

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
October 10, 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 October 10, 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. O'Connor 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 September 26, 2019 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the September 26, 2019 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was a letter from Denny Martens, President of the Missouri River Bank Stabilization Organization.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that all claims except Claim #19100098, 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.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska that Claim #19100098 in the amount of \$3,192.54 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. Claims totaling \$496,142.76 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess for Board of Equalization at 9:58 a.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:31 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussed Bloomfield north project. County Treasurer Stark asked the Board about the schedule for the project and the amount needed as several Certificates of Deposit are coming due and she did not want to reinvest them long term if the funds are needed next summer; 2. Oil Crew update.

The Board held a telephone conference with Extension Educator Hanefeldt to discuss obtaining a County credit card for the Extension Office to be used on County expenses and travel arrangements between Knox County and Cedar County. Also discussed was renting dumpsters again this year from Key's Sanitation for disposal of deer carcasses. Sheriff Henery informed the Board that the Northeast Nebraska Whitetails Unlimited Chapter will donate \$500 towards the costs of the dumpsters.

At 10:59 a.m., Chairman Sokol, Jr. opened the advertised public hearing on the Final Plat for White Tail Ridge Subdivision.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 3. Discussion was held on purchasing a Swenson STCC Cross Conveyor. The belt conveyor would attach to the back of a truck and can be used when shouldering roads as well as it will help the oil crew when having to shovel material from a truck. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to purchase a Swenson STCC Cross Conveyor from Midwest Service and Sales, Schuyler NE for \$8,178.81. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Discussed replacing the welder for the Verdigre County Shed. The welder that was at the Verdigre County Shed had been under water during the flooding in March and needs to be replaced. Mechanic Crosley had informed Hwy. Supt. Barta that the welder at the Mechanic's Shop cannot be used on aluminum and stainless steel so he would like to upgrade to a different welder and the current welder could be moved to the Verdigre County Shed. Hwy. Supt. Barta said the County could purchase a Miller welder from Matheson Trigas, Inc., of Norfolk for \$4,465 plus two tanks and delivery charges. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to purchase a Miller welder and two tanks along with delivery charges from Matheson Trigas, Inc. of Norfolk NE in the total amount of \$5,224.80 and the current welder at the Center County Shed will be moved to the Verdigre County Shed. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Bridge crew update; 6. Hwy. Supt. Barta had received a call about farmers loading trucks on County roads. County Attorney Thomas had been contacted and he posed questions to review the situation regarding safety and Sheriff Henery said that if a complaint is received his deputies or he would go out to assess the situation. Supr. Mackeprang said that rules can't be set but common sense should be used. While it may be necessary to use the road due to weather conditions, the trucks can't set on the road for an extended time as it could be a safety issue for traffic, law enforcement or emergency vehicles; 7. Repairs to the lowboy trailer; 8. Bid letting will be held in the near future for the "Ray Stark" bridge.

Zoning Administrator Doerr and Ron Nohr updated the Board on the White Tail Ridge, Block 1 Subdivision. A subdivision agreement was drafted addressing road access and utilities. Chairman Sokol, Jr. closed the open public hearing at 11:24 a.m. No one had been present in opposition.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve the Final Plat for White Tail Ridge, Block 1 Subdivision located in Section 14, T33N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve a Subdivision Agreement for White Tail Ridge, Block 1 Subdivision addressing road access and utilities in the subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Cathy Barta, Linda Paesl and Natalie Butterfield, outreach workers in Knox, Boyd and Holt Counties and the Santee Sioux Nation, met with the Board to present information on the Nebraska Strong Recovery Project. They thanked the Board for their work and support. The Project covers 22 counties with assistance for behavioral health problems due to the flooding aftermath. Brochures were handed out explaining the Project and contact information. The group said they were amazed by the amount of ongoing recovery needed and said they will be working in the area for the next seven months to help people get back on track in their lives. The Board thanked the outreach workers for the help they are extending to the County's residents.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the September Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the August 13, 2019 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0142 Audrey L. Carlow for a 6.53-acre tract lot split located in the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 6, T30N, R3W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Chairman Sokol, Jr. to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0143 Brian and Ronda York for a 5.01-acre tract lot split in the SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 14, T30N, R5W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve a change to the Wolf Run RV Resort subdivision plan as it is a lessor stature due to eliminating the construction of three cabins as originally shown in the plans and that area will be used as camper pads. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 6. Discussed upcoming Planning Commission meeting that will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019; 7. A complaint was received from James Coburn for delay in development in the Devils Nest. A drainage study and a traffic study are being conducted.

