

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
February 11, 2021
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 February 11, 2021 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.

Deputy County Clerk Rhonda Surface 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 Bloomfield Monitor 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 January 28, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Email from Extension Educator Megan Hanefeldt informing the Board that Kristine Kumm from Wausa has accepted the position as the Knox County 4-H Assistant.

County Clerk Fischer arrived at 9:45 a.m.

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 \$367,048.49 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:57 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. Discussed results of the recent job evaluations, who will operate the patch truck and wage adjustment; 2. Discussed purchasing a spare sander truck, an excavator, and a pickup for District 5. The Board said the cost and maintenance of an excavator would not warrant purchasing one, and more research will be made on a used truck and pickup; 3. Discussed Federal funds; 4. An accident occurred where someone ran into the back of a County snow/sander truck. Discussion ensued on repairs costs and insurance reimbursement; 5. Placing an ad in the Crofton Journal for an on-call truck driver during the winter months; 6. Rolloff for the scrap metal has been filled three times so far; 7. Fuel contracts will be researched.

Chairman Mackeprang opened the One and Six Year Road public hearing at 10:48 a.m. Hwy. Supt. Barta presented information on the Road budget; highway allocation; County/Township Allocation; Road, Hard Surface, and Bridge projects completed and proposed; equipment purchased; and new personnel.

Chairman Mackeprang opened the public hearing to amend the 2020/2021 Knox County Budget.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the One and Six Year Road public hearing at 11:19 a.m.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the January Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. At a recent public hearing, the Planning Commission approved an amended Conditional Use Permit #CU0040 for Wolf Run RV Resort (John D. & Jodi K. Aschoff) to add an additional six campsites for a total of 40 campsites which will now extend into the East ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 19, T33N, R2W. The Board will hold a public hearing on March 11, 2021 for the consideration of Amended #CU0040; 3. Discussed Travis Barney's proposed subdivision.

Angie O'Connor with Avera met with the Board to discuss the annual on-site wellness program and the 2021 Services Proposal. The basic price will be the same as it was in 2019. Discussion was held on past results, proposed testing and portal updates. The on-site date will be April 21, 2021. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to approve a 2021 On-site Wellness Health Screening for Knox County employees at a cost of \$100 per participant; to allow a \$25 credit per participant towards additional laboratory testing; that those employees participating shall complete a Wellness Questionnaire through the LiveNOW Portal and if the employees do not they are not eligible to participate; that participating employees shall meet with Avera staff in a Health Coaching session to review each participant's results of the Wellness Health Screening; to approve reimbursement to those eligible employees who are enrolled in the County's health insurance benefit through HealthCare Solutions Group and participate in the onsite Wellness Health Screening and complete all of the requirements for the screening with the reimbursement to be up to \$250 of 2021 deductible paid between \$250 and \$500; for those employees who pay for child(ren) health insurance coverage through HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., reimbursement up to \$250 of 2021 deductible paid between \$250 and \$500 provided the employee participates in the 2021 Wellness Health Program; that there will be no option to opt out to a comparable wellness program; and the reimbursement of the 2021 deductible must be made by the end of the first quarter in 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 11:45 a.m. for pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held on pending litigation. The Board came out of executive session at 12:10 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 12:10 p.m. the executive session that was held on pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

