

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
November 24, 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 November 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.

Supr. Liska 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 November 12, 2020 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

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 \$271,450.77 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the 2021 Printing Report as follows: Legal papers – Bloomfield Monitor and Verdigre Eagle; Papers to print Delinquent Tax List - Creighton News and Crofton Journal; Papers to print County Treasurer's Report – Niobrara Tribune and Wausa Gazette; Notices for road work and bridge and improvements will be published in the newspaper nearest to the project or improvement. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing Report from October 29 through November 23, 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to cancel Check #20110031 in the amount of \$625 written from the General Fund payable to NACO. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Renewal of Health Insurance Opt-Out Affidavits 2021 - #1 through #13. 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 10:03 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. At 10:04 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised bid opening for EW project Pischelville Bridge south approach guardrails. There were no bids received. Engineer Jeff Wagner said that the County met their bid requirements and now that there were no bids, the County can do whatever they need to do to get the project completed. The project will be funded 100% by FEMA. Discussion was held on contacting several contractors to get quotes, negotiating costs, and the County could submit a bill for reimbursement if the County does the work; 2. Engineer Wagner updated the Board on the Walton Bridge and Prischman Bridge projects, obligation of funds and working plans; 3. Supr. Sokol, Jr. requested that a flashing speed sign be placed in the Miller Feed Lot area; 4. Update on the County Bridge Match Program. A project was submitted; 5. CJ Slide update; 6. Discussed sander truck at Bloomfield.

At 11:00 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised bid opening for electrical wiring in the new shed at the Creighton Yard. Knox County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and further reserves the right to accept any bid that best serves the County's needs. One bid was received from K/V Electric LLC, Wausa NE – \$5,700 for new electrical wiring, lights, plug-ins, etc. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to accept the bid from K/V Electric LLC, Wausa NE in the amount of \$5,700 for electrical wiring, lights, plug-ins, etc. in the new shed at the Creighton Yard. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to designate the 2021 Holidays as follows: January 1, 2021 – New Year's Day; January 18, 2021 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; February 15, 2021 – Presidents' Day; May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day; July 2, 2021 – Floating Holiday in place of Arbor Day; July 5, 2021 - Independence Day; September 6, 2021 – Labor Day; October 11, 2021 – Columbus Day; November 11, 2021 – Veterans' Day; November 25 and 26, 2021 – Thanksgiving Holiday; December 24, 2021– Christmas Holiday. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4 and #6. Nays Districts #1, #5 and #7. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to reappoint Kevin R. Barta, License #S-1109, Class A, as the Knox County Highway Superintendent with a beginning date of January 1, 2021 and to adopt Resolution #2020 – 31 authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent Form 2020. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE
YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2501 through 39-2505 details the requirements that must be met in order for a county to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment, and

Whereas: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each county must annually certify (by December 31st of each year) the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent to the NDOT suing the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent; and

Whereas: The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the meeting minutes showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number and Class of License (if applicable), the type of appointment, i.e., employed or under contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another county and/or incorporated municipality), and the beginning date of the appointment, and

Whereas: The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the County Board authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form by the County Board Chairperson.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Knox County is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-end Certification of County Highway Superintendent form.

Adopted this 24th day of November, 2020 at Center, Nebraska.

County Board Members

Kevin Mackeprang /s/

James Sokol, Jr. /s/

Virgil H. Miller /s/

Patrick J. Liska /s/

Danny R. Schlote /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/

Martin J. O'Connor /s/

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/

(Signature of Clerk)

County Board Member Supr. O'Connor

Moved the adoption of said resolution

Member Supr. Borgmann Seconded the Motion

Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent

Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Discussion was held on the request from Nick Antrobus to present information on Colonial Life Insurance products to the Knox County employees. Mr. Antrobus will be contacted to draft a letter and send it to the employees to see if there is interest in the Colonial Life Insurance products.

Insurance agent Jeff Hammer met with the Board on the renewal of the HealthCare Solutions Group health insurance. Discussion was held on the premiums, fixed rates, funds already in the accounts, lower number of claims this year, and stipend amounts. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to renew the health insurance with HealthCare Solutions Group for eligible employees with a \$30,000 specific (employer) deductible 12/18 plan with the County-paid premium be set at \$875 per month per eligible employee and \$620 per month for employee-paid coverage for child(ren) starting January 1, 2021, and further the monthly taxable stipend paid for in-lieu of health insurance to employees who have coverage under a spouse or parent's insurance or Medicare (Corrected 12-10-2020) will increase to \$340. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Extension Educator Hanefeldt and the Board discussed the upcoming changes in the Extension Office. The wage for part-time office employee Amy Johnson currently is \$20.01 per hour and she does not receive insurance benefits but will go to full-time status January 1, 2021 being eligible for insurance benefits effective and will receive a wage of \$20.46 per hour. The Board had approved on July 9, 2020 a wage increase of 45 cents per hour for most hourly employees starting January 1, 2021. Also discussed was the possibility of having the 4-H Assistant hired by February.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 11:51 a.m. to discuss HIPAA issues. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held to discuss HIPAA issues. The Board came out of executive session at 12:04 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 12:04 p.m. the executive session held on HIPAA issues. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang recessed the Board at 12:04 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:45 p.m. with all members present.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Pictures of awnings, decks and other structures on and near campers in various campgrounds in the lake area. Discussion was held on the structures, noting that some have concrete and how to tax these structures; 2. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the October Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. The proposed changes to the Lake Area Overlay District were reviewed. A public hearing will be held; 4. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to reappoint Rob Ganz, Doug de Shazer and Dean Wilken to another three-year term on the Planning Commission. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to reappoint Nick Stout and Kay Morrill to another three-year term on the Board of Adjustments. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 6. The Planning Commission will meet on December 8, 2020.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 1:11 p.m. to hold job evaluations of appointed officials. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held for job evaluations of appointed officials. The Board came out of executive session at 2:41 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 2:41 p.m. the executive session held for job evaluations. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items nor on non-agenda items.

GENERAL FUND. Antelope County Sheriff Department, house inmate, 520.00; Bomgaars, supplies, 21.84; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 43.20; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Dollar General, supplies, 16.25; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 764.45; Echo Group Inc., lightbulbs, 169.20; Elite Court Reporting, court costs, 101.30; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 2,164.88; Jane Davidson, election help, 27.00; John Thomas, mileage/meal, 269.25; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 133,069.47; Loren Hintz, election help, 27.00; Monica McManigal, reimburse vests, 31.98; Moody motor Company, pickup, 43,293.95; professional Development Academy LLC, training, 1,695.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 790.20; reserve Account, postage for meter, 4,000.00; Samantha Holecek, mileage, 179.92; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 18.30.

ROAD FUND. A&D Service, tires, 560.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 70.95; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies/repairs, 362.62; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, tire repair, 15.00; Bloomquist Plumbing & Electric, building update, 220.90; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., tire repairs/oil, 261.02; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 163.32; CHS Wausa, diesel, 978.04; C-Mart LLC, gas, 94.46; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 242.79; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 26.70; Downtown Auto Service, tire repair, 25.00; Gragert's Grocery, shop supplies, 21.76; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/grass seed, 2,326.82; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental/clay/dirt/haul, 9,037.50; Key Sanitation, garbage, 120.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 186.00; L.G. Everist Inc., red quartzite, 350.70; medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 110.00; Moody Motor Company, repairs, 94.70; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 167.10; Pomp's Tire Service Inc., tires, 12,528.00; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 163.49; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 125.78; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 770.94; Verdigre Farm Service, gas/diesel/fluids/repair/shop supplies, 3,124.97; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tires, 1,006.80; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.50; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 1,537.08.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 800.00.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 135.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, postage/travel/KCDA/subscriptions, 314.59; The Barn at God's Country, rental fee, 250.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 27.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. KEA Constructors LLC, payment 12, 44,635.83; North Central District Health Department, miles of smiles, 2,500.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 5.81; CenturyLink, phone, 55.28.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 369.95.

TOTALS	
General Fund	187,325.07
Road Fund	34,814.94
Flowage Easement Road Fund	800.00
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
Economic Development Fund	135.00
C&C Development Fund	591.59
Inheritance Fund	47,135.83
911 Emergency Fund	61.09
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>369.95</u>
Total	\$271,450.77

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:48 p.m. on November 24, 2020 until Thursday, December 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