Emergency Manager Hintz informed the Board that an NRIN meeting will be held in Norfolk on Friday, October 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:43 p.m. with all members present.

The Board discussed the dumpsters for disposal of deer carcasses. It was well received last year, and the Board would like to expand on the locations. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to rent three dumpsters from Key's Sanitation of Creighton NE with Key's Sanitation delivering dumpsters to the Niobrara and Creighton County Yards and to a location to be determined in Bloomfield at \$50 per dumpster for delivery charge and \$120 per dumpster pick-up and the dumpsters to be delivered the first part of November and removed the last of November, and the costs to be paid by a generous donation of \$500 from the Northeast Nebraska Whitetails Unlimited Chapter and the remainder funds to be paid from the Knox County KENO Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board instructed County Clerk Fischer to apply for a County credit card for the Knox County Extension Office.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the Midwest Independent Bank-Brunswick State Bank Safekeeping Receipt. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the District Seven Probation State of Nebraska Year End Review Departmental Budget Request 2019/2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to add to the agenda by emergency action on a Special Designated Liquor License Local Recommendation Form 200 submitted by Z's Country Club for a special event on October 26, 2019. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the Special Designated Liquor License Local Recommendation Form 200 for Z's Lindy Country Club for a special event on October 26, 2019. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, 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 \$164,961.49.

#20161 – Knox County Clerk, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 94,682.46; #20162 – Knox County Zoning, zoning permit, 500.00; #20163 – Jeanne Ann Kardell, inheritance tax-Joyce Pippett Estate, 495.35; #20164 – Estate of Lawrence H Lauck, inheritance tax, 3,328.08; #20165 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,562.74; #20166 – State of Nebraska, motor vehicle prorate, 7,567.44; #20167 – Home Town Grocery, additional economic development fee, 50.00; #20168 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 202.00; #20169 – Joann Fischer, plank, 624.00; #20170 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 4,777.75; #20171 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 756.45; #20172 – State of Nebraska, October 2019 rent, 2,205.00; #20173 – Farmers & Merchants State Bank, interest, 17,938.51; #20174 – Knox County Clerk, plats, misc. fees, c.c. marriage licenses, copies & election recovery, 103.25; #20175 – Clerk of District Court, filing fees, court costs, copies, passport fees & county fines, 1,017.75; #20176 – Knox County Sheriff, auto inspections & handgun permits, 325.00; #20177 – Knox County Court, fines, 2,275.00; #20178 – NIRMA, 1989 Kenworth truck insurance settlement,

592.27; #20179 – Three River, 911 surcharges, 304.00; #20180 – Douglas Wagner, inheritance tax-Vlasta A. Wagner estate, 13,074.73; #20181 – Castia RX, rebate, 312.25; #20182 – Knox County Zoning, zoning administrative plat, 100.00; #20183 – Knox County Sheriff, finger print fees, 55.00; #20184 – Knox County Sheriff, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter fees, 1,407.00; #20185 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 23.04; #20186 – NIRMA, workman's comp, 971.42; #20187 – NIRMA, MIRMA insurance dividend, 9,711.00.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Comment on non-agenda items was given by Sheriff Henery on the prisoner food contract bids he received. Changes made to the new contract compared to the former contract were that the bidders now must provide the containers, utensils, etc. and the guaranteed rate was changed to two prisoners per day. The matter will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. Miller with an update of the recent NIRMA Conference held in York.

Comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. O'Connor who questioned Sheriff Henery about health insurance for prisoners. Sheriff Henery said that NIRMA is researching the matter.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 168,264.15; Antelope County Sheriff Department, house inmate, 540.00; Applied Connective Technologies, computer/program, 1,522.05; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 39.70; Bomgaars, oil/filter, 40.25; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 24.50; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 72.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 12,812.42; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; Creighton 59 LLC, van gas, 78.27; Creston Fertilizer Co. Inc., grazon, 531.00; DAS State Accounting, teletype, 448.00; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 47.62; Doug DeShazer, meeting/mileage, 70.24; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/repairs, 279.64; Echo Group Inc., bulbs, 93.62; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 408.00; Elaine's Tavern & Café, prisoner board, 5,632.00; Fire Protection Services LLC, fire alarm inspection, 600.00; First National Bank Omaha, fuel/misc./postage/ammo, 1,683.60; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,350.18; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 52.84; Heartland Energy Management, heating/cooling contract, 1,428.00; Hefner Ace Hardware, supplies, 15.96; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 43.56; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Karen Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.66; Laurie Wagner, mileage, 127.60; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 88.85; Liz Doerr, mileage/ink, 139.74; Madison County Sheriff, house inmate, 2,950.00; Megan Hanefeldt, travel expense, 117.09; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 795.19; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel, 684.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, registration, 120.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,731.84; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 145.86; Office Systems Co., copier agreement, 222.00; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 203.67; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 1,059.00; Postmaster, postage, 4.27; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,939.50; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 649.40; R&K Motor Parts, parts/oil/filter, 213.34; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,366.80; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.44; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 37.76; Secretary of State, voter id cards, 20.00; Tauber Plumbing LLC, repairs, 3,060.33; Telebeep, pager, 106.95; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 153.48; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 336.82; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/envelopes, 1,314.99; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 608.50.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 65,494.65; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 160.20; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, tire repair, 85.00; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 420.40; Bomgaars, shop supplies/shop tools/grease/repairs, 3,070.24; Burns Lumber Co LLC, concrete, 1,617.10; Carhart Lumber Co., cement, 111.92; City of Bloomfield, water, 24.20; C-Mart, gas, 392.21; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,945.08; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 1,204.98; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 11,900.00; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,269.00; Great Plains Communications, phone, 602.74; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filter, 567.34; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 18.98; J&K Auto, gas, 100.25; Jebro Inc., crs-2/mc70, 24,120.78; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 79.94; Kathleen Fritz, mileage, 164.72; Kayton International, lease equipment, 2,000.00; Kevin Barta, gas, 12.50; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 35.82; Mitteis Gravel, dirt/haul/equipment rental, 1,762.23; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel, 912.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 45.88; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 264.12; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 120.23; Powerplan, repairs, 3,244.88; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County Pays, 732.70; PHP Company, equipment rental, 586.00; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filters/repairs/shop tool, 606.64; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,263.71; Schreier Lumber, building repair/cement, 3,192.54; State of Nebraska Motor Fuels Division, diesel tax, 3,020.00; TB&K Construction Inc., equipment rental, 742.50; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 1,240.61; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 402.91; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 12,255.50; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/shop supplies/repairs/grease/fluids/seed, 3,256.31; Village of Center, water/sewer, 22.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.44; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 73.78; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel, 17,364.19; ZimMetal & Welding LLC, building repair, 954.06.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.56; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 52.77.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Salaries, 790.28

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

**DRUG LAW FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, thermal imaging/ammo, 1,055.06.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 1,301.33; NENEDD, loan, 57,021.54.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND** Great Plains Communications, phone and internet, 52.57; U.S. Cellular, cell phone,

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

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 5.62; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 174.42; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 1,778.40; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 495.71; Three River Telco, phone, 179.34.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bob's Candy Service Inc., commissary, 53.35.

TOTALS	
General Fund	256,258.36
Road Fund	173,520.28
Child Support Fund	231.26
Visitor's Promo Fund	790.28
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	318.70
Drug Law Fund	1,055.06
Economic Development Fund	58,322.87
C&C Development Fund	193.71
Inheritance Fund	2,723.33
911 Emergency Fund	222.11
911 Wireless Service Fund	2,453.45
Sheriff Commissary Fund	53.35
Total	\$496,142.76

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:18 p.m. on October 10, 2019 until Thursday, October 31, 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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