

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska

August 26, 2026

8:30 a.m.

A special meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held at the Court House in Center, Nebraska on the date of Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 8:30 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 Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was available.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette newspapers, 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.

Review of submitted proposed budgets of the officials for 2026/2027 was held. The Board met with County Treasurer Ebel and County Clerk Fischer.

Jerry Nipp with the Knox County Ag Society met with the Board for the annual designation of levy authority. Jerry and Debbie Nipp presented an expense report of the 2026 Knox County Fair and future projects. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Mlady to adopt **Resolution 2026 – 18** allocating levy authority to the Knox County Ag Society in the amount of \$220,000 with the breakdown to be \$176,000.00 for General Expenses (0.004909 levy) and \$44,000.00 (0.001227 levy) for Capital Improvements for a total levy of 0.006136 for budget year 2026/2027. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2026 - 18

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors shall adopt a resolution that determines a final allocation of levy authority for Knox County's subdivisions as per Nebraska Statute §77-3443, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors reviewed an income and expense report of the Knox County Ag Society and comparable funds allocated to ag societies in neighboring counties, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as per Nebraska Revised Statute §77-3443, the Knox County Board of Supervisors will allocate \$220,000.00 to the Knox County Ag Society with the breakdown to be \$176,000.00 for General Expenses (0.004909) and \$44,000.00 (0.001227) for Capital Improvement for a total levy of 0.006136 for budget year 2026/2027.

DATED this 26th day of August 2026.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

The Board continued with the review of submitted budget worksheets. Weed Supt. Banks was present to discuss his worksheet.

The Board took a break from 10:39 a.m. through 10:45 a.m.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board held a telephone conference with former Zoning Administrator Liz Doerr. Mrs. Doerr stepped forward to assist Knox County as an interim for a short time.

Clerk of District Court Fischer and Veterans' Service Officer Hanvey reviewed their budget worksheets with the Board.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess for lunch at 12:01 p.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all members present.

The Board met with Sheriff Henery, Hwy. Supt. Barta and County Clerk Fischer.

Supr. Borgmann left at 3:01 p.m.

The Board made a number of cuts to various office expense budgets. The 2026 valuation is \$3,584,909,122 which is an increase of \$435,057,701 from last year's valuation.

Discussion ensued on the LB644 joint public hearing.

More budget discussion will be held at the September 2, 2026 meeting.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into closed session at 3:10 p.m. to protect the privacy of an individual. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent District #7. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated the closed session will be held to protect the privacy of an individual. The Board came out of closed session at 3:29 p.m.

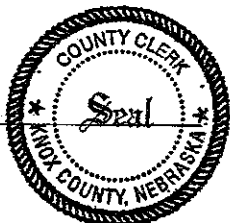
Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to close at 3:29 p.m. the closed session held so as to protect the privacy of an individual. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent was District #7. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 3:37 p.m., August 26, 2026 until Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board 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