

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
July 25, 2019
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 July 25, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, and Danny R. Schlote District #6. Absent was Supervisor James J. Borgmann District #7. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. 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.

The minutes of the July 11, 2019 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the July 11, 2019 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Knox County Economic Development May 20, 2019 meeting minutes and agenda, and Directors' report; 2. Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition letter; 3. Local Project Monthly Status Update on Verdigre North project.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang 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, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent was District #7. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$254,592.54 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

County Clerk Fischer informed that Board that she had approved a Form 200 for a Special Designated Liquor License for Z's Lindy Country Club for a special event on August 3, 2019. As the event date was relatively short notice there was not enough time to wait for the Board's approval so as to meet the filing deadline with the Liquor Control Commission. The Nebraska Liquor License Commission allows County Clerks in many counties to give local approval to special designated liquor licenses if the County Clerks have authorization from the Board of Supervisors or Commissioners to do so because of special event scheduling conflicts. Authorization was given to the Knox County Clerk at the June 29, 2006 meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The approved Form 200 was submitted for file.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to publish the following current salaries as per Nebraska Revised Statute 23-122. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent District #7. Motion carried.

Pursuant to Section 23-122, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, salaries & job descriptions of County officials and employees are required to be published between July 15 and August 15. Eligible employees receive a single health insurance policy or a taxable \$330/month stipend for opting out of County health insurance coverage, a single dental/vision policy and a \$5,000 life insurance policy as a benefit. Those not receiving insurance will be marked "no insurance". Non-exempt employees' salaries are based on an eight-hour workday and non-exempt employees are eligible for overtime pay for hours worked over 40 hours a week at one & one-half times hourly rate. The following are current salaries of Knox County officials and employees: 1 Supervisor/Chairman - \$2,123.66/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; 4 Supervisors - \$2,023.66/month; 2 Supervisor - \$2,023.66/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; Co. Attorney, Clerk of District Court. Court, Co. Assessor, Co. Clerk & Co. Treasurer - \$5,059.15; Co. Sheriff - \$5,759.15/month + \$120 uniform allowance/month & \$50 phone/internet/month; Co. Surveyor - \$83.33/month; Highway Superintendent - \$5,767.48/month + vehicle benefit + \$330/month opt out stipend; Emergency Mgr. - \$3,956.33/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; Part-time Zoning Administrator - \$25.63/hour + \$45 cellphone allowance/month & \$25 internet allowance/month (no insurance); Veterans Service Officer - \$20.75/hour; Weed Superintendent - \$19.81/hour summer months (no insurance); Development Agency Director - \$3,333.33/month; 911 Coordinator - \$19.00/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; Deputy Assessor - \$21.89/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month; Deputy Clerk of District Court - \$21.89/hour + \$330/month opt out stipend; Deputy Clerk & Deputy Treasurer - \$21.89/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$16.86/hour; 1 Recording Clerk - \$16.04/hour; 2 Office Clerks - \$16.04/hour; 1 Office Clerk - \$13.67/hour; 1 Part-time Office Clerk - \$12.30/hour (no insurance); 1 Clerks/Appraisers - \$16.63/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month; 1 Clerk/Appraiser - \$16.04/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month; 1 Clerk/Appraiser - \$14.34/hour + \$20 clothing allowance/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; 1 Office Manager - \$21.89/hour; 1 Part-time Secretary - \$13.33/hour (no insurance); 2 Part-time Office Managers - \$19.52/hour (no insurance); 1 Custodian - \$18.11/hour; 1 Chief Deputy Sheriff - \$4,202.33/month + \$36.64 other hours + \$120 uniform allowance/month; 1 Deputy Sheriff - \$4,110.82/month + \$35.85 other hours + \$120 uniform allowance/month; 1 Deputy Sheriff - \$3,643.84/month + \$31.78 other hours + \$120 uniform allowance/month; 5 Part-time Deputy Sheriff - \$22.78/hour (no insurance); 1 Head Jailer - \$21.70/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 2 Jailors - \$18.45/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Jailer - \$18.45/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; 1 Jailer - \$17.63/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Jailer - \$17.25/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Jailer - \$17.25/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; 1 Jailer - \$15.75/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Jailer - \$15.75/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month + \$330/month opt out

stipend; 1 Part-time Jailor - \$15.75/hour (no insurance); 1 Administrative Assistant - \$17.50/hour + \$60 uniform allowance/month; 1 Patrol Operator - \$18.26/hour oiling season + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Patrol Operator - \$17.76/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; 7 Patrol Operators - \$17.76/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Patrol Operator - \$16.39/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Patrol Operator - \$16.39/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; 2 Truck Drivers - \$17.76/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Truck Driver - \$17.76/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month + \$330/month opt out stipend; 1 Truck Driver - \$16.90/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Part-time Truck Driver - \$17/hour summer months (no insurance); 1 Part-time Truck Driver - \$15/hour summer months (no insurance); 1 Bridge Crew Foreman/Crane Operator - \$20.40/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Oil Foreman - \$19.89/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Mechanic - \$21.00/hour + \$35 clothing allowance/month; 1 Substitute Oil Foreman - \$19.89/hour.

Donations for flood relief/repair was made at the Knox County Courthouse by employees and the public in the amount of \$560 and deposited into the General Fund. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to use the donations in the amount of \$560 towards road repair and the \$560 donations be transferred from the General Fund to the Road Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent District #7. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote that the receipts be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts except District #7. Nays none. Absent District #7. (corrected 8-8-2019) Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$127,925.93.

#20002 - NIRMA, reimburse for flood damage-Flenniken Electric and Intek, 8,504.79; #20003 - Knox County Zoning, building permit, 153.00; #20004 - Cedar County Treasurer, tax collections-Crofton Fire Gen & Sink & Wausa Fire Gen, 1,083.00; #20005 - Midwest Bank, interest, 3,091.50; #20006 - Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 25.00; #20007 - Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, July 2019 business loan payments, 16,588.49; #20008 - State of Nebraska, 2nd quarter name plate tax for Crofton Bluffs, 36,939.00; #20009 - Bruce and Mary Hagge, flood relief donation, 100.00; #20010 - State of Nebraska, reimbursement for summer workshop motel accommodations, 267.00; #20011 - Register of Deeds, recording fees & documentary stamp tax, 5,434.82; #20012 - Holt Services, wrong vendor - cashed check in error, 123.46; #20013 - R & B Landtilling & Construction, flood relief donation, 500.00; #20014 - Santee Sioux Nation, final settlement Lindy North, 30,331.86; #20015 - BIA, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates, 10,430.00; #20016 - Knox County Attorney, stop funds, 80.00; #20017 - Anita Babutzke, flood relief donation, 40.00; #20018 - Commercial State Bank, additional interest, 78.77; #20019 - Joseph H Grier Estate, inheritance tax-Joseph H. Grier Estate, 620.69; #20020 - Cedar Knox Rural Water Project, refund overpayment to SID#1, 70.53; #20021 - Michael Foods, flood relief donation, 2,500.00; #20022 - NIRMA, insurance settlement Niobrara shop insulation and overhead door repair, 4,837.00; #20023 - Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 193.15; #20024 - Knox County Zoning, building permits, 480.00; #20025 - Knox County Zoning, building permits, 515.00; #20026 - State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 3,174.05; #20027 - Associated General Contractors-NE Chapter, flood relief donation, 500.00; #20028 - Dowling Township, culvert/band, 96.00; #20029 - Thomas A Kotrous Estate, inheritance tax, 1,167.82; #20030 - Knox County Attorney, non-sufficient fund check processing fee, 10.00.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:04 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:29 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Borgmann District #7.

Laurie Larsen with News Channel Nebraska and Senator Tim Gragert met with the Board regarding the fund raiser held on July 7, 2019 where donations were received for repairs to flood-damaged roads in Boyd and Knox County. The Board and Senator Gragert commended Mrs. Larsen for her effort and hard work. Knox County received \$9,160.31 at the fundraiser and \$7,040 prior to the fundraiser for a total of \$16,200.31. The Board expressed gratitude to the public for their donations.

Senator Gragert and the Board discussed flood relief, tax relief, and future legislation proposals.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:37 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 11:20 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Borgmann District #7.

Weed Supt. Banks met with the Board regarding non-compliance of controlling noxious weed. A number of landowners including the Nebraska Dept. of Roads, tribes and townships are not controlling leafy spurge. Ten-day notices can be issued and if the noxious weeds are not controlled, the County can spray the weeds and have the costs assessed against the landowner. The Board requested a letter from County Attorney Thomas as to Statute 2-956 where townships would need to control the noxious weeds on the township road right-of-way. Weed Supt. Banks will continue to talk to the landowners.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board about the generator at the Lindy Tower that needs to be replaced. Chairman Sokol, Jr. will research costs.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2019 - 10** authorizing Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign a Program Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation to provide for fracture critical bridge inspection and load re-rating (if necessary) services for Project Number STP-NBIS (118), 2019 Fracture Critical Bridge Inspection. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent District #7. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT
2019 FRACTURE CURITICAL BRIDGE INSPECTION**

Whereas: the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is developing a transportation project, on the behalf of the county, for which it intends to obtain Federal funds;

Whereas: Knox County as a sub-recipient of Federal-Aid funding is charged with the responsibility of expending said funds in accordance with Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid projects;

Whereas: Knox County and the NDOT wish to enter into a Program Agreement to provide for fracture critical bridge inspection and load re-rating (if necessary) services for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County that:

Chair of the Knox County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between the Knox County and the NDOT.

Knox County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.

