

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
September 12, 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 September 12, 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, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Supervisor Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Miller 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 Creighton News 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 August 29, 2019 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the August 29, 2019 meeting minutes as read with the correction that Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing at 11:00 a.m. for the reuse loan application of Home Town Grocery for the purchase of the People's Grocery in Crofton.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller that all claims except Claim #19090112, 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 \$672,729.06 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote that Claim #19090112 in the amount of \$2,735.37 from the Road Fund payable to Schreier's Lumber Company, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #3. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess for Board of Equalization at 10:03 a.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:25 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Road mowing. Discussion was held on the road mowing procedures. Statutes say that all roads need to be mowed sometime in July and again sometime in September. Township Boards are responsible for the road mowing issues on their township roads and should contact landowners who have not mowed their roadsides. If the Township Boards need to mow the roads, they can assess the costs to the landowners through the special assessment process where the special assessment would be added to the landowners' tax liability; 2. Ponca Creek continues to flood and will do so for some time as there was heavy rain in South Dakota and Northern Nebraska; 3. Discussed paying claims. The recent audit found that some claims are not being presented by the vendor in a timely manner. Nebraska Revised Statute §23-135(1) states that all claims against a county shall be filed with the county clerk within ninety days from the time when any materials or labor, which form the basis of the claims have been furnished or performed. Hwy. Supt. Barta sent a letter to all township boards reminding them that when paying bills for the County/Township allocation costs that the bills need to be paid within ninety days after service. As a number of township boards only meet several times a year, gravel vendors were holding the billings accordingly for those townships but in light of the audit, this procedure cannot be continued; 4. Oil crew update; 5. Starting time for all road employees will be 7:00 a.m. starting September 16, 2019; 6. Discussed concrete dumped into a road right-of-way at the entrance of the Bon Homme Subdivision; 7. Bridge crew update;

At 10:45 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing for a Class C-123000 Liquor License Application for Jarvho, LLC dba The Blue Moon.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 8. Engineer Mark Mainelli updated the Board on fixing the continued flood problems of the Center North gravel road from the "Freiburghouse" bridge to Highway 12 being about .8-mile. Discussed studies conducted when Knox County sued the Army Corps of Engineers, possible design, using concrete in parts of the area, maintaining now along with cleaning out ditches would be helpful for future construction, raising part of the area two to three feet and widening the road. Engineer Mainelli will return with projected costs and more information; 9. Discussed a Bloomfield North project and Bloomfield Coop Road project. Discussion was held on the subbase and base of the road, truck traffic, test results of core sampled, board standards, how much lift is needed, what type of product to use, bidding process, estimated costs, width of shoulders, regrading intersections to make them wider and grinding in place and putting back the base. Engineer Mainelli will return with projected costs and more information.

Bruce Curtiss met with the Board regarding the Rayder Swanson Road leading into Lazy River Acres. The Ponca Creek is flooding the road after the heavy rains received in the area. Mr. Curtiss presented information on the water levels at Verdel, possible solution to the constant siltation and flooding problems and dirt work and placement of culverts.

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

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

The Board and officials reviewed the preliminary audit report. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign a letter in connection of the financial statements of Knox County as of

June 30, 2019 and for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open budget hearing at 1:20 p.m. There was no one present in opposition to the proposed budget. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2019-19** for the Adoption and Appropriations of the 2019/2020 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**KNOX COUNTY  
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS**

**RESOLUTION #2019 - 19**

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August with revisions completed on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of SUPERVISORS of Knox County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Knox County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

DATED AND PASSED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open special hearing on the Final 2019/2020 Tax Request at 1:22 p.m. There was no one present in opposition to the proposed final tax request/levy for 2019/2020. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2019 - 20** setting the 2019 property tax request at \$3,692,591.74 with a levy of 0.167619 per \$100 of assessed value. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2019 - 20  
RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST**

**WHEREAS**, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of Knox County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

**WHEREAS**, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Governing Body of Knox County, resolves that:

1. The 2019-2020 property tax request be set at \$3,692,591.74.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 4%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.162046 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Knox County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.167619 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Knox County will exceed last year's by 4%.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the Knox County Clerk on or before October 13, 2019.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

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KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
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Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
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Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. A Planning Commission meeting will be held on Monday, September 23, 2019; 2. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the August Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

