

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
May 27, 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, May 27, 2026 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 and Danny R. Schlote District #6. Absent were Supervisors Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Mlady 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 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 May 13, 2026 meeting minutes. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the May 13, 2026 meeting minutes.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the public comment session at 9:45 a.m.

Supervisor Borgmann arrived at 9:47 a.m.

Correspondence reviewed was the following: 1.) DEE letter regarding Dylan Kuhlman Livestock Animal Feeding Operation; and 2.) DEE letter regarding Ryan and Karen Arens Animal Feeding Operation-Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mlady that all claims, 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, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$400,572.66 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the public comment session at 10:00 a.m. No one gave public comments.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:07 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5.

Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz met with the Board on the following: 1.) A request was received from Herrick Township Board Chairman Roger Palu asking the County to grind the oil entrance road into Kohles Acres and put the road to gravel. Discussion ensued on private companies do this type of work, review of the 1968 agreement and the 1983 amendment with the State on the Rec Road, who would be responsible for maintenance, questioned if the road is a township road, snow removal, and who actually maintains the road now. Motion by Supr. Mlady, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to table the request from the Herrick Township Board to have the County grind the approximately 750 feet oil Kohles Acres entrance road and change the road to a gravel road as more research is needed to find out who currently maintains the entrance road and who does snow removal. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried; 2.) Bridge Crew update; 3.) Oil Crew update.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce to go into closed session at 11:01 a.m. to receive privileged and confidential legal advice regarding litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated the closed session will be held to receive privileged and confidential legal advice regarding litigation. The Board came out of closed session at 11:17 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 11:17 a.m. the closed session held to receive privileged and confidential legal advice regarding litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

EM/Zoning Administrator Taylor met with the Board on the following: 1.) Update on the Crisis K9 project; 2.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Permits #R2503 and #R2504 Applications for Permit to Install Pipeline or Service Line beneath a County Road for Great Plains Communications for installation of fiber optic along sections of Peoria, Sparta and Bohemia Township roads. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried; 3.) Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat Application #P2604 Hengstler/Kibbie 7.52 acre tract split in the SE1/4 of Section 33, T29N, R5W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried; 4.) Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mlady to place on file the March – May 2026 Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried; 5.) Discussed proposed permits and projects; 6.) Knox County was awarded the Jack Lewis Grant in the amount of \$8,000 to be used for the drone project.

Officials' update was given by the following: 1.) Economic Development Director Miller informed the Board that two interns from the University of Nebraska will be coming to Knox County from June 2 through July 17 to assist in her office as well as they will be helping EM Administrator Taylor. They will help with tourism, helping EM Taylor creating a CERT team, and assisting with the sedimentation grant process. The expenses associated with the interns will be paid by the University. Director Miller and EM Administrator Taylor will be going to Lincoln to train with the interns. Also, Director Miller attended the town hall meeting recently put on by Senator Mike Flood; 2.) Hwy. Supt. Barta, who was absent earlier in the meeting, discussed with the Board the Kohles Acres entrance road. Hwy. Supt. Barta said that the entrance road is mostly gravel now. Discussed was grinding the road and turning maintenance over to SID #1 or Herrick Township. A proposal will be drafted where the County grind the oiled Kohles Acres entrance road (being approximately 750 feet), turn it into a gravel road and turn over ownership and maintenance to SID #1 will be given to SID #1 Attorney Ryan Cwach by

Civil County Attorney Myers-Noelle for consideration. Also, Hwy. Supt. Barta updated the Board of a bridge west of "Ball's Corner" intersection with the Bloomfield North oil road that has a hole in it. Consideration is being given to replace the bridge with three culverts.

