

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
September 24, 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 September 24, 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.

Chairman Mackeprang 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 September 10, 2020 meeting were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that more research will be made for electrical work at the new shed at the Creighton County Yard and that the Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened after lunch at 12:45 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska 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 \$1,147,832.44 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Sheriff Henery asked the Board to consider making deer dumpsters available from mid-October through mid-December, 2020. County Clerk Fischer contacted Key Sanitation and they agreed to place a dumpster at the Niobrara County Yard, at the Creighton County Yard and at the north end of the Knox County Fairgrounds located at Bloomfield from October 14 through December 16, 2020.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:01 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:15 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Chairman Mackeprang signed a contract with Husker Engineering, Inc. of Burwell NE for the Verdel Southwest Bank Stabilization, ER-BS-10920 project. The Board accepted Husker Engineering, Inc.'s bid of \$59,110 at the August 27, 2020 meeting; 2. ER project updates; 3. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2020 – 27** directing Highway Superintendent Kevin Barta to conduct a study for the vacation and abandonment of Bass Drive adjoining Lots 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 in Block A, Lazy River Acres Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020 – 27

WHEREAS the Raymond Township Board has requested to vacate and abandon platted Bass Drive in the Lazy River Acres subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, described as follows:

Bass Drive adjoining Lots 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 in Block A located in Lazy River Acres, a platted subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., and

WHEREAS the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of closing such roads, and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors hereby directs Hwy. Supt. Kevin R. Barta to conduct a study of vacating and abandoning platted Bass Drive in the Lazy River Acres subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska as described above.

Passed this 24th day of September 2020.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 4. Oil Crew update; 5. Bridge Crew update; 6. Discussed motorgraders, bid options, design options, and testing a demo machine; 7. There will be a meeting on September 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Niobrara State Road Yard regarding the Highway 12 East and West project and representatives of many entities will be present.

At 10:34 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised bid opening on the proposal for the CJ Slide Stabilization C54(962) project. The Knox County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any irregularities in bids received. Award of the Contract will be in accordance with the County Purchasing Act's competitive bidding considerations as set forth in Nebr. Rev. Stat. §23-3114. Bids received were: **High Plains Enterprises, Martell NE** - \$233,326.50, start date October 5-12, 2020 end date November 30, 2020; **W. Theisen Grading & Equipment Co., Norfolk NE** - \$314,221.26, start date October 16, 2020 end date November 3, 2020; **Circle A Construction, Sergent Bluff IA** - \$189,160.50, start date October 1, 2020 end date November 30, 2020; **A & R Construction Co., Plainview NE** - \$265,616.86, start date November 1, 2020 end date December 21, 2020. Hwy. Supt. Barta and Engineer Mark Mainelli took the bids to review.

The Board took a ten-minute break at 10:39 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue Report from September 10 through September 23, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2019/2020 audit draft. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Board Representation letter addressed to the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts for the 2019/2020 Knox County audit. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the recent Presidential executive order for a temporary suspension of the 6.2% Social Security tax that employees cover from September 1 through December 31, 2020. This suspension is only a delay and the employee would have to make up the payments between January 1 and April 1, 2021. Employers have the opportunity to not offer the suspension to employees. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to not participate in the employee deferral of the 6.2% Social Security tax from September 1 through December 31, 2020 as set out in an executive order by President Donald Trump. 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 August Zoning Permits Report. 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 given by Emergency Manager Hintz who had received information from AT&T who has contracted for a cell phone system with data and wifi. The company sent two free phones for testing to see if there would be coverage in the county. Emergency Manager Hintz and Supr. Liska will test the phones and service.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Sheriff Henery on the following: 1. Testing of mobile and hand-held radios that are available for installation costs only; 2. Sheriff Henery and Senator Gragert have been discussing possible legislation to license ATVs similar to snow mobiles with a proposal to cover counties with a population of 35,000 or less. More research and discussion will be held on the suggested legislation; 3. Recovery of stolen property out of South Dakota.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Chairman Mackeprang on the NRIN tower. More options are being discussed with NRIN.

Hwy. Supt. Barta and Engineer Mainelli returned to the meeting with the CJ Slide Stabilization C54(962) project bids. After a discussion, motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to accept the low bid of **Circle A Construction, Sergent Bluff IA** in the amount of \$189,160.50 for the CJ Slide Stabilization C54(962) project with a start date of October 1, 2020 and an end date of November 30, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Extension Educator Hanefeldt met with the Board for the appointment of Sharla Hanzlik of Niobrara to the Knox County Extension Board. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to appoint Sharla Hanzlik of Niobrara to the Knox County Extension Board for a three-year term. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Antelope County Sheriff Department, house inmate, 200.00; Applied Connective Technologies, program/email setup, 991.50; Black Hills Ammunition, ammo, 709.00; Bloomfield Auto Parts, oil stabilizer, 31.28; Bomgaars, supplies, 47.86; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 273.46; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage/envelopes, 4,388.98; Goglin Funeral Home & Legacy Crematory, county burial, 1,200.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer of funds, 438,885.47; Monroe Systems, toner/calculators, 759.01; Nebraska Dept. of Revenue PAD, class registrations, 900.00; NE Nebraska Assessor's Association, dues, 25.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,087.42; R & K motor Parts, repairs, 361.18; Rebecca McCracken, bill of exception, 47.30; Reserve Account, postage, 5,000.00; Secretary of State Elections Division, voter registration forms, 20.00; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 35.00.

ROAD FUND. B's Enterprises Inc., signs/asphalt patch, 2,727.20; Barry Tyler Trucking, equipment rental, 3,430.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 68.35; Bloomfield Auto Parts, antifreeze/repairs, 123.25; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 454.24; Brody Chemical, shop supplies, 139.24; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 83.57; CHS Wausa, diesel, 747.51; CHS, propane, 136.29; City of Bloomfield, concrete, 11,200.00; C-Mart, gas, 175.68; C-Mart LLC, gas, 660.89; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 469.05; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 46.70; Farmer's Pride, diesel/antifreeze, 1,800.96; First National Bank Omaha, cell phone case, 96.90; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 70.71; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 3,750.28; Jebro Inc., road oil, 88,161.19; Jedlicka's Hardware hank, shop supplies/repairs, 50.92; Larry Moeller, sand, 1,200.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 4,159.54; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 168.78; People's Grocery, shop supplies, 29.57; R & K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/oil/supplies, 447.51; Russ

Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schreier Lumber, concrete, 1,296.00; TB & K Construction Inc., equipment rental, 4,522.00; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 4,144.61; Verdigre Farm Service, gas/fluids/tire repair/repairs/seed, 2,826.79; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tire repair/shop supplies, 429.69; Village of Center, water/sewer, 25.50; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel, 13,500.64; ZimMetal & Welding LLC, repairs, 439.60.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. High Plains Enterprises, equipment rental, 169,551.52; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 26,720.60; Rutjens Construction, equipment rental, 35,662.16

INHERITANCE FUND. Knox County Treasurer, transfer to general fund, 300,000.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 13,184.66.

TOTALS	
General Fund	455,084.34
Road Fund	147,629.16
Flowage Easement Road Fund	231,934.28
Inheritance Fund	<u>313,184.66</u>
Total	1,147,832.44

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:19 a.m. on September 24, 2020 until Thursday, October 8, 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
