

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
September 26, 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 26, 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. 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 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 September 12, 2019 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the September 12, 2019 meeting minutes as read with the correction in the motion and second for the adoption of **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 wages in addition to their original salaries.

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 all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$221,410.40 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the replacement FHLBank Topeka – Madison County Bank Joint Custody Receipt. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the replacement Midwest Independent Bank – Midwest Bank, N.A. Safekeeping Receipt. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:20 a.m. with all members present.

Highway Superintendent Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote to accept the proposal of MRJ Engineering of Columbus NE in the amount of \$18,340.00 for the "Abbenhaus" Federal buyback 24 ft. 6 in. x 130 ft. two-span steel girder bridge. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign the Certification of Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Bridge crew update; 4. Oil crew update; 5. Update on the "CJ" slide area; 6. EWP, ER and FEMA project updates; 7. FEMA will be making a site-inspection on the Prischman Bridge and Walton Bridge on October 7 and 8, 2019; 8. Niobrara County Yard chain link fence. Proposals received by Hwy. Supt. Barta were American Fence Company, Sioux City IA for \$11,762 and from NOSWETT Fencing & Decks in Columbus NE for \$11,190 with an optional roll gate. Both proposals were sent to NIRMA and NIRMA selected the NOSWETT Fencing & Decks proposal. The damaged area of the fence will be replaced and NIRMA will pay the entire cost; 9. Ponca Agency County oil road repairs; 10. Fracture critical bridge inspection will begin.

Emergency Manager Hintz informed the Board that Knox County will receive grant funds for a microwave communication tower that will be placed near the Courthouse.

Sheriff Henery and the Board discussed jail plumbing costs as to what budget will pay for the repair cost and the cost of a new toilet. The Board agreed the costs will be paid from the Building and Grounds Function budget within the General Fund.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Audit Report of Knox County for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and noting that the Report is available for public inspection in the Knox County Clerk's Office. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the County Treasurer's List of Real Property that was advertised as having delinquent taxes in February 2019 and were not sold for want of bidders at the last annual tax sale or thereafter. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to direct the County Treasurer to proceed with issuance of tax sale certificates to the County upon any real property with delinquent taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that the receipts be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Receipts totaled \$97,069.91.

#20130 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 24.44; #20131 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 82.00; #20132 – NIRMA, insurance settlement Niobrara shop, 1,169.47; #20133 – City of Bloomfield, sale of Sheriff's 2011 Ford

Expedition, 6,000.00; #20134 – Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, September 2019 reuse loan payments, 4,638.76; #20135 – Cedar County Treasurer, tax collections – Crofton Fire Gen & Sink & Wausa Fire Gen, 34,981.85; #20136 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 89.70; #20137 – Christopher Jessen, culvert bands, 111.00; #20138 – Christiansen Well & Irrigation, plank, 76.21; #20139 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 34.00; #20140 – Jennifer Good, flood relief donation, 25.00; #20141 – Knox County Zoning, administrative plat application, 100.00; #20142 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 34.00; #20143 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 34.00; #20144 – Knox County Sheriff, auto inspections, 370.00; #20145 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 100.00; #20146 – BIA, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates, 17,010.00; #20147 – Michael Christiansen, purchase rock from SID #2, 500.00; #20148 – Midwest Bank, interest, 2,022.74; #20149 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 7,285.21; #20150 – Creighton Housing, in lieu of tax, 7,615.90; #20151 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 165.00; #20152 – Knox County Zoning, plat applications, 200.00; #20153 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 279.60; #20154 – Downtown Auto, economic development application fee, 250.00; #20155 – Knox County Sheriff, 911 surcharges, 33.98; #20156 – L.G. Everist Inc., duplicate payment, 473.80; #20157 – RDO Truck Centers, credit from parts, 517.50; #20158 – Arlene D Montgomery Estate, tentative inheritance tax, 5,500.00; #20159 – State of Nebraska, funding for 911 service, 4,820.27; #20160 – Knox County Sheriff, 2nd quarter mileage, 2,525.48.