At 1:38 p.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing on the Class C-123000 Liquor License Application for Jarvho, LLC dba The Blue Moon Resort. There was no one in opposition present at the hearing. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the Class C-123279 Liquor License Application for Jarvho LLC dba The Blue Moon Resort, 98702 Rayder Swanson Road, Niobrara NE, on Beer, Wine and Distilled Spirits, On & Off Sale, part of the N1/2NW1/4NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 21, T33N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, NE. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign the Budget Cover Page and the Budget Message of the adopted 2019/2020 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2019 - 21** to make monthly transfers through the claims process from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund for the 2019/2020 year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2019 – 21**

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2019-2020 Knox County Road budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 Knox County budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$1,158,215.89 from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, transfers through the claims process were needed from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund until the 2019-2020 budget was adopted to cover incurred expenses for July and August, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2019-09 directing the Knox County Clerk was directed to transfer through the claims process \$105,695.69 in July, 2019 and \$105,695.69 in August, 2019, from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to cover the incurred expenses for July and August, and

WHEREAS, a remainder of \$946,824.51 needs to be transferred from September 2019 through June 2020 from the General Fund to the Road Fund, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2019/2020 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knox County Clerk is hereby directed to make monthly transfers through the claims process from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to be as follows: **\$94,682.46 for September 2019, and \$94,682.45 for October, November and December of 2019, and January, February, March, April, May and June of 2020.**

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to adopt **Resolution #2019 - 22** instructing the Knox County Treasurer to transfer \$262,488.97 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Fund to be used as a partial loan repayment (eighth repayment) for the Bloomfield South Road project with the transfer to be made during the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2019 – 22**

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approved at their February 23, 2012 meeting, a road project named "Bloomfield South" project where the County oiled road south of Bloomfield to Hwy. 59 would be milled, graded and oiled with hot-mix by Knife River Midwest, Sioux City IA, in the amount of approximately \$2.73 million, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board approved at their August 9, 2012 meeting to pay for the Bloomfield South project from the Flowage Easement Fund, as a loan to be repaid over 10 years or earlier (with possible extension to 15 years if needed) at no interest, and the repayment to be made by taxation, or if needed sometime during the repayment period, to use some funds from the Inheritance Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Flowage Easement Road Fund was created when the County of Knox sued the U.S. Corps of Engineers and received \$10,049,868 from the Court settlement to cover the expenses associated with rebuilding bridges and roads damaged by the Missouri River and its' tributaries due to sedimentation, and

WHEREAS, the funds to repay the loan to the Flowage Easement Road Fund will be collected in the General Fund and then transferred to the Flowage Easement Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, the project was completed in the 2012/2013 fiscal year with the final cost of the project being \$2,624,889.71 making a total of \$262,448.97 due each year for 10 years, and

WHEREAS, the first loan repayment in the amount of \$273,000.00 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund was made in the 2012-2013 Knox County Budget and

WHEREAS, the overpayment of the first payment was \$10,511.03 and was applied to the second payment made making the second payment of \$251,977.94 during the 2013/2014 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh loan repayments were made in 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 in the amount of \$262,488.97 each with a transfer from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, the eighth loan repayment will be in the amount of \$262,488.97 with a transfer from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund during the 2019/2020 fiscal year, and

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2019/2020 Knox County budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Board of Supervisors instructs Knox County Treasurer Cathy Stark to **transfer \$262,488.97 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Fund** to be used as a partial loan repayment (eighth repayment) for the Bloomfield South Road project, with the transfer to be made during the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
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Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2019-23** directing the County Treasurer to transfer \$3,500 from the Knox County General Fund to the County Veterans Aid Fund for the 2019/2020 Budget Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2019 - 23**

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2019-2020 County Veterans Aid Fund does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2019-2020 Knox County budget was balanced by fund transfer of \$3,500.00 from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Veterans Aid Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the Knox County Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer \$3,500.00 from the Knox County General Fund to the County Veterans Aid Fund sometime during the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
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James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to adopt **Resolution #2019 – 24** directing the County Treasurer to transfer \$42,075.00 from the Knox County General Fund to the C & C Development Fund for the 2019/2020 Budget Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2019 - 24**

**WHEREAS**, Knox County entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with other entities in Knox County and Great Plains Communications, Inc. for the creation of the Knox County Development Agency, and

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Development Agency hires an executive director to operate the program so as to educate and organize promotion, encouragement, development, research, increased knowledge, appreciation and practice of economic development and to help to preserve and enhance the Knox County community's economic growth, and

**WHEREAS**, Knox County contributes \$25,000 towards the Executive Director's salary plus benefits that includes a County-paid single health insurance policy, a County-paid single dental/vision insurance policy, a County-paid \$5,000 single life insurance policy, the County-paid retirement rate and the County's share of FICA/MEDICARE (Social Security) along with an office space, and

