

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
February 25, 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 25, 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.

Supr. O'Connor 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 Verdigre Eagle 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 February 11, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that all claims, except Claim #21020169 payable to NED, Inc., 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 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Special Designated Liquor License Local Recommendation Form 200 for Corky Canvas/Corky Boards of Omaha NE for a special event at The Barn at God's Country on March 26, 2021 and an alternate date of April 2, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue Listing Report from February 11 through February 24, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:03 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:20 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. At 10:25 a.m., the advertised bid opening was held on bridge project Verdigre Southwest C005402105P (Prischman Bridge) for a single 50 ft. steel girder jump span bridge. 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. Bids were opened in the order received: **Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville IA 51016**, \$370,319, start date June 1 and end date July 31, 2021; **Theisen Construction, Inc., Norfolk NE 68701**, \$594,477.52, start date August 2 and end date September 30, 2021; **Herbst Construction, Inc., Lemars IA 51031**, \$542,704.00, start date June 14 and end date August 21, 2021. Discussion was held on NEMA and Army Corps of Engineers permits needed. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to table until the next meeting action on the bids received for the Verdigre Southwest C005402105P (Prischman Bridge). By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. A phone conference was held with Jeff Wagner of Mainelli Wagner Associates on the FEMA Walton bridge project. Discussion ensued on replacing the existing bridge with a 136 ft. concrete slab bridge where no road improvements would be needed, flooding problems could continue, and options to replace with a larger bridge and fixing the road curves on each end of the bridge; 3. The Board members signed their respective shop inventories; 4. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 03** for the submission of documents to the State of Nebraska on the One and Six Year Road Hearing that was held on February 11, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2021 – 03**

In pursuant with Section 10 of LB 1302, Knox County did hold its Public Road Hearing on February 11, 2021. Enclosed under separate cover is a One Year Map and Six Year Map with current project listings and future listings, also proof of publication. The Knox County Board of Supervisors wishes to adopt these construction plans as compiled by Knox County Highway Superintendent, Kevin R. Barta, at this time.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil Miller, District #3

James Sokol, Jr. /s/  
James Sokol, Jr., District #4

Kevin Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin Mackeprang, District #5

Danny Schlote /s/  
Danny Schlote, District #6

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

ATTEST: (Seal)  
Joann M. Fischer /s/

Passed and approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

Chairman Mackeprang opened at 11:02 a.m. the advertised public hearing on the reuse loan application of Swoboda Rentals, LLC, d/b/a The Main Spot in Verdigre.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 5. A NIRMA training will be held; 6. There was a water leak at the Wausa shed; 7. Update on the use of the scrap iron rolloff; 8. Motorgrader broken windows.

Jeff Christensen with NENEDD and Thomas and Katrina Swoboda met with the Board regarding the reuse loan application submitted for purchase of the Bohemian Lounge in Verdigre. Total project costs will be \$100,000 with the County application being \$50,000. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:11 a.m. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to waive the loan processing fee, to approve \$50,000 Knox County CDBG funds to Swoboda Rentals, LLC dba The Main Spot in Verdigre for the purchase of the Bohemian Lounge in Verdigre at a fixed interest rate of 4.5%, and the loan to be for a twenty-year term. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to allow Claim #21020169 payable to NED, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000.00 as audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 11:15 a.m. for a HIPAA issue. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held on a HIPAA issue. The Board came out of executive session at 11:26 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to close at 11:26 a.m. the executive session held on a HIPAA issue. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on COVID-19 and local ice jams as well as the conditions of area creeks and rivers.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the December 8, 2020 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0169 Casey Anderson on a 6.88-acre tract split in the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 14, T30N, R2W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Administrative Plat #P0170 Joan Stewart for a five-acre tract in the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 13 and the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 14, T33N, R3W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on COVID-19 procedures, employees wearing masks in the hallways as the public is wearing masks for their safety and it wouldn't look right if the employees didn't wear masks to keep the public safe, a number of employees have received the COVID-19 vaccine, and allowing each official to set their policy of mask wearing in their offices and/or hallways. The Board highly recommends employees continue to wear masks in the hallway and when in the company of the public so as to safeguard the public and the employees, social distancing will continue, each official is in charge of setting their policy for their respective employees as to wearing masks/face shields both in their office and hallway, continue with keeping the public in the hallways and not in the offices, and, officials and their staff to honor each official's decision about wearing masks/face shields. The courts will have their own rules as to court days.

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

**GENERAL FUND.** Antelope County Sheriff, service fees, 6.00; Applied Connective Technologies, security cameras, 31,727.60; Bomgaars, supplies, 128.66; CenturyLink, long distance, 91.88; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 38.50; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 160.50; CVSOAN, registration, 60.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup/radios, 198.88; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 64.20; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 46.84; Dollar General, supplies, 105.80; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/office supplies, 890.23; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 1,717.72; Grafix Shoppe, graphics, 247.99; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 51.88; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 42.92; Jones Automotive, gun locks, 559.62; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.12; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 133,069.47; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fees, 764.66; MIPS, computer program, 1,617.90; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 56.36; NIRMA, CPR training, 240.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 211.56; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 370.49; RR Donnelley, gun applications, 46.84; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.08; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 37.32; Thomson Reuters West, law books, 1,010.00; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, sprinkler agreement, 315.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Outdoors, shot guns, 3,600.00.

**ROAD FUND.** American Textile Mills, shop tools, 774.52; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 233.37; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies/repairs, 538.99; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 268.81; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 326.10; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 34.08; Elite Diesel & Automotive Repair LLC, oil, 75.00; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,171.80; Hefner Hardware, building repairs/shop supplies, 242.14; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel/oil, 2,133.76; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 263.19; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 172.56; MNC Exchange LLC, repairs, 250.28; Rader Feed & Supply LLC, oxygen, 66.50; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Shawn Sarsfield, crane training, 5,449.00; Steffens Service, gas, 47.07; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 11.18; Verdigre Farm Service, gas/diesel/shop supplies/repairs, 1,990.16; Village of Center, water/sewer, 54.00.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Midwest Fence-Guardrail Systems Inc., guardrail, 32,000.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.75.

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

**ROD PRES./MOD. FUND.** MIPS, computer program, 267.29.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Nebraska Development Network, dues, 50.00; NED INC., loan, 50,000.00; NENEDD, admin fees, 1,073.14.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.75; First National Bank Omaha, promo/kcda meals/subscriptions, 387.41; News Channel Nebraska, back road tour, 200.00; Stacy Miller, meals, 20.00.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** KL Alexander Properties LLC, CJ slide, 21,577.79.

**KENO FUND.** GWorks, redistricting program, 2,825.00.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 55.42; DSS Corporation, equature voice capture, 759.20.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 370.89; DSS Corporation, voice capture, 5,080.80.

TOTALS

General Fund	177,554.02
Road Fund	14,148.51
Flowage Easement Road Fund	32,000.00
Child Support Fund	5.75
Visitor's Promo Fund	217.30
ROD Pres/Mod Fund	267.29
Economic Development Fund	51,123.14
C&C Development Fund	613.16
Inheritance Fund	21,577.79
Keno Fund	2,825.00
911 Emergency Fund	814.62
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>5,451.69</u>
Total	\$306,598.27

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:59 a.m. on February 25, 2021 until Thursday, March 11, 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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