Motion by Supr. Mlady, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of May 11 – 22, 2026. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Mlady to approve Special Designated Liquor License to Stockyard 14 for an event on June 13, 2026. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to appoint NACO to facilitate the printing and mailing of the 2026 Knox County Joint Public Hearing "pink" postcards and designate the State Print Shop as the printing service. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #5. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 106,066.11; Applied Connective Technologies LLC, IT, 650.00; AT&T Mobility, cell phone, 125.40; Bomgaars, supplies, 430.60; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 8,115.20; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 36,349.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 41.49; Creston Fertilizer Co Inc, weed chemicals, 1,602.10; Derrick Kinnison, mileage, 26.10; Don Hanzlik, mileage, 96.90; Election Systems & Software Inc., ballots, 2,086.34; First National Bank Omaha, gas/meals/postage/supplies, 6,082.42; gWorks, assessor program, 8,610.00; James Hames, mileage, 142.50; Jane Wilmes, election help, 322.40; Josh Key, mileage, 49.46; Justice Data Solutions Inc., program, 3,400.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 60,655.21; LeRoy Clausen, mileage, 74.10; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 144.71; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/shirts, 188.58; MIPS Inc., computer programs, 11,427.36; NACO, registration, 125.00; NE District Assessor Association, dues, 25.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, registration, 150.00; One Office Solution, chair, 369.00; Postmaster, postage, 936.00; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 1,133.44; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 187.93; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filters, 35.88; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 7,405.51; Tri State Turf and Irrigation, sprinkler repair, 163.16.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 40,539.44; Avera Medical Group Hartington, drug test, 96.00; B's Enterprises Inc., signs, 2,276.25; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 180.71; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 56.53; Bomgaars, shop tools/shop supplies, 2,062.95; Cedar Knox Public Power District, electricity, 195.82; Choteau Ridge Quarry LLC, gravel, 4,124.52; Christopher Rohrer, reimburse hose, 49.97; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 3,039.89; County of Knox Employee Benefit c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 15,308.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 482.66; First National Bank Omaha, misc, 253.47; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., gas/diesel/shop supplies, 9,002.92; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 8,970.00; Husker C-Mart, gas, 141.04; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 84.69; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 60.23; Love signs, repairs, 221.65; Maxon Industries Inc., repairs, 538.01; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 137.94; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 443.52; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,676.42; Ronald Bourn, gravel, 5,440.00; Santee Utility Commission, garbage, 130.00; Spencer Quarries Inc., gravel, 477.78; Vic's Service, repairs, 95.93; Waste Connections of Nebraska Inc., garbage, 58.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel, 26,588.12; Yankton Fire & Safety Co. Inc., fire extinguisher inspection, 35.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, battery backups, 167.98.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Bloomfield Community Club, promo grant, 1,000.00; Creative Revolution, website maintenance/brochures, 837.50; First National Bank Omaha, lodging/meals/advertising, 1,411.66; Legendary Graphics LLC, shirts, 60.00.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,883.90; First National Bank Omaha, cell phone pouches, 1,374.57.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, gas, 99.30; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., gas, 60.85.

INHERITANCE FUND. Hanna LK Jensen, court appointed attorney, 4,525.00.

KENO FUND. First National Bank Omaha, postage, 13.54; gWorks, program, 8,154.00.

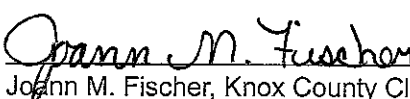
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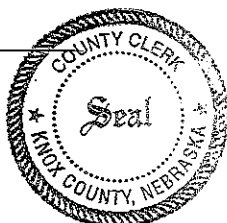
General Fund	\$257,216.90
Road Fund	123,767.46
Child Support Fund	167.98
Visitor's Promo Fund	3,309.16
Visitor's Improvement Fund	3,258.47
C&C Development Fund	160.15
Inheritance Fund	4,525.00
Keno Fund	8,167.54
Total	\$400,572.66

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:27 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, until Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

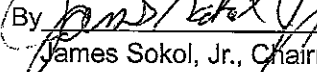
I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Supervisors' minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:


Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

By 
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman