

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
April 9, 2020
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 April 9, 2020 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 Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. O'Connor led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 Niobrara Tribune 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 March 26, 2020 meeting were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that the law enforcement agreement between Knox County and the Village of Niobrara will have the following payments: Niobrara Village will pay Knox County \$75,270 for the County's FY2020, \$77,151 for County's FY 2021, \$79,080 for County's FY2022, and monthly payments of \$6,120 each on April 8, May 15, and June 15, 2020.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann 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 \$442,178.83 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected between January 1 and March 31, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to cancel Check #20030178 payable to the Knox County Sheriff in the amount of \$193.64. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:58 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 06** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign County Bridge Match Project Program Agreement BL2014 for the "Bailey" bridge project C005401905P and the Creighton West bridge project C005405805. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT – BL2014**

Knox County
Resolution No. 2020 – 06

Whereas: Knox County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain County Bridge Match funds;
Whereas: Knox County understands that it must strictly follow all State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and guidelines applicable to the funding of the project; and

Whereas: Knox County and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the project.

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

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

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

NDOT Project Number: STWD-CBMP(4)

NDOT Control Number: 00974C

NDOT Project Name: County Bridge Match Program

Adopted this 9th day of April, 2020 at Center, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Knox County

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

Patrick J. Liska /s/

Virgil H. Miller /s/

Danny R Scholte /s/

Martin J. O'Connor /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/

James Sokol, Jr./s/

Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Supr. Borgmann Seconded the Motion
Roll call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Signature County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Job interviews will be held to fill positions at the District 3 County Shed and on the Bridge Crew; 3. Update on the webex meeting on the Lazy River Acres road. Senator Tim Gragert, Supr. Liska and Hwy. Supt. Barta participated along with the Corps of Engineers and others involved. Discussion was held on writing letters, exchange other wetlands, and options. The road is currently open; 4. At 10:30 a.m., the advertised bid opening for asphaltic bids was held. Knox County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and further reserves the right to accept any bid that best serves the County's needs. Bid received was from **Jebro Inc. of Sioux City IA** – MC70 - \$3.05/gallon; MC250 - \$2.51/gallon; MC800 - \$2.39/gallon; MC3000 - \$2.18/gallon; and CRS-2 – \$2.08/gallon. Jebro Marketing Manager Sarah Bradshaw called into the Board meeting to listen during the bid opening. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the bid received from **Jebro Inc., Sioux City, IA** for the following asphaltic products: MC70 - \$3.05/gallon; MC250 - \$2.51/gallon; MC800 - \$2.39/gallon; MC3000 - \$2.18/gallon; CRS-2 – \$2.08/gallon; delivery to Knox County during the 2020 construction season only; one and a half hours allowed for unloading; and demurrage of \$160 per hour after one and a half hours. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Update on the "Ray Stark" bridge; 6. "Abbenhaus" bridge project update; 7. Pischelville slide repair; 8. Culvert southwest of Wausa is undermined. Also, a berm will be reconstructed near a bridge in the area; 9. FEMA funds are coming in; 10. EPA project documents signed and will be let for bid as 6 projects; 11. Pischelville bridge area rock project. The DEQ approved putting the rock back that was taken out during the 2019 flood. The Corps has not issued a permit yet; 12. Update on the Verdigre North bridge project; 13. CJ slide update; 14. Bloomfield North project update. Discussion was held on specifications, cost of concrete, and road construction; 15. At 10:45 a.m., a bid opening for construction of a 60 ft. x 128 ft. wood framed cold storage building to be located at the Creighton County Yard was held. Knox County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and further reserves the right to accept any bid that best serves the County's needs. Discussion was held on concerns of the economy, not wanting to raise taxes, the need to store the expensive equipment out of the weather elements, opposed to spending money because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and commodity prices low. Bids were opened in the order received: **Carhart Lumber Co., Bloomfield NE** – materials \$52,222.10, labor \$29,785.00 for a total of \$82,007.10; **Beckman Lumber, Elgin NE** – materials \$35,750.00 with additional options available, labor \$22,000.00 for a total of \$57,750.00; **Burns Lumber Co., LLC, Creighton NE** – materials \$55,577.00, labor \$22,500.00 for a total of \$78,177.00; **Cook Builders, Norfolk NE** – materials and labor for Lester building - \$92,473.00; **McQuay Construction, Magnet NE** – materials and labor - \$89,720.00. After a discussion, motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to table the bid selection of a 60 ft. x 128 ft. wood framed cold storage building to be located at the Creighton County Yard for further research of the materials bid. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to add to the agenda by emergency action the Administrative Plat Application #P0148 of a boundary adjustment for Tract #5, Havlicek Rural Subdivision and the N1/2NW1/4 lying west of the center of Verdigre Creek in Section 29, T31N, R6W of the 6th P.M., all in Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr informed the Board that the Administrative Plat is a boundary adjustment between property owned by Mary Feldhacker/Wells Fargo Bank, Co-Trustees and Kevin Randa. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0148 for a boundary adjustment between Tract #5 Havlicek Rural Subdivision and the N1/2NW1/4 lying west of the center of Verdigre Creek in Section 29, T31N, R6W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Thomas met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion ensued on the employee questions regarding the newly enacted Families First Coronavirus Response Act, FMLA, sick leave, insurance coverage during shelter in place or quarantine and unemployment benefits. County Attorney Thomas said he will draft a "decision tree" to address the concerns. The Board will review the decision tree, resolution draft and other related information at the next meeting; 2. Update on the webex meeting with the Corps on the Lazy River Acres road.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the County Treasurer Revenue Listing Report for March 26 through April 8, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on court day procedures with Clerk of District Court Fischer via telephone, Sheriff Henery and County Clerk Fischer. The three officials will prepare a procedure for letting court associated patrons into the Courthouse on court days during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:13 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:45 p.m. with all members present.

