

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska

April 15, 2026

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 15, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Kevin G. Mady 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. Mackeprang let 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 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 acknowledgement and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

County Clerk Fischer read the April 1, 2026 meeting minutes. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the April 1, 2026 meeting minutes.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the public comment session at 9:47 a.m.

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 \$322,219.55 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the public comment session at 9:57 a.m. No one gave public comments.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 9:57 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:07 a.m. with all members present.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of March 30 – April 10, 2026. 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 Clerk of District Court March 2026 Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mlady, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to accept and place on file the Certificate of Death of Township Officer and Appointment Form on Addison Township Clerk Shawn Jordan who passed away recently, the appointment of Lee Johnson as the Addison Township Clerk and the Acceptance of Appointment by Lee Johnson. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mlady, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Surety Bond for Addison Township Clerk Lee Johnson. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected between January 1 and March 31, 2026. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the Notice of Cancellation of the Wausa Village Law Enforcement Contract with Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

E.M./Zoning Administrator Taylor met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to reappoint Robert Ganz and Travis Barney for another three-year term to the Board of Adjustments. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2.) Discussed an upcoming zoning database program demonstration; 3.) Update on Jack Lewis grant application for public safety maps for the Knox County Task Force; 4.) Discussed the recent legislation adopted regarding safety inspections of swimming pools by cities, villages and counties; 5.) Replacement of damaged or faded 911 address signs were discussed.

Librarians from Bloomfield, Creighton, Niobrara, Verdigre and Wausa met with the Board with annual reports of activities and how the County funds used for at the six libraries in Knox County. The Board expressed their gratitude for the work the librarians have done for their communities and Knox County. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mlady to approve a cost-sharing distribution 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.

Committee updates were given by the following: 1.) Supr. Mlady updated the Board on the Santee Sioux water project. The Board signed and sent a Letter of Support to United States Senator Deb Fischer supporting the Santee Sioux Nation's FY2027 Congressionally Directed Spending request of \$8,958,456 for the continued construction of a water pipeline connecting the Santee Sioux Reservation to the Randall Community Water District in South Dakota; 2.) The Building and Grounds Committee continue with a grant process to replace windows in the Courthouse.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1.) County Clerk Fischer said the Primary Election ballots will be mailed on Monday, April 20; 2.) The Knox County Ag Society sent their mailers and putting up signs regarding the special election; 3.) Supr. Mackeprang thanked County Assessor Beckmann for notices of personal property schedules.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Pierce to go into closed session to protect public interest to receive legal advice regarding litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated the closed session will be held to protect public interest to receive legal advice regarding litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. The Board came out of closed session at 12:05 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 12:05 p.m. the closed session to protect public interest to receive legal advice regarding litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 101,117.57; Applied Connective Technologies LLC, IT/phone, 5,492.59; AT&T Mobility, cell phone, 125.45; Carrot-Top Industries Inc., flags, 179.47; Center Garage, tire repair, 25.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,742.31; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions

Group Inc., insurance County pays, 36,349.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 472.00; Echo Electric, light bulbs, 203.40; Ecowater, bottled water, 448.50; Elections Systems & Software inc., programming/media, 1,121.88; Fire Protection Services LLC, fire alarm inspection, 660.00; Grager's Grocery, jail food, 727.84; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,190.11; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., quarterly bill, 3,420.00; Heartland Radar, equipment, 180.00; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 145.82; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS Inc., computer program, 1,042.45; NACO, registration, 175.00; North Central Public Power District, tower electricity/electricity, 2,248.41; NENEDD, dues, 930.00; O'Neill Shopper, publishing, 50.00; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 171.30; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 149.38; Postmaster, election postage, 3,000.00; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 1,133.44; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 434.19; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filters, 39.80; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Reserve Account, meter postage, 2,000.00; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 7,083.80; Secretary of State Elections Division, election supplies, 40.00; Tri County Abstract & Title, title search, 175.00; University of Nebraska – Lincoln, salary, 17,076.01; US Cellular, cell phones, 109.32; US Cellular, cell phones, 346.52, Verdigre Printworks, envelopes/stamper, 1,352.75; Verizon Wireless Services LLC, warrants, 180.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 501.18.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 39,286.62; B's Enterprises Inc., blades/signs, 4,458.00; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 2,150.04; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 104.95; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 157.89; Bohemian One Stop LLC, gas, 588.40; Carlson Home & Auto Supply, tire repair, 34.55; Choteau Ridge Quarry LLC, gravel, 3,876.24; CHS, diesel/def, 1,318.92; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,941.36; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 13,664.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 14.73; Crofton Lumber, shop supplies, 18.44; Diesel Machinery Inc., repairs, 9,331.90; Farmers Pride, diesel/heating fuel, 6,409.94; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., gas/diesel/grass seed, 2,951.50; Husker C-Mart, gas, 411.32; IState Truck Center Inc., oil/filter, 100.52; J&K Auto, gas, 89.50; J&J Sanitation, garbage, 50.18; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 208.67; JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fees, 1,752.50; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 60.23; LTL Holdings Inc., gas, 233.02; Medical Enterprises Inc, drug test, 36.00; N&B Gas Company, heating fuel, 839.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 404.79; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 19.47; Powerplan, repairs, 418.67; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 443.52; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/shop supplies, 2,095.21; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,591.86; State of Nebraska Motor Fuels Division; diesel tax, 2,393.00; Sucha Repair, oxygen, 33.90; US Cellular, cell phones, 594.10; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 15.27; Village of Center, water/sewer, 70.40; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 51.00; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 103.90; Waste Connections of Nebraska Inc., garbage, 80.25; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 7,301.62.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,958.01.

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

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. KDAM FM, advertising, 231.75; US Cellular, cell phone, 62.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, court appointed attorney, 2,996.20; Hanna LK Jensen, court appointed attorney, 4,637.50.

KENO FUND. Joann M. Fischer, license fee, 100.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. City of Norfolk, networking, 39.14; Geo Comm Inc., mapping services, 1,079.40.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. City of Norfolk, networking, 91.34; Geo Comm Inc., mapping services, 2,518.60.

TOTALS

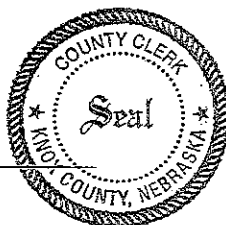
General Fund	\$200,401.49
Road Fund	107,705.38
Visitor's Improvement Fund	1,958.01
ROD Pres/Mod Fund	398.74
C&C Development Fund	293.75
Inheritance Fund	7,633.70
Keno Fund	100.00
911 Emergency Fund	1,118.54
911 Wireless Service Fund	2,609.94
Total	\$322,219.55

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:05 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, until Wednesday, April 29, 2026 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