As per the direction of County Attorney Thomas, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann that the Knox County Board of Supervisors asks the Planning Commission to review confined feeding set backs and impact easements in light of Nebraska Supreme Court Harts v. Knox County and report back to the County Board within six months. By roll call vote. Ayes All Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:13 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:54 p.m. with all members present.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Receipt Revenue List Report from January 28 through February 10, 2021. 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 2021 Knox County Weed Control Reports. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to sign a letter in opposition to LB310 and submit it to the Judiciary Committee. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Clerk Fischer and the Board discussed the 2021 redistricting of the Supervisor districts that needs to be completed before December 1, 2021. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve an agreement with gWorks for the Advance Tier of redistricting services as per the 2020 Census in the amount of \$5,650 with the cost to be paid from the Keno Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the participation in the 2021-2025 Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Justice Partnership Comprehensive Community Plan. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to accept and place on file the acknowledgment of death of Cleveland Township Chairman David Vogt and the appointment of Brad Strope as the Cleveland Township Chairman. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to update the service agreement with Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District for the business loan programs with the hourly rate increase from \$60 to \$75. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Hanvey and assistant Stacy Miller presented to the Board a draft of a Grant Guidelines and Application for a Visitor's Improvement Fund Grant. Changes proposed was to allocate smaller increments and the grant application would be recordable in the Register of Deeds so it could list improvements of a landmark in the County. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve the new Grant Guidelines and Application for a Visitor's Improvement Fund Grant. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the budget amendment hearing at 1:19 p.m. There was no one present in opposition to the amended budget. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the Knox County Amended 2020/2021 budget that now includes the new Diversion Program Fund and noting that no changes were made to the 2020 tax request. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to add to the agenda by emergency action the Agreement to Provide Professional Consulting Services between Maximus US Services, Inc., and Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the Agreement to Provide Professional Consulting Services between Maximus US Services, Inc., and Knox County. 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 County Assessor McManigal who said her staff have been making inspections and found more RV campers being parked, there are no tags on them, and has been calling people to see if the campers are licensed. Discussion was held on setting fees for campers that are parked for an extended period of time, inspections, and finding licenses. The State Investigator will be invited to come to a Board meeting.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to go into executive session at 1:35 p.m. for HIPAA issues. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held on HIPAA issues. The Board came out of executive session at 1:43 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 1:43 p.m. the executive session held on a HIPAA issue. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to go into executive session at 1:46 p.m. for another HIPAA issue. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held on another HIPAA issue. The Board came out of executive session at 2:05 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 2:05 p.m. the second executive session held on a HIPAA issue. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 171,419.54; Applied Connective Technologies, printer/programs/quarterly, 6,023.20; Brockhaus Funeral Home, autopsy, 507.50; Chad Vanness, board meeting expense, 14.56; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 13,001.96; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 31,500.00; Creighton FCCLA, fees, 40.00; DAS State Accounting- Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Eakes Office Solutions, office supplies, 6.96; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 322.00; Flower Basket, spelling bee trophies, 162.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,508.06; Hide Out Bar & Grill, prisoner board,

3,120.00; Holly Wortmann, board meeting expense, 73.92; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Interstate Glass & Door Inc., repair door, 183.67; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Kari Nilson, board meeting expense, 12.32; Kasey Wagner, board meeting expense, 22.40; Kathleen Fritz, premium refund, 16.64; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 266.11; Madison County Sheriff, mental health board, 23.02; Madison County District Court, mental health board, 50.00; Mark D. Albin, mental health board, 142.50; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; Monroe Systems for Business, toners, 230.50; N&B Gas Company, propane, 1,287.00; NACO Planning & Zoning, dues, 40.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, dues, 210.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,192.90; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 101.96; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 132.34; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1,939.50; Quill Corporation, supplies, 405.08; R&K Motor Parts, van oil/repairs/battery, 318.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 11,497.33; Sharla Hanzlik, board meeting expense, 12.32; Superior Turf Management LLC, lawn contract, 878.75; Telebeep, pager, 64.17; US Cellular, cell phones, 82.49; US Cellular, cell phones, 314.93; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/envelopes, 1,088.72; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 335.00; Wholesale Supply Company Inc., supplies, 442.85.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 63,828.72; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 104.43; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 520.43; Bomgaars, shop supplies/tordon/shop tools, 897.43; CHS Wausa, diesel, 748.19; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; C-Mart, gas, 72.14; C-Mart LLC, gas, 111.03; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,814.10; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 904.14; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 13,125.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel/heating fuel, 4,911.88; Great Plains Communications, phone, 593.83; Grossenburg Implement Inc., filters/shop supplies, 153.29; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 598.00; J&K Auto, gas, 46.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies/ice melt, 255.78; Kayton International, repairs/shop supplies, 678.30; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 113.24; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug forms, 6.25; Midwest Service & Sales Co., clutch, 298.00; Murphy Tractor Equipment Co. Inc., filters, 988.04; N&B Gas Co., heating fuel/building maintenance, 2,058.50; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 81.41; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 479.50; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 6.59; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 125.93; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 8.16; Principal Life Insurance Co., Ins. Co. Pays, 775.80; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters/oil, 1,735.67; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,030.78; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 126.49; Rohrer Welding, shop supplies, 227.81; Stanley Petroleum Maintenance Inc., repair fuel pump, 90.00; Sucha Repair, oil/repairs, 202.23; US Cellular, cell phones, 160.78; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tires, 372.92; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.69; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.13; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Nebraska Clerk of District Court Association, dues, 50.00.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,960.35; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 294.91; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 875.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.13; Lincoln National Life ins. Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 267.32; US Cellular, cell phones, 74.24.

INHERITANCE FUND. Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

KENO FUND. Key Sanitation LLC, deer dumpsters, 820.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 6.31; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 163.53.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Salaries, 2,478.25; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 689.03.

TOTALS

General Fund	250,575.38
Road Fund	104,423.52
Child Support Fund	182.13
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	55.00
C&C Development Fund	5,572.01
Inheritance Fund	2,083.33
Keno Fund	820.00
911 Emergency Fund	169.84
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>3,167.28</u>
Total	\$367,048.49

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:06 p.m. on February 11, 2021 until Thursday, February 25, 2021 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
