte. County Clerk Fischer called for further nominations three times.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that nominations cease for the 2026 Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #6. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Mlady to cast a unanimous ballot for Supr. Schlotte for Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization for 2026. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #6. Motion carried. Supr. Schlotte assumed the duties of the 2026 Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization.

Chairman Schlotte called for nominations for the 2026 Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization. Supr. Sokol, Jr. nominated Supr. Mackeprang. Chairman Schlotte called for further nominations three times.

Motion by Supr. Mlady, seconded by Supr. Schlotte that nominations cease for the 2026 Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #5. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mlady, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to cast a unanimous ballot for Supr. Mackeprang for the Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #5. Motion carried.

Chairman Schlotte announced the 2026 Committee as follows: **KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TAX CLAIMS** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, James Borgmann and Kevin Mlady.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to designate all 2026 Notices of Meeting be posted on the Knox County Website being knoxcountyne.gov; the Notice of Meeting for the first regular meeting of each month be published in the Niobrara Tribune newspaper and posted on their website; the Notice of Meeting for the second regular meeting of each month be published in the Wausa Gazette newspaper and their website; the Notice of Meeting for the third regular meeting that will be held in April and September 2026 and special meeting/quorum meeting notices will be published in both the Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette newspapers and their websites; and all Notices of Meeting will be posted on the statewide public notice website of <https://www.nepublicnotices.com>. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

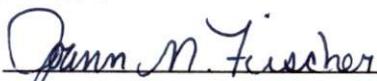
County Assessor Beckmann met with the Board on the following: 1.) The areas for liaisons were reorganized; 2.) Staff have been finishing the pickup review.

The public comment session was held at 10:23 a.m. There were no public comments given.

Chairman Schlotte adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:24 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 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.

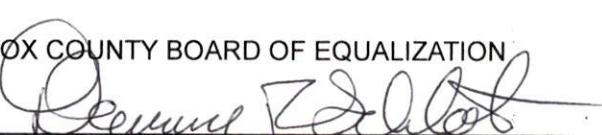
ATTEST:



Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk



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By 
Danny R. Schlotte, Chairman