At 10:59 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing on the Downtown Auto Service LLC reuse loan application. Owner Michael Guenther and Jeff Christensen with NENEDD were present to give information on the application. The application is for an alignment machine, necessary equipment and installation along with consolidation of several other Knox County reuse loans.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing at 11:03 a.m. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the reuse loan application for Downtown Auto Service LLC in the amount of \$57,021.54 that includes the consolidation of two other loans for a term of ten years at 3.5% interest. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Consultant Keith Marvin presented at the recent Planning Commission a draft of Chapter 12 to the update of the Comprehensive Plans; 2. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0141 for Donna Steffen, Trustee and Neal and Misty Steffen for a boundary adjustment for Tract 1 being 10.07 acres in the S1/2SE1/4 of Section 2 and Tract 2 being 8.68 acres in the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 11, all in T32N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0139 for James and Julie Albert on a boundary adjustment of Lots 44 and 45 and Outlot 45 in Hideaway Acres Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0140 for Steve and Mary Kovarna for a boundary adjustment to Lot 43, Hideaway Acres Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Thomas informed the Board that two applicants applied for the newly created position of Deputy County Attorney. County Attorney Thomas hired the applicant who lives in Knox County and that person will start October 15, 2019. The Knox County Deputy County Attorney will attend all Supervisor/Equalization Board meetings as well as Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments meetings.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Sheriff Henery who informed the Board that a Knox County prisoner being housed in another county jail attempted to injure himself and required surgery. Knox County will have to pay the medical/surgical costs which may be in the range of \$30,000 to \$50,000. Also, Sheriff Henery updated the Board on the prisoner food contract that will be open to bidding. Bid packets are to be picked up at the Sheriff's Office and returned by October 4. The new contract will begin November 1, 2019.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to go into executive session at 11:37 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussion personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation when discussing personnel. The Board came out at 11:52 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 11:52 a.m. the executive session that was held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Supr. Mackeprang updated the Board on the recent Northeast District NACO meeting that several Board members attended. Many counties discussed that they are securing bonds for their counties to pay the road and bridge damages from the March 2019 flooding. Supr. Mackeprang said that Knox County is fortunate to have the Flowage Easement Road Fund and other resources to help pay for the County's damages.

Supr. Schlote told the Board that at the Safety Meeting held before the Board meeting that it was discussed that possibly an engineering study needs to be done on lowering the speed limit on the County oiled road north of Bloomfield in the Miller Feedlot area. This may be able to be incorporated into the new road project.

GENERAL FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, computers, 4,340.00; Bob's Candy Service Inc., utensils, 191.85; Bomgaars, grass seed/supplies, 188.85; Cartridge World, toner, 129.00; Cathy Stark, mileage, 256.60; Center Garage, tow vehicle, 125.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 110.71; Charm-Tex, towels/washcloths, 7.90; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 42.00; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 36.00; CMart LLC, gas, 32.71; Creighton 59 Express, gas, 26.50; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 417.30; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; F&M State Bank, annual ACH fee, 240.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 376.74; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees, 1,255.20; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road fund, 94,682.46; Monica McManigal, gas/meals; 72.53; Monument Inn & Suites, lodging, 720.00; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training

Center, training, 200.00; Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, audit service cost, 14,536.81; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 738.61; Security Shredding Services Inc., shredding, 70.00; Susan Beckman, mileage, 127.60; Vic's Service, gas, 21.95; Wholesale Supply Co. Inc., janitor supplies, 434.20.

ROAD FUND. B's Enterprises Inc., signs/culverts, 6,380.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/sand, 2,311.89; Bazile Creek Power Sports, repairs, 174.27; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 31.91; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., repairs, 75.76; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 77.08; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 100.01; First National Bank Omaha, fuel/supplies/lodging/meals, 133.47; Frevert Excavating LLC, equipment rental, 2,015.00; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/oil, 5,756.53; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 1,200.00; Jebro Inc., road oil, 30,741.82; LCL Truck Equipment Inc., repairs, 57.32; Mitteis Gravel, gravel, 3,211.57; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 153.98; NMC Exchange LLC, repairs, 858.26; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 84.48; Pose Equipment Inc., repairs, 5,517.39; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 34,419.22.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 1,772.18; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 61.69.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 6.92; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 68.97.

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. CenturyLink, long distance, 6.92; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 93.36; First National Bank Omaha, travel/training/ leadership, 668.31; Megan Hanefeldt, travel/leadership, 238.57; Norfolk Daily News, publishing, 165.94; Stacy Miller, travel, 77.94; Whitetail River Lodge, lodging, 69.99; Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, publishing, 208.45.

INHERITANCE FUND. Brent Kelly, special county attorney, 1,114.66; Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 1,148.06; Krotter Law Group LLO, court appointed attorney, 1,301.80.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 80.17; Nebraska APCO/NENA, conference, 135.07.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 341.78; Nebraska APCO/NENA, conference, 91.93.

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND. Bob's Candy Service Inc., commissary, 235.10.

TOTALS

General Fund	119,502.40
Road Fund	93,345.96
Flowage Easement Road Fund	1,833.87
Child Support Fund	282.82
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
County Insurance Fund	250.00
C & C Development Fund	1,529.48
Inheritance Fund	3,564.52
911 Emergency Fund	215.54
911 Wireless Service Fund	433.71
Sheriff Commissary Fund	235.10
Total	<u>\$221,410.40</u>

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:56 a.m. on September 26, 2019 until Thursday, October 10, 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
