

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
August 13, 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 August 13, 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. Miller 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 July 25, 2020 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the addition to Supr. O'Connor's comment on non-agenda items that the sound upgrade in the Board room would enhance the Zoom and Webex interface.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice letter regarding recent annual evaluation of the Knox County Jail; 2. District Seven Probation Year End Review and budget request for 2020/2021.

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 \$605,558.19 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:05 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:25 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Highway Superintendent Barta presented his report in regard to the vacation and abandonment of a one-mile portion of 893 Road in Hill Township. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to accept the report of Knox County Highway Superintendent Barta for the vacation and abandonment of a one-mile portion of 893 Road located between the South Half of Section 3 and the North Half of Section 10 (between 537 and 538 Avenues), all in T32N, R4W of the 6th P.M. and to adopt **Resolution #2020 - 14** to not set a public hearing and to take no further action on the request for vacation/abandonment of such portion of 893 Road in Hill Township concurring with Highway Superintendent Barta's opinion that the one-mile of 893 Road stay open as the Santee Sioux Tribe is not in favor of the vacation/abandonment. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020 - 14

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 39-1722, Nebraska Revised Statutes (Re-issue of 2004) the County Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska, on the 9th day of July, 2020 directed the County Highway Superintendent to make a study of the use of a one-mile portion of 893 Road in Hill Township described as follows:

A one-mile portion of 893 Road located between the South Half of Section 3 and the North Half of

Section 10 (between 537 and 538 Avenues), all in T32N, R4W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of vacating and abandoning the one-mile portion of 893 as described above, and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2020, County Highway Superintendent did file his report in writing as to such road, stating that in his opinion that the one-mile portion of road stay open as the Santee Sioux Tribe is not in favor of the vacation and abandonment of the one-mile portion of 893 Road, and

BE IT, THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors concurs with Highway Superintendent Barta's opinion that the one-mile portion of 893 Road stay open as the Santee Sioux Tribe is not in favor of the vacation/abandonment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing will not be set on this matter and no further action will be taken at this time to continue with the vacation and abandonment of a one-mile portion of 893 Road located between the South Half of Section 3 and the North Half of Section 10 (between 537 and 538 Avenues), all in T32N, R4W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska.

Passed, approved and adopted this 13th day of August 2020.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/ _____

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/ _____

2. Chairman Mackeprang signed the EWP contracts for the bids that were approved at the July 13, 2020 meeting on Rutjens Construction Inc. for Site #106 and High Plains Enterprises for Sites #100 and #102 and Sites #103 and #105; 3. A bid opening will be held on August 27, 2020 for ER project Pischelville Bridge – South Abutment; 4. Bridge crew update; 5. Discussed lot for sale near Center County yard; 6. Update on FEMA projects; 7. Bloomfield North project update; 8. Supr. Sokol, Jr. was asked if the County would be interested in purchasing a used boom bucket truck. Hwy. Supt. Barta didn't think the County needed it at this time.

Ed Knott with Applied Connective Technologies met with the Board regarding upgrading the firewall safety program, creating a new email domain for the County as MIPS will no longer be providing email service to the Clerk and Treasurer, and additional security cameras. More information will be presented at a later date on the email domain and security cameras. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the WatchGuard Firebox T40 Internet Security Appliance with Total Security Suite at a price of \$1,320 with a one-time activation and configuration cost of \$250 for a total of \$1,570. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on the Final Plat of Lazy River Acres 1st Addition. Present were Greg and Leslie Neuhaus. The replat vacated Lot 10, Block H, Lazy River Acres as well as the original portion of Cottonwood Drive that is being moved and creates Lots 1 and 2 in the Final Plat. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:13 a.m. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve the Final Plat of Lazy Rivers Acres 1st Addition, a Replat of a part of Lot 10, Block H, Lazy River Acres and a part of the SW1/4 of Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Planning Commission member Fred Steffen wishes to step down from the position and David Arens of Crofton is interested in the position. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to appoint David Arens of Crofton to complete Fred Steffen's term on the Planning Commission. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr. seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Zoning July Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of District Court July Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve a Special Designation Liquor License Local Recommendation (Form 200) for Z's Lindy Country Club for a special event on September 5, 2020 with the condition that all current COVID-19 guidelines are followed. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing from July 30 through August 12, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none.

There was not public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. Sokol, Jr. who inquired about use of the Inheritance Fund.

The Nebraska Department of Transportation gave a Zoom presentation on the need of affordable public transit in Knox County. Discussion was held on routes, working with the current transits of Avera and the Ponca Tribe Express, costs and proposed fare schedules, advertising needed, proposed cost share for Knox County, and further research needed. The Board took no action.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 181,373.03; Alcopro, mouthpieces, 106.00; Applied Connective Technologies, test door opener/quarterly IT, 4,565.00; Black Hills Ammunition, ammunition, 1,038.50; Cassie Stark, decals, 50.00; Clerk of District Court, filing fee, 36.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,614.68; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; Creighton 559 LLC, van gas, 45.27; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 13.75; Dollar General, batteries, 21.75; Eakes Office Plus, copier agreement, 71.37; Ecowater Systems, bottled water, 102.00; F&M State Bank, annual ach fee, 240.00; Grant Miller Construction, repair roof, 500.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,497.03; Hefner Hardware, janitor supplies, 18.36; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board, 992.00; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 35.00; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Knox County Register of Deeds, recording, 20.00; Knox County Sheriff, warrant, 6.00; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 260.15; Liz Doerr, mileage, 66.70; Madison County Clerk, judges expenses, 131.78; Madison County Treasurer, annual probation expense, 9,520.49; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/masks, 242.23; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 674.33; Moody Motor Company Inc., lube/oil/filter, 50.53; Norfolk Daily News, subscription, 211.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,189.20; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 298.37; NSA/POAN, registration, 140.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 306.95; Principal Life Insurance Co., Ins. Co. Pays, 1,577.04; Qualification Targets Inc., targets, 143.20; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 557.24; R&K Auto Parts, repairs, 250.65; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,047.60; Schreier Lumber Co., roof repairs, 404.55; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 154.60; US Cellular, cell phones, 235.03; Vic's Service LLC, tires, 301.24; Village of Center, hall rent/water/sewer/garbage, 851.50; Wayne County Clerk, judges expense, 4,011.44.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 75,124.88; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 150.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/sand/mud-rock, 1,414.24; Bauer Built Tire, repairs, 158.93; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 59.62; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 66.90; Bloomfield Auto Parts, supplies/repairs, 271.62; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 564.96; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., tire repairs, 38.95; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 279.31; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,691.25; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 1,144.45; Country Market, shop supplies,

5.49; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 11,900.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 2,379.84; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 872.00; Frevert Excavating LLC, equipment rental, 1,115.00; Great Plains Communications, phone, 592.19; Grossenburg Implement Inc., rental/repairs, 6,889.73; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,410.00; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental/dirt/sand/haul, 9,353.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 67.45; Kayton International, repairs, 48.67; Kevin Barta, equipment rental, 50.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 17.29; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc., oxygen/acetylene, 340.36; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 260.01; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 19.04; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 775.80; R&K Motor Parts, supplies/repairs /oil/filters, 721.28; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,914.67; Roger Lemke, clay, 1,050.00; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 734.70; Schmitt Construction Inc., equipment rental, 3,875.00; Schreier Lumber, concrete, 2,906.30; Scott Fuchtman dba S&D Masonry, equipment rental, 785.00; Sucha Repair, oil/repair, 434.05; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 1,795.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 369.86; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 10,542.20; Verdigre Farm Service, gas/ shop supplies, 2,796.53; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tire repair, 509.67; Village of Center, water/sewer 25.50; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.69; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 15,122.20; Wortman Concrete Pumping Inc., equipment rental, 631.25; ZimMetal & Welding LLC, repairs, 200.00.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 65.30; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 324.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.95; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; quill Corporation, office supplies, 352.38.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 267.29.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 4,214.40; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 314.34; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 850.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 50.95; Lincoln National Life ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 16.32; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 205.31; US Cellular, cell phone, 143.73.

INHERITANCE FUND. Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 3,855.78; Jewell & Collins, court appointed attorney, 1,445.48; KEA Constructors LLC, contractor payment, 148,440.58; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 7.68; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 162.26; Police Legal Sciences, training, 109.20; Special T's and More, hats, 192.00.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 685.55; Police Legal Sciences, training, 730.80.

TOTALS	
General Fund	269,922.41
Road Fund	170,757.16
Flowage Easement Road Fund	389.30
Child Support Fund	610.26
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	322.29
C&C Development Fund	5,844.11
Inheritance Fund	155,825.17
911 Emergency Fund	471.14
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>1,416.35</u>
Total	<u>\$605,558.19</u>

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:22 p.m. on August 13, 2020 until Friday, August 21, 2020 for a special budget meeting and until Thursday, August 27, 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
