

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
June 25, 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 June 25, 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.

County Clerk Fischer 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 June 11, 2020 meeting were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice confirming that the annual inspection of the Knox County Jail facility will be conducted on July 10, 2020; 2. Review of email response to Bryan Schoenfelder by County Attorney Thomas that if the County wanted to sell any portion of the public property in Walker Valley View that it would have to be done by public auction and the County would not be able to just sell the area where Mr. Schoenfelder's retaining wall is located plus when the wall has to be replaced it will have to be rebuilt on Schoenfelder's property.

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 \$1,648,348.32 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:03 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:39 a.m. with all members present.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 11** creating a new fund in the 2020/2021 Knox County Budget to be called the KENO Fund, all County KENO funds received will be deposited with the County Treasurer in the new fund and all expenditures to be made through the claims process from such fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020 – 11

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2006-22 submitting to the registered voters of Knox County the issue of establishing and conducting a lottery pursuant to the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act for the purpose of "community betterment" as that term is defined by Nebraska statute which includes tax relief, and

WHEREAS, at the November 7, 2006 General Election, the registered voters of Knox County approved the establishment of KENO lottery for "community betterment", and

WHEREAS, as required, a separate bank account was established at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank in Center, Nebraska where all revenues of KENO funds are deposited and all approved expenditures for community betterment are drawn from, and

WHEREAS, it was recommended by the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts during the 2018/2019 annual audit that a new fund be established within the County Budget and all KENO funds be given to the Knox County Treasurer to comply with Nebraska Revised Statute §23-1601(1)(Reissue 2012) that states, "*It is the duty of the county treasurer to receive all money belonging to the county...*" and

WHEREAS, it was further recommended by the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts that the approved expenditures be made through the claims process, and

WHEREAS, creating a new fund within 2020/2021 budget would put Knox County in compliance of statute and recommendations of the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors directs the Knox County Clerk to create a new fund in the 2020/2021 Knox County budget to be called the KENO FUND with the fund number of 2800 and department number of 850, that all KENO revenue received be remitted to the Knox County Treasurer to be deposited into the KENO FUND and all purchases and expenditures be made through the claims process for inclusion in the budget.

Dated this 25th day of June 2020.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

Martin J. O'Connor /s/
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

James Sokol, Jr. /s/
James Sokol, Jr., District #4

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST : (Seal)
Joann M. Fischer /s/
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. The scrap tire collection will be held on Friday, June 26 at the Center Yard; 2. Oil Crew update; 3. Bridge Crew update; 4. Husker Steel will be coming to view two bridges to be replaced; 5. Ray Stark bridge project update. The project may be completed in the next several weeks; 6. Bloomfield North overlay project update. Shoulder work is being done; 7. Discussed road issue in Peoria Township; 8. EWP projects' update; 9. FEMA updates; 10. Discussed the Walton and Prischman EWP projects.

A telephone conference was held with Ed Knott of Applied Connective Technology regarding renewing the Courthouse firewall subscription that will soon expire. The device is six years old and reaches end of life in August. The proposal for the WatchGuard site includes advanced cyber security services, reporting, quarterly perimeter vulnerability assessments, extended warranty and other features the County does not have now with a cost of \$1,320 annually. Further discussion was held on other options and costs. The matter was tabled until the next meeting for more option information from Mr. Knott.

County Surveyor Mike Skroch updated the Board on the changes taking place due to enforcement of statutes and charges. Surveyor Skroch presented a report of invoices, jobs and amounts paid by the County from 2011 to present.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Corrective Administrative Plat Application #P0154 Michael D. Christiansen for a zoning lot combination of part of Lot 177 and Lots 178, 735 and 736, Block 4, Devils Nest Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Zoning Administrative Doerr is not issuing building permits on the platted lots in the Devils Nest Subdivision until the CCR issue is resolved; 3. Planning Commission will meet on July 14; 4. Supr. Schlote received a call with a complaint about building at a feed lot northwest of Bloomfield.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. An airflow study was conducted so that prisoners can be accepted back into the jail and the study found that the air exhaust fan is not working properly. Heartland Heating and Air quoted repairs to the fan of approximately \$1,000 plus labor or to replace the fan would be \$1,700 plus labor. The Board directed Sheriff Henery to have a new air exhaust fan installed in the jail and the cost to be paid from the Building and Grounds function in the General Fund; 2. New prisoners will be quarantined for fourteen days. The Osmond hospital is conducting ten to fifteen-minute coronavirus testing so prisoners will be taken there for testing. If the prisoner has health insurance, the testing cost will be billed to their insurance or if the prisoner does not have insurance, the cost will be paid by the Federal Government. Sheriff Henery wants to take time to allow prisoners back into the jail due to the spiking of COVID-19 cases.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing from 6/11/2020 to 6/23/2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Certificate of Pledged Securities. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays one. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to appoint Supr. Sokol, Jr. to represent Knox County on the Northeast RC&D Board. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was on the COVID-19 procedure in the Courthouse and the annexes. Due to additional COVID-19 positive cases, the Board will continue the current procedure of screening the public, limiting the number of public at each office and time in the buildings, no one under age 14 admitted into the buildings, employees to wear a mask when meeting with the public or going into another building, using the east entrance, social distancing, and no public in the offices until further notice with the addition that Knox County employees are to have their temperature taken before being admitted into the Courthouse.

GENERAL FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, door entry, 3,857.83; Automated Dairy Specialists LLC, Covid-19 supplies, 195.00; Bear Graphics, recording paper/binders, 1,552.70; Big John Manufacturing Co. Inc., sprayer repair, 106.75; Bloomfield Auto Parts, sprayer oil, 5.32; Bomgaars, weed oil & filter, 30.96; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 2,150.11; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Dell Marketing LP, laptop, 1,440.81; Denise Burman, notary bond, 50.00; Dixon County Sheriff, subpoena, 57.93; Dollar General, supplies, 38.00; Eakes Office Solutions, scanner/printer/supplies, 3,692.85; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 3,763.35; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning, heat pump/duct work, 8,300.00; Jack's Uniforms & Equipment, supplies/badges/vests, 4,479.00; Jeannoutot Plumbing, faucet, 492.10; Joann M. Fischer, Covid-19 cleaners, 22.35; Kari Nilson, board expense, 12.65; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road

fund, 95,242.45; Landmark Surveying, surveyor fees, 1,614.00; Loffler, printer/copy agreements, 2,640.38; Megan Hanefeldt, travel expense, 102.35; MIPS, annual contracts/tax statements/scans, 19,177.44; Monroe Systems, calculator ribbons, 50.31; Moody Motor Company, Ford Escape, 12,995.00; Norfolk Ambulance Service, Inc., prisoner transport, 1,411.90; One Office Supply, office equipment, 335.84; Postmaster, postage, 2,196.62; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 2,023.30; Reserve Account, meter postage, 12,500.00; Secretary of State, Elections Division, cards, 40.00; Software Unlimited Corp., software, 8,485.78; Telebeep, pagers, 42.78; Verdigre Eagle, paper/publishing/envelopes, 2,330.98; Verdigre Farm Service, tire repair, 20.00; Vic's Service LLC, tire repair, 32.00.

ROAD FUND. B's Enterprises Inc., shop supplies/signs material/asphalt patch/culvert/band, 18,819.40; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 66.87; Bloomfield Auto Parts, supplies, 17.44; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 1,123.92; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 135.74; C-Mart, gas, 36.22; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 159.92; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 735.75; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,611.75; Husker Steel, H-Pile/sheet pile, 24,494.00; Jebro Inc., mc3000/crs, 143,445.66; Kayton International Inc., repairs, 1,044.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 104.46; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 158.99; R&K Motor Parts, shop tool, 570.99; Ronald Bourn, gravel/haul, 3,360.00; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Scott Grim, cdl renewal, 63.50; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul/equipment rental, 36,053.01; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/def/shop supplies, 2,532.26; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 8,826.82; ZimMetal & Welding LLC, weld supplies, 905.47.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Landmark Surveying, Bloomfield North, 1,700.00; Western Engineering Co., Bloomfield North overlay, 1,061.198.29.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30; Village of Verdel, improvements, 700.00.

STOP PROGRAM FUND. Software Unlimited Corp., software, 3,488.02.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 75.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, Promo/postage/dues/travel, 242.02; Kelly Hanvey, KCDA meals, 17.04; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 30.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. KEA Constructors LLC, Ray Stark bridge, 140,681.11; Moyer, Moyer, Lafleur, court appointed attorney, 2,081.11.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 80.11.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 341.50.

TOTALS	
General Fund	192,058.72
Road Fund	245,312.17
Flowage Easement Road Fund	1,062,898.29
Child Support Fund	125.93
Visitor's Improvement Fund	917.30
Stop Program Fund	3,488.02
Economic Development Fund	75.00
C & C Development Fund	289.06
Inheritance Fund	142,762.22
911 Emergency Fund	80.11
911 Wireless Service Fund	341.50
Total	\$1,648,348.32

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:15 p.m. on June 25, 2020 until Thursday, July 9, 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