WHEREAS, the taxes to pay Knox County's share of the Interlocal Agreement is collected in the General Fund and is to be transferred to the C & C Development Fund, and

WHEREAS, the 2019/2020 Knox County budget is approved, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Knox County Board of Supervisors directs the Knox County Treasurer to transfer during the 2019/2020 fiscal year from the General Fund **\$42,075** to the C & C Development Fund to pay the budgeted amount of \$25,000 towards the Executive Director's salary, \$10,750 for the payment of the premiums of a County-paid single health insurance policy, \$25 for the payment of the premium of a County-paid \$5,000 single life insurance, and a County-paid single dental/vision insurance policy for the Executive Director, \$2,900 for the County-paid retirement rate and \$3,400 for the County's share of FICA/MEDICARE (Social Security) in behalf of the Executive Director.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
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Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
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Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2019 - 25** directing the Knox County Treasurer to transfer \$200,000 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund during the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year as tax relief. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2019 - 25**

WHEREAS, due to unfunded mandates, escalating prices, valuation increases, and loss of revenues, a transfer of funds from the Inheritance Fund would create a tax relief to the taxpayers of Knox County for the fiscal year 2019-2020, and

WHEREAS, transferring \$200,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund would create that needed tax relief, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the Knox County Treasurer is hereby directed to transfer \$200,000.00 from the Knox County Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund during the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

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James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2019 - 26** directing the County Treasurer to transfer \$25,468.74 from the 911 Emergency Fund (Fund 2910) to the Inheritance Fund to be used as the third loan repayment for the purchase of enhanced upgraded 911 equipment with the transfer to be made during in the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2019 - 26**

WHEREAS, enhanced upgraded 911 equipment was purchased for to provide safety and emergency assistance to the public of Knox County and Knox County Law Enforcement in the estimated amount of \$181,919.56 more or less, and

WHEREAS, the 911 Emergency Fund was not be able to cover the full cost due to less revenue because of more people using cellphones instead of landline phones, and

WHEREAS, the funds are being paid out of the Inheritance Fund to be repaid by the 911 Emergency Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office benefits from the new 911 equipment so at the Special Budget meeting held on August 19, 2015 the Knox County Board of Supervisors designated that 30% of the loan for the new enhanced upgraded 911 equipment be repaid from the County Sheriff's Budget within the General Fund over a period of time with the total of \$54,575.87, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office did pay their last payment in the 2018/2019 budget, and

WHEREAS, the remainder amount due is \$76,406.21 to be re-paid over a period of time from the 911 Emergency Fund to the Inheritance Fund, and

WHEREAS, so far two re-payments have been transferred from the 911 Emergency Fund to the Inheritance Fund on this loan in the amount of \$25,468.74 in September 2017 and \$25,468.74 in September 2018, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2019/2020 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors instructs Knox County Treasurer Cathy Stark to **transfer \$25,468.74 from the 911 Emergency Fund (Fund 2910) to the Inheritance Fund** to be used as the third loan repayment from the 911 Emergency Fund for the purchase of enhanced upgraded 911 equipment, with the transfer to be made during the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

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James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2019 – 27** directing the County Treasurer to transfer \$9,010.38 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund during the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year to comply with Public Service Commission requirements. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2019 - 27**

WHEREAS, the Knox County 911 Wireless Service Fund was created in the 2009-2010 budget, and  
WHEREAS, funds received were from the Nebraska Public Service Commission, and  
WHEREAS, a portion of the funds received were to be set aside and not to be used unless approved by the Advisory Board and the Public Service Commission, and  
WHEREAS, it has been determined that wireless funds cannot be co-mingled with any other funding source, and  
WHEREAS, the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund was created in the 2019/2020 budget to be in compliance with Public Service Commission requirements, and  
WHEREAS, there was \$9,010.38 in the 911 Wireless Service Fund that accumulated during the 2018/2019 fiscal year, and  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2019/2020 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors instructs Knox County Treasurer Cathy Stark to **transfer \$9,010.38 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund**, with the transfer to be made during the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year.  
Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

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James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

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Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

After the recent audit, a suggestion was made by the auditor to clarify the deputies' salary that was set for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 by Resolution #2017 -35 where the deputies' salary was set at 75% of the elected official's salary. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2019 – 28 amending Resolution #2017 – 35** clarifying that the salaries of the Deputies of the County Assessor, the County Clerk, The County Clerk of the District Court and the County Treasurer shall be at least 75% of the respective elected officials" as they occasionally put in overtime, work as election workers in the County Clerk's Office on election nights, or may work in other capacities for Knox County and would receive ~~ages~~ wages (corrected 9-26-2019) in addition to their original salaries. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2019 - 28**  
**AMENDING RESOLUTION #2017- 35**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 23-1114 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Nebraska, the Knox County Board of Supervisors are required to determine and set the salaries of the various elected officials of the County prior to January 15<sup>th</sup> of the year in which a General Election will be held for the respective offices,  
**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Board of Supervisors, adopted Resolution #2017-35 on November 30, 2017 establishing the salaries for the elected officials of Knox County, Nebraska, for the term commencing January 2019, pursuant to Nebraska law, and  
**WHEREAS**, in that resolution it also stated that the salaries of the Deputies of the County Assessor, the County Clerk, the County Clerk of the District Court and the County Treasurer shall be 75% of the respective elected officials, and  
**WHEREAS**, during the annual audit of fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the auditor being the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts' Office, reviewed salaries of various Knox County employees and found that several deputies received

over the 75% of the annual salary of the elected official because those deputies also worked overtime and also worked as election workers in the County Clerk's Office counting ballots during elections so they received wages from the Election budget in addition to their usual wages, and

**WHEREAS**, it was recommended by the auditor that a resolution be adopted amending Resolution #2017 – 35 stating that the salaries of the Deputies of the County Assessor, the County Clerk, the County Clerk of the District Court and the County Treasurer shall be at least 75% of the respective elected officials, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska, that Resolution #2017 – 35 be amended to revise the wording for the salaries of the deputies to be, "the salaries of the Deputies of the County Assessor, the County Clerk, the County Clerk of the District Court and the County Treasurer shall be at least 75% of the respective elected officials" because deputies occasionally put in overtime, work as election workers in the County Clerk's Office on election nights, or may work in other capacities for Knox County and would receive wages in addition to their original salaries.

#### KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman, District #4

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5

Danny R. Schlote /s/  
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the Clerk of the District Court August Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Co. Sheriff Henery on a prisoner being held in Madison County claimed to have a medical emergency and had to be taken to the Faith Regional Emergency Room later finding out there were no medical problems with the prisoner. Knox County will have to pay the hospital bill on the prisoner. Also, additional costs will be incurred transporting prisoners being held in other jails to the Knox County Court.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that the receipts totaling \$346,549.29 be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#20099 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,455.62; #20100 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 1,260.28; #20101 – Knox County Clerk, transfer to road, 105,695.69; #20102 – NIRMA, insurance reimbursement lawn mower, chain saw and compressor at Niobrara shop, 5,269.02; #20103 – State of Nebraska, September 2019 rent, 2,205.00; #20104 – Knox County Sheriff, 911 surcharges, 168.02; #20105 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 350.00; #20106 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 137.00; #20107 – State of Nebraska, IV-D quarterly CSE reimbursement, 7,013.72; #20108 – State of Nebraska, funding for 911 service, 4,820.27; #20109 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 4,792.66; #20110 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 1,020.70; #20111 – Midwest Bank, interest, 6,710.96; #20112 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 189.40; #20113 – Estate of Alyce Eileen Walsh, inheritance tax, 5,257.16; #20114 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 34.00; #20115 – Knox County Clerk, plats, misc. fees, c.c. marriage licenses & copies, 145.25; #20116 – Clerk of District Court, filing fees, court costs, copies & passport fees, 837.47; #20117 – Craig Erbst, culvert, 1,100.00; #20118 – Main Street Treasures, flood relief donation, 1,000.00; #20119 – Knox County Court, August 2019 collections, 4,486.00; #20120 – Raymond Paesl, plank, 192.00; #20121 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 34.00; #20122 – Knox County Sheriff, auto inspections & handgun permits, 530.00; #20123 – Cedar Rural Water Project, refund overpayment to SID #1, 2,566.08; #20124 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 1,526.19; #20125 – Register of Deeds, recording fees & documentary stamp tax, 5,726.35; #20126 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 275.00; #200127 – State of Nebraska, highway allocation, 174,359.99; #20128 – Pierce County Treasurer, tax collections – Sch. 13 Gen & Cap, 3,456.89; #20129 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 3,934.57.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 171,056.53; Amy Johnson, travel/registration/food, 203.87; Applied Connective Technologies, server warranty, 451.00; Bear Graphics, recording paper, 681.33; Big Red Mini Mart, van gas, 14.02; Bloomfield Auto Parts, weed repairs, 10.98; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 64.30; Bob's Candy Service Inc., utensils, 158.77; Bohemian One stop, van gas, 58.60; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Butler County Landfill Inc., scrap tire, 12,378.01; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 35.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,036.69; Connie J. Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; Creighton 59 LLC, van gas, 110.48; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 224.04; DAS State Accounting, teletype, 448.00; Derek Cunningham, board expense, 35.38; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Dollar General, supplies, 183.00; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 303.00; Elaine's Tavern & Café, prisoner board, 4,796.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,543.49; Grossenburg Implement, supplies, 23.32; Hagge Glass, windows, 604.25; Holly Wortmann, board expense, 22.62; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jackie Steffen, fair supplies/food, 112.20; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service,



21.00; Jeannoutot Plumbing, repairs, 395.42; Jo Ann Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Justice Data Solutions Inc., jamin maintenance, 150.00; Kari Nilson, board expense, 26.10; Key Sanitation LLC, garbage, 108.00; Knox County Clerk, plat book, 20.85; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 88.85; Liz Doerr, mileage, 96.86; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Lori Ebel, mileage, 153.12; Madison County Sheriff, house inmate, 50.00; Marvin Planning Consultants Inc., consulting, 560.00; Mary Ketelsen, travel expense/supplies/registration, 278.05; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 795.19; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,522.16; Northeast NACO, registrations, 50.00; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 101.82; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 465.63; Postmaster, permit fees, 470.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,939.50; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 290.91; R&K Motor Parts, parts, 538.09; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly bill, 6,418.00; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,552.48; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Telebeep, pager, 21.39; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 153.48; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 336.82; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 103.00; Vicky Jensen, fair food, 125.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 647.00; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00; Wayne Ohnesorg, travel expense, 55.68.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 72,437.64; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 50.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 103.40; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 31.91; Bloomfield Auto Part, shop supplies/filters/oil, 194.04; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 515.54; Burns Lumber Co LLC, concrete/shop supplies, 1,599.78; CHS Wausa, diesel, 1,073.25; City of Bloomfield, water, 21.75; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 152.78; C-Mart, gas, 352.05; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,476.23; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 176.36; Country Market, shop supplies, 6.69; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 11,900.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 7,225.98; Flenniken Electric, rewiring, 933.74; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,282.47; Great Plains Communications, phone, 601.42; Grossenburg Implement Inc., oil, 375.55; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/oil, 4,269.55; J&K Auto, gas, 27.50; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 19.91; Kayton International, repairs, 83.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 120.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 103.08; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 35.82; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 70.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 41.72; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 256.74; Pease General Store, shop supplies/shop tools, 420.76; People's Grocery, shop supplies, 17.06; Plumbing & Electric Service Inc., culvert, 3,877.50; Powerplan, repairs, 462.79; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 732.70; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filters/repairs/shop supplies/shop tool, 500.00; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,757.92; Schreier Lumber, building repair/shop supplies, 2,735.37; Spencer Quarries Inc., rock, 290.63; Steffens Service, gas, 80.30; Tom's Family Foods, shop supplies, 17.07; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 400.78; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 31,992.54; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/shop supplies/tire repairs/grease/fluids/acetylene, 5,811.45; Vic's Service LLC, gas/def, 2,980.56; Viking Lumber, building repair/culvert ext., 207.33; Village of Center, water/sewer, 43.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.06; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 73.78; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 29,118.15.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Dan Kotrous, clay/haul, 720.00; Flenniken Electric, rewiring, 3,000.62; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 4,590.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.56.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 263.70.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, loan, 185,000.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 7,303.80; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 558.73; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.57; Holt County Independent, publishing, 32.40; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/meals, 53.96; Northeast Nebraska News, publishing, 100.50; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 438.21; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 141.14; Verdigre eagle, publishing, 45.50.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Marvin Planning Consultants Inc., comprehensive plan, 640.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.54; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 174.42; Nebraska Public Service Commission, dispatch training, 37.62; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 2,585.40; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 495.71; Nebraska Public Service Commission, dispatch training, 160.38; Three River Telco, phone, 179.34.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bob's Candy Service Inc., commissary, 65.45.

#### TOTALS

General Fund	269,728.46
Road Fund	194,121.65
Flowage Easement Road Fund	8,310.62
Child Support Fund	52.56
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	318.70
Economic Development Fund	185,000.00
C&C Development Fund	8,726.81
Inheritance Fund	2,723.33
911 Emergency Fund	260.65
911 Wireless Service Fund	3,420.83
Sheriff Commissary Fund	65.45
Total	<u>\$672,729.06</u>

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:55 p.m. on September 12, 2019 until Thursday, September 26, 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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