Sheriff Henery updated the Board on the following: 1. Wausa Village did not wish to contract for law enforcement with Knox County at this time; 2. The Niobrara Village Board of Trustees approved the law enforcement contract with Knox County.

There was no public comment on agenda items nor on non-agenda items.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 12:55 p.m. for job interviews with applicants for positions at the District 3 County shed and on the bridge crew. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held for job interviews with applicants for positions at the District 3 County shed and on the bridge crew. The Board came out of executive session at 3:10 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to close at 3:10 p.m. the executive session held for job interviews for positions at the District 3 County shed and on the bridge crew. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 168,658.04; B's Enterprises, signs, 90.00; Blue360 Media, law books, 150.28; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 38.50; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 12,642.27; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; Creighton Auto Inc., van repair, 446.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dugan Printing & Promotions LLC, ballot envelopes, 5,588.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 148.64; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 360.00; Election Systems & Software LLC, ballot layout and coding, 3,187.04; Faith Regional Health Services, medical treatment, 6,776.80; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,374.35; Heartland Energy Management, quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Hefner Hardware, supplies, 53.31; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 1,456.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fee, 919.20; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 260.15; Loffler, contract, 222.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/supplies, 118.20; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 795.19; Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, training, 180.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,806.34; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 863.61; O'Neill Shopper, publishing, 48.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 231.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,896.40; Quill Corp., office supplies, 1,486.67; RR Donnelley, forms, 99.47; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,266.35; Telebeep, pager, 21.39; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 154.07; US Cellular, cell phones, 244.80; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/paper, 405.50.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 66,565.88; B's Enterprises Inc., asphalt patch/lath/signs, 2,258.70; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 107.63; Bloomfield Medical Clinic PC, drug test, 35.00; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, repairs, 528.84; City of Bloomfield, water, 21.75; C-Mart, gas, 372.77; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,026.76; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 150.15; Country Market, shop supplies, 8.69; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 10,200.00; D & L Tire LLC, tire & mount, 794.92; Farmer's Pride, diesel/heating fuel, 2,688.96; Great Plains Communications, phone, 581.78; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repair, 952.43; Hartington Shopper, publishing, 15.00; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental/material/haul, 4,982.50; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies/repairs, 251.32; Kayton International, repairs, 737.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 127.85; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 95.36; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., repairs, 16.00; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 75.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 81.75; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 418.08; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 100.09; O'Neill Shopper, publishing, 12.00; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 83.81; Powerplan, repairs, 645.38; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 646.50; R&K Motor Parts, shop tools/repairs/oil/filters, 1,232.94; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,339.30; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 125.21; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 1,796.00; Sucha Repair, repairs, 509.61; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 413.39; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 46,146.75; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 88.24; Viking Lumber, shop supplies, 23.98; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.88; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 81.53; Walton Electronics, CB radio, 54.95; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies, 3.49; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 24,010.23; ZimMetal & Welding LLC, repairs, 42.00.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 93.19.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, cable, 89.24; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.71; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Postmaster, postage, 556.00.

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

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,949.59; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 294.08; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 850.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.71; Lincoln National Life ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 205.31; US Cellular, cell phone, 143.47.

INHERITANCE FUND. Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 5.55; Cornhusker State Industries, chairs, 1,161.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 175.12; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

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

TOTALS

General Fund	253,750.25
Road Fund	177,555.40
Flowage Easement Road Fund	93.19
Child Support Fund	776.95
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	318.70
C&C Development Fund	5,542.22

Inheritance Fund	2,083.33
911 Emergency Fund	1,383.74
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>675.05</u>
Total	\$442,178.83

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 3:11 p.m. on April 9, 2020 until Thursday, April 30, 2020 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 _____
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman
