

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
April 30, 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 30, 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. Schlote 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 Wausa Gazette 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 April 9, 2020 meeting were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. 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 \$247,266.70 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve a cost-sharing of \$4,500 to each of the six Knox County libraries with the funds to be paid from the Inheritance Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:00 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:16 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. A concrete bid opening will be held at 11:00 a.m. for the Bloomfield North Overlay Project; 2. Western Engineering will begin patching on the Bloomfield North road; 3. The Board reviewed the bids submitted at the last meeting for construction of a cold storage building at the Creighton County Yard. The low bid was submitted by Beckman Lumber Inc., Elgin NE in the amount of \$35,750 for materials and \$22,000 for labor totaling \$57,750. After a review of the materials, the Board requested the dropped 2-inch x 6 ft. inch roof purlins be substituted with 2-inch x 4 ft. inch (corrected 5-14-2020) roof purlins that reduced the cost of materials from \$35,750 to \$34,750 making a total of \$56,750. Engineer Mark Mainelli who was present recommended the Board obtain a performance bond. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to accept the revised bid from Beckman Lumber Inc., Elgin NE, for \$34,750 for materials and \$22,000 for labor totaling \$56,750 for construction of a cold storage building at the Creighton County Yard and that a change order be made for a \$92,000 performance bond. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Tim Baxter with NIRMA informed Hwy. Supt. Barta that Knox County was one of eleven member counties to receive 100% on the audit report of improvements; 5. Update on the Lazy River Acres Road. Engineer Mark Mainelli presented information on volume of water running over the road, number of culverts that may be needed, making a low water crossing, and other options. Engineer Mainelli will make a final design with the best cost option with estimates for both one-way and two-way traffic; 6. At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised concrete bid opening for the Bloomfield North Overlay Project. Knox County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and further reserves the right to accept any bid that best serves the needs of Knox County. One bid was received from **A&R Construction Co., Plainview NE** in the amount of \$1,505,223.40 for the Bloomfield Coop Road and \$549,554.91 for 3/10 mile in the Miller Feedlot area/concrete plant intersection for a total of \$2,054,778.31, with October 2020 for the start date and end date of May 2021 or sooner for the Bloomfield Coop Road and September 2020 for the start date and end date of November 2020 for the Miller Feedlot area/concrete plant intersection. Discussion was held on options, rebidding if the Board does not accept the submitted bid, milling and patching, and Bloomfield City cost sharing on the Bloomfield Coop Road. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to reject the concrete bid submitted by A&R Construction Co., Plainview NE in the amount of \$1,505,223.40 for the Bloomfield Coop Road and \$549,554.91 for 3/10 mile in the Miller Feedlot area/concrete plant intersection for a total of \$2,054,778.31. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 7. Engineer Mainelli updated the Board on the CJ Slide north of Crofton. Observation wells were put in as per the State's request, boring of the shale done, combination of water and the type of soil that causes the soil to slide and a tentative fix to use the dirt that is there and to shorten the configuration by changing the side slope; 8. Pischelville Slide update; 9. Oil Crew update; 10. Bridge Crew update; 11. Repairs to the Crofton Yard truck; 12. Update on the Abbenhaus bridge; 13. Ray Stark bridge update; 14. A young man reported that he drove into the Wausa fuel barrel and will pay for the repairs; 15. FEMA projects are going quite well. Hydraulic studies are needed for the FEMA "Prischman" bridge and "Walton" bridge projects; 16. Update on the six EPA projects; 17. Sheriff Henery updated the Board on a situation where an overweight and overwidth truck and lowboy trailer hauling an excavator was driven over a low weight rated bridge. The Nebraska Dept. of Transportation was also involved.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion was held on Administrative Plat Application #P0149 Terry and Susan Sorensen for a boundary adjustment. Attorney Andrew Marshall and the Board held a telephone conference on the project. The plat is to create a ten-acre tract with adding trees to the current tract the

Sorensens own and in the future another administrative plat will be submitted to split the ten acres into two separate tracts so the existing shops will be separate from the house area. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0149 Terry and Susan Sorensen for a boundary adjustment of adding a 2.15 acre tract and a 1.79 acre tract onto a current tract in the S1/2SW1/4 of Section 20, T29N, R6W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0150 Brian Wiese for zoning lot combination and boundary adjustment of three tracts in the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 11, the NE1/4NE1/4 of Section 14 and the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 13, all in T30N, R5W 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. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0151 Steven Keiser for a zoning lot combination of Lots 87 and 88, 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 place on file the March Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Replacements for one position on the Planning Commission and the alternate position on the Board of Adjustments are needed; 6. The May Planning Commission meeting will not be held.

County Attorney Thomas met with the Board on the following: 1. A draft resolution and decision trees were reviewed in case the Courthouse would need to be shut down due to COVID 19. The documents covered options adopted by President Trump through the end of 2020 including FMLA and E-FMLA, options of use of sick and vacation time, furlough or layoff of employees, insurance coverages and unemployment. No action was taken and will be discussed at the next meeting; 2. Discussed property and personal property taxes, Statute 77-1704.02 and forgiving the interest penalty could be a problem because the tax and interest penalty collected are not solely the County's funds but are also distributed to schools, townships, cities/villages, airport authorities, fire districts, Ag Society, ESUs, NRDs, Northeast Community College and SIDs. The Legislature did not extend the May 1/September 1 deadlines. While Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1704.02 would allow partial tax payments to be held in escrow it does not override the May 1/September 1 deadlines. Discussion ensued on the fact that many people have already paid their taxes either in full or the first half before the May 1 deadline and these people would not receive a refund of any type. No action was taken. County Attorney Thomas suggested that the County Board do something symbolic such as planting a "hope" tree in each of the districts as it was recently Arbor Day, slaughtering livestock and giving it to the food bank, or challenge the Board and employees to come up with another suggestion.

County Clerk Fischer and the Board discussed the scheduled scrap tire collection that is to be held on June 26 at the Center County Yard. The hauler has been contacted about substitution dates due to the COVID 19 situation. The Board said the scrap tire collection will continue as planned for June 26, 2020 starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Center County Yard and all drivers of vehicles bringing their scrap tires will need to remain in their vehicles so there is no exposure to the employees as well as to the drivers. County Clerk Fischer will wear appropriate PPE when signing in the patrons.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr. seconded by Supr. Schlote 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.

There was no comment on agenda items.

Comment on non-agenda items was given by Emergency Manager Hintz with updates of COVID-19. North Central District Health Department and other health departments are taking the lead on this and they are the liaison between the local entities and the State. Emergency Manager Hintz picks up PPE supplies and delivers to the hospital and clinics in the County, she is participating in conference calls, and recently was named to the Yankton County COVID task force as she has been monitoring what happens in South Dakota and shares information with the Yankton County Emergency Manager.

GENERAL FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, program, 102.00; Bomgaars, supplies/COVID 19 supplies, 71.38; CenTec Cast Metal Products, grave markers, 572.49; Center Garage, tires/oil change, 992.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 193.58; Christal McDonald, court reporting, 96.50; Clerk of District Court, filing fee, 36.00; Credit Management, medical bill, 35.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, subscriptions, 72.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dollar General, supplies/COVID 19 supplies, 409.35; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies/copier agreement, 197.73; Election Systems & Software LLC, media burn/election audio program, 755.35; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 1,144.17; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, uniform supplies, 148.94; Knox County Sheriff, transport/court costs, 105.59; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 94,682.45; KV Electric LLC, wiring material and labor in Annex #1, 687.54; N&B Gas Co., propane, 293.70; Northeast Nebraska News Co., subscriptions, 36.50; Omaha World Herald, subscription, 265.20; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Pitney Bowes, meter supplies, 416.45; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 675.68; R&K Motor Parts, oil filter, 70.85; RR Donnelley, gun applications, 58.79; Radiology Associates PC, jail medical bills, 377.00; Reserve Account, meter postage, 4,000.00; Schumacher Elevator Co., Courthouse elevator maintenance contract, 2,456.16; Scott Ober Construction LLC, Annex #1 remodel, 5,530.44; Telebeep, pagers, 42.78; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 262.00; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 481.70.

ROAD FUND. A7S Transportation LLC, gravel/haul, 9,483.01; B's Enterprises Inc., blades/bolts/signs/posts, 3,566.00; Bauer Built Tire, tire, 239.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, shop supplies, 67.91; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 222.97; Bloomfield Auto Parts, supplies/repairs/filter, 486.87; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 471.64; Bomgaars, tordon/shop supplies/shop tools, 1,204.66; Burns Lumber CO LLC, shop supplies, 76.34; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 232.49; CHS Wausa, diesel, 849.38; CMart LLC, gas, 125.70; Crane sales & Service, repairs, 4,308.40; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 248.13; Gempler's, first aid kit, 107.94; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 13.70; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 5,133.60; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental/dirt/sand/haul, 770.00; Kent Hamilton, mileage, 25.88; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 128.49; Lynn Smith, clay, 1,050.00; Murphy Tractor Equipment Co., Inc., broom, 45,000.00; Nebraska

Public Power District, electricity, 253.54; NMC Exchange LLC, repairs, 633.39; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 52.29; People's Grocery, shop supplies, 17.54; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 19.94; Sioux City Truck & Trailer Inc., repairs, 634.45; Steffens Inc., repairs, 407.29; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 920.00; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/fluids, 3,564.59; Vic's Service LLC, gas/diesel, 528.96; Village of Center, water/sewer, 29.00; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 153.80; Wausa Medical Clinic, drug test, 120.00; Weldon Parts Inc., repairs, 148.12; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 32,635.72.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 12.10.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Yankton Area Chamber of Commerce, advertising, 285.00.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 255.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 12.10; Country Creations, arrangements, 124.91; First National Bank Omaha, subscriptions, 133.14.

INHERITANCE FUND. Joseph M. Smith, special court appointed attorney, 6,390.62.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 80.11; Geocomm, mapping maintenance, 1,760.16; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 341.50; Geocomm, mapping maintenance, 7,503.84; Three River Telco, phone, 179.34.

TOTALS	
General Fund	115,998.77
Road Fund	113,930.74
Child Support Fund	12.10
Visitor's Promo Fund	285.00
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
Economic Development Fund	255.00
C & C Development Fund	270.15
Inheritance Fund	6,390.62
911 Emergency Fund	1,882.34
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>8,024.68</u>
Total	\$247,266.70

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:45 p.m. on April 30, 2020 until Thursday, May 14, 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