NDOT Project Number: STP-NBIS(118)

NDOT Control Number: 01003

NDOT Project Name: 2019 Fracture Critical Bridge Inspection

Adopted this 25th day of July, 2019 at Center, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Knox County

James Sokol, Jr. /s/ _____

Virgil H. Miller /s/ _____

Martin J. O'Connor /s/ _____

Danny R. Schlote /s/ _____

Absent District #7 _____

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/ _____

Patrick J. Liska /s/ _____

Board/Council Member Supr. Miller

Moved the adopted of resolution

Member Supr. Liska Seconded the Motion

Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 1 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/ _____

Signature County Clerk

2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to accept a quote from Husker Steel of Columbus, Nebraska for steel products for Bridge #14-17NR (Reynolds bridge) in the amount of \$33,654 for the construction of a 24' 6" x 30' steel beam bridge with a concrete deck. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent District #7. Motion carried; 3. Discussed leasing a John Deere tractor to pull the road drag for District #1; 4. Oil Crew update; 5. Update on slide in Rec Road; 6. Bridge Crew update; 7. Update on FEMA, EWP and ER projects; 8. Bid opening will be held at the August 29, 2019 meeting for rip rap; 9. A meeting will be held this date at the Ponca Agency on the sedimentation issues; 10. Update on bridge projects and use of the federal aid funds; 11. Discussed budget and needed equipment.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the June 11, 2019 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent District #7. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Chairman Sokol, Jr. to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0138 Carl Rosberg on a 5.23 acre lot split in the W1/2NW1/4 in Section 23, T29N, R4W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Nays none. Absent was District #7. Motion carried; 3. The Board of Adjustments will meet on August 15, 2019; 4. August 13, 2019 will be the next Planning Commission meeting. Consultant Keith Marvin will be present with updates on the comprehensive plans and to assist with Jim Coburn's permit application.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Assessor McManigal and Supr. Liska regarding the reappraisal of the rural areas. An appraiser is now visiting farms in central and western Knox County. One homeowner was upset as the appraiser was taking pictures without announcement. People in the rural areas of central and western Knox County need to be made aware that a rural appraisal is being made by Blazer Appraisal of Norfolk by contract with the County Assessor's Office.

The Board made a quarterly visit to the Knox County Jail as per Nebraska Revised Statute 47-109.

GENERAL FUND. Bear Graphics Inc., shipping, 37.18; Beverly Kumm, witness fees, 35.08; Bloomfield Auto Parts, filters/repairs, 46.97; Bomgaars, washer fluid/oil/supplies, 28.96; Casey Schmeckpeper, witness fees, 43.20; Center Garage, range maintenance/rotate tires, 115.00; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 31.50; CMart LLC, gas, 41.50; Creston Fertilizer Co., weed chemical, 1,477.51; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 333.54; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 47.62; Dollar General, supplies, 118.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 208.34; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage/long distance, 2,644.44; Fred Steffen, meeting/mileage, 67.92; Heartland Energy Management, quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 35.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, washer, 540.49; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 43.56; John Thomas, mileage/lodging/parking, 371.56; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.66; Knox

County Sheriff, paper fees, 6.00; Knox County Treasurer, homestead exemption, 534.68; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road fund, 105,695.69; K/V Electric LLC, repairs, 313.68; Monica McManigal, meal, 55.38; Monroe Systems, cartridge ribbons, 58.80; Nebraska Public Power District, general assistance, 160.24; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 57.48; NSA/POAN, registration, 75.00; Office System Co., copier agreement, 340.00; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 234.78; Reserve Account, meter postage, 4,000.00; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.44; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 52.50; Yankton Fire & Safety Co. Inc., inspection, 426.50.

ROAD FUND. Avera Medical Group, drug test, 75.00; B's Enterprises Inc., blades, 3,193.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel, 5,625.28; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 82.20; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs/ shop supplies/filters/oil, 175.25; Bomgaars, tool box/tools/shop supplies, 872.11; Bonnie Jennings, clay, 450.00; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 79.16; First National Bank Omaha, supplies/gas, 785.44; Grossenburg Implement Inc., rental, 16,740.00; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/oil, 2,477.71; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental/rock/haul, 4,480.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 292.52; Kayton International, rental, 2,310.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 120.00; L.G. Everist Inc., rock, 473.80; Nebraska Department of Transportation, lindy north, 30,331.86; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 148.17; K&S Door Co. Inc. dba Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk, door repairs, 652.00; ServiceMaster Clean, flood cleanup, 12,367.26; Swanson Spray Foam LLC, foam insulation, 22,825.00; Vic's Service LLC, fluid/gas/shop supplies, 1,537.44; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 140.85; Weldon Parts Inc., repairs, 1,841.36; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 15,573.48; Yankton Fire & Safety Co., inspection, 179.00.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT FUND. Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel, 5,345.98; Crofton Journal, publishing, 16.57; Frevert Excavating LLC, equipment rental, 775.00; Husker Steel, steel, 2,340.00; Lynn Smith, clay, 825.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel, 121.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, long distance, 7.45.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30.

COUNTY INSURANCE FUND. Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, long distance/ travel/training/postage/leadership, 336.98; Megan Hanefeldt, travel expense, 101.96; Stacy Miller, travel expense, 100.56.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 80.33.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 342.44.

TOTALS	
General Fund	119,904.08
Road Fund	123,827.89
Flowage Easement Fund	9,423.55
Child Support Fund	7.45
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
County Insurance Fund	250.00
C&C Development Fund	539.50
911 Emergency Fund	80.33
911 Wireless Service Fund	342.44
Total	\$254,592.54

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:00 p.m. on July 25, 2019 until Thursday, August 8, 2019 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:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By _____
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman
