

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
August 27, 2020
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom in the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of August 27, 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. Borgmann 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 the 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 August 13 and August 21, 2020 meetings were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that all claims, except Claim #20080141 payable to Danny Schlote, 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.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann that Claim #20080141 payable to Danny Schlote, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #6. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$216,116.20 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

The Board directed County Clerk Fischer to research the deer dumpsters for the upcoming deer hunting season.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set the 2020/2021 full time employee uniform allowances as follows: Road employees - \$35/month; Sheriff's Office - Sheriff and Deputies - \$120/month and Dispatchers/Jailors - \$60/month; Assessor's Office - \$20/month; and Weed Superintendent - \$35/month for May through October. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:59 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:05 a.m. with all members present.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to adopt **Resolution #2020 - 15** allocating up to 4.5 cents of levy authority to the Knox County Rural Fire Districts as per Nebraska Statute §77-3443 noting that the Creighton, Niobrara, Wausa and Crofton Rural Fire Districts chose levies of 4.5 cents, Bloomfield Rural Fire District 3.5 cents and Verdigre Rural Fire District 2.25 cents. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020 - 15

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors shall adopt a resolution that determines a final allocation of levy authority for Knox County's subdivisions as per Nebraska Statute §77-3443, and

WHEREAS, the allocated amount to the rural fire districts was 4.5 cents, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County fire districts belong to the Mutual Fire Organization (MFO), and

WHEREAS, that under legislation in 2018 the fire districts in an MFO had to have one year where the levies were the same for all members and could be different for the next three years, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County rural fire districts were allocated 4.5 cents by the Knox County Board of Supervisors in 2019/2020, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors will allocate up to 4.5 cents to the Knox County rural fire districts as per Nebraska Revised Statute §77-3443 for budget year 2020-2021 noting that not all rural fire districts will use the 4.5 cents, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knox County rural fire districts have chosen the following levies: Creighton Rural Fire District - 4.5 cents; Bloomfield Rural Fire District - 3.5 cents; Verdigre Rural Fire District - 2.25 cents; Niobrara Rural Fire District - 4.5 cents; Wausa Rural Fire District - 4.5 cents; and Crofton Rural Fire District - 4.5 cents.

DATED this 27th day of August 2020.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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

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

Virgil H. Miller /s/

James Sokol, Jr. /s/

Danny R. Schlote /s/

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

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Oil Crew update; 2. Bridge Crew update; 3. EWP project updates; 4. Lazy River Acres road repairs update; 5. Ray Stark Bridge update. The project is 99% completed; 6. CJ slide update. A letter was sent to the Nebraska Dept. of Transportation; 7. FEMA project update. A CRC agreement was signed for the Prischman bridge project that may be completed this fall; 8. Radiator repaired on maintainer; 9. New transmission in Ford truck; 10. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 16** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE
COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE FORM
2020**

Resolution No. 2020 – 16

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 39-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification form.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Knox County is hereby authorized to sign the attached County Annual Certification of Program Compliance form.

Adopted this 27th day of August, 2020 at Center, Nebraska.

County Board Members

Martin J. O’Connor /s/
Danny R. Schlote /s/

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
James Sokol, Jr. /s/
Virgil H. Miller /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/
Patrick J. Liska /s/

County Board Member Sokol, Jr.
Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Supr. Miller 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 of Clerk)

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. There will be no September Planning Commission meeting; 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the July 14, 2020 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Discussed the proposed budget. Consultant Keith Marvin has updated the regulations chart for Antelope County and Zoning Administrator Doerr thinks it will be beneficial to have it done for Knox County. The estimated cost would be approximately \$2,000. Mr. Marvin said there would be a cost savings as the meetings could be done via Zoom. The reorganized chart would address tiny houses, pipelines, etc.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Supr. Schlote who had been asked if the County would be interested in taking over the Bloomfield City zoning. Zoning Admin. Doerr said that she would not have time to do that now. Further discussion was that it should be the city’s responsibility and surely someone would step up to be on the city zoning board.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the Special Designated License Local Recommendation Form 200 Special Liquor License submitted by Jerry’s Hilltop LLC, 86420 Hwy. 81, Randolph NE for a wedding reception at the God’s Country Event Center at 83174 Hwy. 84, Center NE on September 19, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O’Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the 2019/2020 Office Inventories. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 17** that as per Nebraska Statute §77-3443, the Board will allocate final allocation of levy authority to the Knox County Ag Society and the Knox County Rural Fire Districts but no allocation of levy authority will be given to the Knox County Townships for budget year 2020/2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020 - 17

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors shall adopt a resolution that determines a final allocation of levy authority for Knox County's subdivisions as per Nebraska Statute §77-3443, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors has allocated levy authority to the Knox County Ag Society and the Knox County Rural Fire Districts but no allocation of levy authority to the Knox County townships, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as per Nebraska Revised Statute §77-3443, the Knox County Board of Supervisors will allocate a final allocation of levy authority to the Knox County Ag Society and the Knox County Rural Fire Districts but no allocation of levy authority will be given to the Knox County Townships for budget year 2020/2021.

DATED this 27th day of August 2020.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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

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

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing from August 13 through August 26, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised bid opening for ER Project "Verdel Southwest Bank Stabilization ER-BS-1020" Pischelville Bridge South Abutment. Bids received were: **High Plains Enterprises, Martell NE** – Mobilization \$15,000, Site Preparation \$15,000, Rock Riprap Type "B" \$43,775, Riprap Filter Fabric \$2,825, Traffic Control \$1,500, Total \$78,100; **Husker Engineering Inc., Burwell NE** – Mobilization \$7,800, Site Preparation \$11,000, Rock Riprap Type "B" \$36,050, Riprap Filter Fabric \$2,260; Traffic Control \$2,000, Total \$59,110; **Circle A Construction, Sergeant Bluff IA** – Mobilization \$8,000, Site Preparation \$3,000, Rock Riprap Type "B" \$46,350, Riprap Filter Fabric \$2,260, Traffic Control \$1,500, Total \$61,110; **A & R Construction Co., Plainview NE** – Mobilization \$8,000, Site Preparation \$11,000, Rock Riprap Type "B" \$46,020.40, Riprap Filter Fabric \$3,390, Traffic Control \$6,000, Total \$74,410.40. Hwy. Supt. Barta and Ramsy Robertson of Mainelli Wagner Engineering took the bids to review.

Jerry Nipp with the Knox County Ag Society updated the Board on the Knox County Fair that took place August 13 – 16, 2020. Because of COVID-19, many events and procedures were changed or dropped for this year. The Ag Society tried to have the events for the children as normal as possible and the children enjoyed it. They also were able to stay at the fairgrounds to take care of their livestock. The entertainment was not well attended. Interior work continues on a new building that was constructed with plans for a kitchenette and bathroom. The building can be rented for community events. Discussion was held on this year's levy allocation. Mr. Nipp requested the same dollar amount allocated last year which was \$90,000 for General expenses and \$60,000 for Capitol Improvement for a total of \$150,000. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 18**, as per Nebraska Revised Statute §77-3443, the Knox County Board of Supervisors will allocate a final allocation of levy authority of \$150,000 to the Knox County Ag Society with the breakdown to be \$90,000 for General Expenses (0.004002 levy) and \$60,000 for Capitol Improvement (0.002668 levy) for a total levy of 0.006670 for budget year 2020/2021. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020 - 18

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors shall adopt a resolution that determines a final allocation of levy authority for Knox County's subdivisions as per Nebraska Statute §77-3443, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors reviewed an income and expense report of the Knox County Ag Society and comparable funds allocated to ag societies in neighboring counties, and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as per Nebraska Revised Statute §77-3443, the Knox County Board of Supervisors will allocate \$150,000.00 to the Knox County Ag Society with the breakdown to be \$90,000.00 for General Expenses (0.004002) and \$60,000.00 (0.002668) for Capitol Improvement for a total levy of 0.006670 for budget year 2020/2021.

DATED this 27th day of August 2020.

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

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

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

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta and Mr. Robertson returned to the Board with the ER bids. After review, motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to accept the low bid from **Husker Engineering Inc., Burwell NE** for ER Project "Verdel Southwest Bank Stabilization ER-BS-1020" Pischelville Bridge South Abutment with the bid breakdown as: Mobilization \$7,800, Site Preparation \$11,000, Rock Riprap Type "B" \$36,050, Riprap Filter Fabric \$2,260; Traffic Control \$2,000, for a total of \$59,110. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board and County Clerk Fischer reviewed revisions to the proposed 2020/2021 budget. The Board decided along with the revisions from the August 21, 2020 special budget meeting, a \$300,000 transfer from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund would create tax relief with the taxes to be \$3,650,255.46 that is \$42,336.28 less than last year and the levy to be 0.162297, being a decrease of 0.005442 from last year. A motion was made by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to make a \$300,000 transfer from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund in the 2020/2021 Knox County budget to create tax relief with the taxes to be \$3,650,255.46 that is \$42,336.28 less than last year and the levy to be 0.162297, being a decrease of 0.005442 from last year. (Corrected 9-10-2020). By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. The budget hearing and the final tax request hearing will be held simultaneously on September 10, 2020 at 12:45 p.m. in the Boardroom in the Knox County Courthouse.

GENERAL FUND. Antelope County Sheriff Department, house inmate, 1,065.00; Applied Connective Technologies, firebox & cyber security server, 1,570.00; Bomgaars, booster cable, 8.79; CenturyLink, long distance, 119.35; C-Mart LLC, gas, 23.15; Creston Fertilizer Co., weed chemical, 662.11; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 97.50; Danny Schlote, reimburse PPE, 59.88; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 47.43; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/supplies, 269.47; Elliott Equipment Co., dumpsters, 1,198.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 3,019.82; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 52.60; Heartland Heating & Air conditioning, ductwork, 422.50; James Egley, mental health board, 117.25; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 43.40; John Thomas, reimburse PPE, 139.70; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road fund, 94,682.45; Madison Co Sheriff, mental health board, 28.29; Madison County District Court, mental health board, 50.00; Melanie Smith, mental health board, 117.25; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 57.20; Pierce County Sheriff, house inmates, 850.00; Pitzer Digital, subscription, 35.00; Postmaster, permit fee, 240.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 407.41; Ramada Kearny, lodging, 156.00; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.35; Ryan Stover, mental health board, 167.25; Valorie Olson, mental health board, 100.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 358.00.

ROAD FUND. B's Enterprises Inc., culverts, 880.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, sand, 1,350.00; Bazile Creek Power Sports, shop supplies, 54.95; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 87.48; CHS Wausa, diesel, 862.97; C-Mart LLC, gas, 384.72; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 861.10; Hagge Glass, repairs, 45.00; Jebro Inc., mc3000/demurrage, 10,170.09; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 156.59; Rohrer Welding, shop supplies, 183.45; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 17,952.07; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 163.60; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 32,340.16.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 125.22; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 80.72

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 7.47.

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, 7.47; First National Bank Omaha, supplies/postage/dues/travel, 133.32; Verdigre Eagle, books, 1,145.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 1,557.25; KEA Constructors LLC, Ray Stark bridge, 39,677.65.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 55.07; 911 Wireless Service Fund, handouts, 625.98.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 368.54.

TOTALS

General Fund	106,322.03
Road Fund	65,538.18
Flowage Easement Road Fund	205.94
Child Support Fund	7.47

Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
Economic Development Fund	255.00
C&C Development Fund	1,285.79
Inheritance Fund	41,234.90
911 Emergency Fund	681.05
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>368.54</u>
Total	\$216,116.20

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:59 a.m. on August 27, 2020 until Thursday, September 10, 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
