

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
November 27, 2019
11:00 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 November 27, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors 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 Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor District #1. Chairman Sokol, Jr. presiding. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., however, due to inclement weather and road conditions, the Knox County Courthouse had a late start opening at 10:00 a.m. and the Board meeting was changed to start at 11:00 a.m.

Supr. Mackeprang 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 November 14, 2019 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the November 14, 2019 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Thank you letter for Knox County's financial support towards the North Central District Health Department's Miles of Smiles dental program.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller 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 #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$227,416.08 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to designate the 2020 Holidays as follows: January 1, 2020 – New Year's Day; January 20, 2020 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; February 17, 2020 – Presidents' Day; May 25, 2020 – Memorial Day; July 3, 2020 - Independence Day; September 7, 2020 – Labor Day; October 12, 2020 – Columbus Day; November 11, 2020 – Veterans' Day; November 26 and 27, 2020 – Thanksgiving Holiday; December 24, 2020 - Floating Holiday in place of Arbor Day; and December 25, 2020 – Christmas Holiday. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 11:31 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 11:45 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor O'Connor, District #1.

Economic Development Director Hanvey updated the Board on the reuse loan program. The loan program funds will not have to be repurposed now as the program is active with recent loans.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0145 Donald and Laurie Adamson for a lot split of a 5-acre tract in the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 4, T29N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0146 Sally Hofmaier for a lot split of an 8.18-acre tract in the W1/2NW1/4 of Section 13, T32N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0147 Terry Sorensen for a lot split of a 5-acre tract located in the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 29 and the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 30, all in T29N, R6W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 4. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the October Zoning Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 5. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to reappoint Greg Kuhlman and Keith Nielsen to the Planning Commission for three-year terms that will expire November 31, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 6. Fred Steffen whose term expires on the Planning Commission wishes to step down from the position but would stay on until someone is found to take his place. The matter will be addressed at the next meeting; 7. Discussed reappointments to the Board of Adjustments. Kelly Kumm wishes to step down from the position but would agree to stay on until someone could be appointed to take his place as there is an upcoming Board of Adjustments meeting scheduled. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to reappoint Rob Ganz and Kelly Kumm to the Board of Adjustments. By roll call. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. The Raymond Township Board will attend the December 10, 2019 meeting to discuss the Lazy River Acres road issue; 2. Bridge Crew update; 3. A pre-construction conference for the "Ray Stark" bridge project will be held in Center on December 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.; 4. Update on the Verdigre North bridge project; 5. Discussed Lazy River Acres flooding. Focus probably will be on the west "goat" road and the people

will need to make arrangements if they plan to stay for the winter; 6. Rental cost of the Bobcat skidloader is increasing to \$2,500 per year; 7. Will discuss at the next meeting purchasing a self-propelled "broom" for the oil crew; 8. Discussed new District #2 truck.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2019 – 30** authorizing Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent Form 2019. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT FORM
2019

Resolution No. 2019-30

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2501 through 39-2505 details the requirements that must be met in order for a county to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment;

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each county must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form;

Whereas: The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the meeting minutes showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number and Class of License (if applicable), the type of appointment, i.e., employed or under contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another county and/or incorporated municipality), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the County Board authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form by the County Board Chairperson.

Be It resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Knox County is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form.

Adopted this 27th day of November, 2019 at Center, Nebraska.

County Board Members

James Sokol, Jr. /s/
Patrick J. Liska /s/
Martin J. O'Connor – absent

Virgil H. Miller /s/
James Borgmann /s/

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Danny R. Schlote /s/

County Board Member Supr. Liska
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Supr. Miller 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 of Clerk)

Extension Educator Hanefeldt updated the Board on the following: 1. Youth programs in the Extension Office; 2. Pesticide training will take place in January; 3. Grant funds in the amount of \$99,000 will be awarded to Knox County. Mrs. Hanefeldt applied for the grant earlier this year when she was the Economic Development Director and partnered with the Extension Office in the process. The grant was established after the March 2019 flooding. Extension Educator Hanefeldt will be working with newly appointed Economic Development Director Hanvey with the grant requirements and possibly creating a youth program; 4. The 2019 Leadership Class will graduate in December. They will tour the Courthouse during their meeting.

Deputy County Attorney Holecek discussed the renewal of the 2020 Community-Based Juvenile Services Grant process that Knox County is involved in along with Madison County. A Memorandum of Understanding is required to be signed by Chairman Sokol, Jr. along with County Attorney Thomas. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to add to the agenda by emergency action the authorization to Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Madison County for applying for the Nebraska Crime Commission's 2020 Community-Based Juvenile Services Grant. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to authorize Chairman Sokol, Jr. to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Madison County for applying for the Nebraska Crime Commission's 2020 Community-Based Juvenile Services Grant. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Midwest Independent Bank-Midwest Bank Safekeeping Receipt of replaced pledged security. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska that the receipts totaling \$35,104.27 be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

#20264 – Cedar County Treasurer, tax collections – Crofton Fire Gen & Sink & Wausa Fire Gen, 2,027.56; #20265 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 693.15; #20266 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 34.00; #20267 – Estate of Maurine L. Johnson, inheritance tax, 14.70; #20268 – Brunswick State Bank, interest, 1,570.82; #20269 – Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, November 2019 business loan payments, 3,334.85; #20270 – State of Nebraska, reimbursement of emergency manager budget, 7,389.55; #20271 – Whitetails Unlimited Inc., dumpsters for disposal of deer carcasses, 500.00; #20272 – Knox County Sheriff, VIN inspections and handgun permits, 150.00; #20273 – Estate of Steven O. Titrud, inheritance tax, 487.82; #20274 – KTIV, refund from KTIV, 20.00; #20275 – Knox County Development Agency, housing study, 2,344.30; #20276 – Knox County Economic Development District, reimbursement of dues, 50.00; #20277 – State of Nebraska, interest for 3rd quarter late payment for Crofton Bluffs, 1,862.13; #20278 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,875.29; #20279 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 34.00; #20280 – BIA, reimbursement for housing inmates, 5,530.00; #20281 – Knox County Zoning, plat application, 100.00; #20282 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 4,147.34; #20283 – Estate of Ruth Ann Northrup, inheritance tax, 20.74; #20284 – Knox County Clerk, marriage license, 34.00; #20285 – Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, in lieu of tax, 2,412.03; #20286 – Knox County Zoning, building permit, 260.00; # 20287 - Knox County Sheriff, VIN inspections, 180.00; #20288 – Knox County Sheriff, 911 surcharges, 31.99.

Discussion ensued on the life insurance benefit. The benefit has been a \$5,000 life insurance policy for eligible employees since the early 1980s and County Clerk Fischer asked the Board if they would consider an increase of that benefit. Currently the County is paying a current premium of \$1.99 per month per eligible employee and the premiums for \$10,000 would be \$3.97, \$5.96 for \$15,000 and \$7.94 for \$20,000. After a discussion, motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to increase the life insurance benefit to \$15,000 per eligible employee beginning January 1, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Comment on non-agenda items was given by Chairman Sokol, Jr. who informed the Board that County Clerk Fischer has been nominated for the NACO County Official of the Year Award that will be given at the NACO Annual Conference business meeting on December 13, 2019.

GENERAL FUND. Advanced Correctional Healthcare, meds, 18.22; Antelope County Sheriff, house inmate, 640.00; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 10.00; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 22.75; Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 38.50; Clerk of District Court, filing fees, 36.00; CMart LLC, gas, 37.70; CNA Surety, notary bonds, 120.00; Creighton 59 Express, gas, 39.32; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 174.09; CVSOAN, dues, 110.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 415.23; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 2,416.06; Knox County register of Deeds, recording, 30.00; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees, 98.24; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road fund, 94,682.45; K/V Electric LLC, heater, 1,051.99; Madison County Sheriff, house inmates, 3,100.00; Ramada Kearney, lodging, 152.00; Security Shredding Services Inc., shredding, 52.50.

ROAD FUND. B's Enterprises Inc., culvert/bands, 13,154.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 5,285.71; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 71.26; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs/filters/repairs/shop supplies, 566.50; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., tire, 142.50; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 114.78; Freeman Oil Co LLC, diesel, 1,368.90; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 5,070.38; Jebro Inc., crs-2/demurrage, 2,048.46; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop supplies, 24.00; Midwest Service & Sales Co., spreader, 8,178.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 172.17; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Straight-Line Striping Inc., centerline striping, 25,162.40; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 30,569.15; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tires/repairs, 916.22; Village of Center, water/sewer, 29.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 19,628.87; ZimMetal & Welding LLC, repairs, 790.00.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. J & J Materials, rock/haul, 3,440.90; Vakoc Excavating LLC, equipment rental, 855.00.

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

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 815.47.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 118.30; First National Bank Omaha, travel/training/ leadership, 501.44.

INHERITANCE FUND. Monte Montgomery Succ. Trustee, inheritance tax refund, 1,862.34; North Central District Health Dept., miles of smiles, 2,500.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. First National Bank Omaha, lodging/parking, 47.50.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. First National Bank Omaha, lodging/parking, 202.50.

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND. Bomgaars, commissary, 21.98.

TOTALS

General Fund	103,245.05
Road Fund	113,338.30
Flowage Easement Road Fund	4,295.90
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
County Insurance Fund	250.00
Economic Development Fund	815.47
C&C Development Fund	619.74
Inheritance Fund	4,362.34

911 Emergency Fund	47.50
911 Wireless Service Fund	202.50
Sheriff Commissary Fund	<u>21.98</u>
Total	\$227,416.08

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:59 p.m. on November 27, 2019 until Tuesday, December 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
